

Approved by: **Batumi Chess Club Nona**
Director: **G. Chanturia**

In coordination with: **Georgian Chess Federation**
General secretary: **S. Gvetadze**



10th International Chess Festival "Batumi Municipality Cup – 2026" Batumi, Georgia, July 01 - 11, 2026

Regulations

Organizers:

- Municipality of Batumi
- Chess Club "NONA"
- Georgian Chess Federation

Media Support:

- Adjarian Telecasting and Radio Companies
- Newspaper "Adjara"

1. Festival Events

- 1.1 **Open A** - Players with FIDE Rating 2200 and higher, also
Players with FIDE Title: GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM, WFM.
- 1.2 **Open B** - Players with FIDE Rating below 2200, also unrated players.
- 1.3 **Open C** - Players with FIDE Rating 1600 and below, also unrated players.
- 1.4 **Open Blitz**
- 1.5 Open under 12 (Date of birth 2014 and after)
- 1.6 Girls under 12 (Date of birth 2014 and after)
- 1.7 Open under 10 (Date of birth 2016 and after)
- 1.8 Girls under 10 (Date of birth 2016 and after)
- 1.9 Open under 8 (Date of birth 2018 and after)
- 1.10 Girls under 8 (Date of birth 2018 and after)

2. System and Rate of Play

2.1 Time Control:

Open A - The playing time will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

Open B, C and O&G U8, U10, U12 - 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move.

2.2 Festival tournaments will be played in 9 rounds, according to the Swiss system.

2.3 Pairings will be carried out with the computer program – **SwissManager**.

3. Players

Upon arrival players may be requested to present the passport of their players for verification of age eligibility.

Registration online is possible: <http://chessbatumi.ge/register>

After arrival players must confirm registration until the deadline.

Otherwise the Player will be deleted from first round pairing.

4. Festival Schedule

		Open A & B & C	O&G U8, U10, U12
July 01	Arrival of participants Registration	10.00-20.00	10.00-20.00
July 02	Registration	09.00-14.00	09.00-10.00
	Opening Ceremony	15.30	15.30
	Round 1	16.00	11.00
July 03	Round 2	11.00	11.00
July 04	Round 3	11.00	11.00
July 05	Round 4	11.00	11.00
July 06	Round 5	11.00	11.00
July 06	Mini Football Tournament	17.00	
July 07	Round 6	11.00	11.00
July 08	Round 7	11.00	11.00
July 09	Round 8	11.00	11.00
July 10	Round 9	11.00	11.00
	Closing Ceremony	19.00	19.00
July 11	International Blitz Tournament	12.00	
July 11	Departure		

5. Tie-Break System and Trophies

5.1 In case of equal points the order of players will be determined by the following tie-break procedures:

1. Buchholz cut -1, the highest number wins;
2. Buchholz, the highest number wins;
3. Direct Encounter;
4. The greater number of victories;
5. Progressive score

5.2 Winners will be awarded Batumi municipality's Cups, Medals, Respective Diplomas and money prizes.

6. Prize fund – 60 400 GEL

Prizes will be distributed in GEL and taxed according to the Georgian Legislation.

Tournament	Categories	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Open A	Open	10000	4000	3000	2000	1500	1200	1000	800	600	400
	Women	2250	1150	900							
Open B	Open	2000	1500	1200	1000	700					
	Women	1100	800	600							
	U16 - O	400	200	140							
	U16 - G	300	130	100							
	U14 - O	330	150	110							
	U14 - G	220	120	95							
	senior (50+) Open woman	500 400	200	100							
	senior (65+) Open woman	500 400	200	100							

Open C	Open	1000	600	400	300	200					
	Women	550	275	220							
	U 16	150									
	U 14	130									
Open under 12		400	300	250	200	100					
Girls under 12		350	250	200	150	100					
Open under 10		350	300	200	150	100					
Girls under 10		300	250	200	150	100					
Open under 8		300	250	200	100	50					
Girls under 8		250	200	150	100	50					
Blitz	Open	500	300	200	150	100					
	Women	275	220	155							
	U 16	145									
	U 14	135									

- In case of a tie money prizes will not be shared.
- A player can get one greatest prize only.
- Players who win prizes are obliged to attend the Closing Ceremony.

6.1. Coaches contest: By the results of their pupils in U8, U10, U12 O&G categories, coaches will be rewarded prize money.

Prizes in each category:

Tournament	Place / Money prizes in GEL				
Under 8, 10, 12 Open and Girls	I	II	III	IV	V
	300	250	200	150	100

Coaches, who wish to participate in the contest, should submit a list of pupils until July 3. In the coaches contest in U8, U10, U12 - O&G categories must participate non-less than 5 pupils of each coach.

