

1st International Chess Festival in Rapid and Blitz
”Maia Cup - 2025”
Kutaisi, Georgia, December 15-19, 2025.

Regulations

Organizers:

- Kutaisi Municipality City Hall;
- Imereti Chess Federation.

Venue:

Kutaisi, Restaurant „Kalakuri“, Nikea st. 4, second lane.

1. Festival Events

Rapid:

- Open;
- Women tournament;
- Boys under 12 (Date of birth 2013 and after);
- Girls under 12 (Date of birth 2013 and after);
- Boys under 10 (Date of birth 2015 and after);
- Girls under 10 (Date of birth 2015 and after);
- Boys under 8 (Date of birth 2017 and after);
- Girls under 8 (Date of birth 2017 and after);

Blitz:

- Open;
- Women tournament;
- Boys under 12 (Date of birth 2013 and after);
- Girls under 12 (Date of birth 2013 and after);
- Boys under 10 (Date of birth 2015 and after);
- Girls under 10 (Date of birth 2015 and after);
- Boys under 8 (Date of birth 2017 and after);
- Girls under 8 (Date of birth 2017 and after);

2. System and Rate of Play

2.1 Time Control:

Rapid – 15 minutes until the end of the game with an increment of 10 seconds per move.

Blitz – 3 minutes until the end of the game with an increment of 2 seconds per move

2.2 Festival tournaments system:

9 rounds played in the Swiss system; FIDE ratings will be counted in Rapid and Blitz tournaments;

3. Festival Schedule

Date	Round	Time
December 15	Arrival/Registration	12:00-20:00
December 16 Rapid	I round	14:00
	II round	15:15
	III round	16:30
	IV round	17:45
December 17 Rapid	V round	12:00
	VI round	13:15
	VII round	14:30
	VIII round	15:45
	IX round	17:00
December 18 Blitz	I round	11:00
	II round	11:30
	III round	12:00
	IV round	12:30
	V round	13:00
	VI round	14:30
	VII round	15:00
	VIII round	15:30
	IX round	16:00
	Closing Ceremony	18:00
December 19	Departure	

4. Tie-Break System and Trophies

4.1 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.

4.2 Each tournament winners will be awarded Cups, Medals, Diplomas and money prizes.

4.3 In age tournaments: best results U7, U9 and U11 girls and boys will be awarded cups and diplomas.

5. Prize fund – 60 000 GEL (22 000 USD)

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

Tournament	Categories	1	2	3	4	5
Rapid Open	Open	8000	6000	4000	2500	1500
	ELO 1900<	900				
	ELO 1800<	800				
	ELO 1700<	700				
	ELO 1600<	600				
	ELO 1500<	500				
	Unrated players	400				
	Seniors (Date of birth before 01.01.1966.)	300				

Rapid Women tournament	Women	3000	2000	1000		
	ELO 1800<	700				
	ELO 1700<	600				
	ELO 1600<	500				
	ELO 1500<	400				
	Unrated players	300				
Blitz Open	Open	3500	2500	1500	800	500
	ELO 1900<	400				
	ELO 1800<	350				
	ELO 1700<	250				
	ELO 1600<	200				
	ELO 1500<	150				
	Seniors (Date of birth before 01.01.1966.)	200				
	Unrated players	150				
Blitz Women tournament	Women	1500	1000	500		
	ELO 1800<	300				
	ELO 1700<	250				
	ELO 1600<	200				
	ELO 1500<	150				
	Unrated players	100				
Rapid						
Boys under age 12		500	400	300		
Girls under age 12		500	400	300		
Boys under age 10		500	400	300		
Girls under age 10		500	400	300		
Boys under age 8		500	400	300		
Girls under age 8		500	400	300		
Blitz						
Boys under age 12		300	200	100		
Girls under age 12		300	200	100		
Boys under age 10		300	200	100		
Girls under age 10		300