7. Entry fee - Foreign players

Tournament	FIDE Rating	
Open A	ELO 2501≥ GM, WGM, IM, WIM	0
	ELO 2401-2500	40 USD
	ELO 2301-2400	50 USD
	ELO 2200-2300	60 USD
Open B	ELO 2200<	60 USD
Open C	ELO 1600≤	50 USD
Youth	U8, U10, U12 O&G	40 USD
Blitz	Each participant	20 USD

8. Accommodation

ACCOMMODATION CONDITIONS Maximum 10 players For GMs and IMs, according to FIDE Rating 1 st July 2026.	1	2700 +	Single room	Full Board
	2	2650 - 2699	Single room	Breakfast
	3	2600 - 2649	1 bed in Double room	Breakfast

The arrangement applies also for WGMs and WIMs with Rating up to 150 points less	4	2500 - 2599	1 bed in Double room	
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8.1 Hotel. Payment in GEL

Price Per person / per night	„GG Apart Hotel” (+995) 577 641105 (+995) 599 149188 5-10 minutes by walk	Hotel “Chao” (+995) 577 032359	Hotel “Panorama” (+995) 574 245757	Hotel “Iberia” (+995) 555 950313	Hostel “Classic” (+995) 593 732923
DOUBLE	Starting from: 80 GEL, with Breakfast				80 GEL Full Board

8.2

Private Sector - Tamar settlement

60 - 70 GEL - (80 GEL and more - Hostel type rooms)

8.3

The tournament does not obligate you to stay at any hotel, you can choose any place to stay at your discretion

8.4

For accommodation, please call the hotel directly (contact numbers are listed)

If you need any further information or assistance, please call Giorgi Chanturia (+995) 577 79 34 37

9. Payments

9.1 Accommodation and travel expenses will be covered by the participants, federation and their Sponsors.

9.2 The registration fee should be transferred to the following bank account:

Batumi N(N)LE “Chess Club Nona” (GEL)

TAX ID : 445426138

Account holder name: Common Account of Treasure

Bank: National Treasury

Bank Swift Code : TRESGE22

Account number/code: 7 4079 7499

Chess Club Nona

Intermediary:

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NEW YORK (USD)

SWIFT CODE: CHASUS33

ACC: 409346371

Beneficiary’s bank:

NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA, TBILISI

SWIFT CODE: BNLNGE22

Beneficiary: NNLE CHESS CLUB NONA (val code: 799785152)

IBAN: GE65NB0331100001150207

Intermediary:

JP MORGAN SE FRANKFURT AM MAIN (EUR)

SWIFT CODE: CHASDEFX

ACC: 6231608461

Beneficiary's bank:

NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA, TBILISI

SWIFT CODE: BNLNGE22

Beneficiary: NNLE CHESS CLUB NONA (val code: 799785152)

IBAN: GE65NB0331100001150207

The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender.

9.3 All Payments should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

10. General Rules

10.1 The Tournaments will be held according to FIDE Tournament Rules and Laws of Chess.

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023>

10.2 The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for all tournaments.

<https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/ACCProtectionMeasures.pdf>

10.3 Default time for all rounds is 1 hour.

10.4 Appeals:

Protests must be submitted in written form within 30 minutes after completion of the round concerned.

The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 GEL - Open A, B & C, and 100 GEL – U08, U10 & U12 tournaments, as a deposit of the appellant. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is accepted, the sum shall be returned immediately.

The appeal has to be lodged by the player.

The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

10.5 During the festival, photo/video shooting will take place, the photo/video material will be posted on the Official & Facebook pages of "Chess Club Nona".

Note:

- **It is assumed that all the players have read the Regulations and agree to abide by them.**
- In special/unforeseen cases, which are not defined by this regulation, the tournament director, in agreement with the Georgian Chess Federation, has the right to make any kind of changes in the regulation.

11. Useful information

11.1 Visa Information: <https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia>

The electronic visa: [e-VISA PORTAL \(evisa.gov.ge\)](http://e-VISA PORTAL (evisa.gov.ge)) (The cost of visa is about 20 USD)

11.2 Health Protocol: <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/HtmlPage/html/View?id=2131>

The organizers and the participants should comply with all the health regulations applied by Georgian Public Authorities.

11.3 Temperature: July is one of the most enjoyable times to visit Black Sea-Side Batumi.

The average temperature is between 27°C (80°F) and 33°C (90°F).

12. Contact Information

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**The 10th Festival "Batumi Municipality Cup – 2026"
will be held in "Mukhran Vakhtangadze Sport Palace
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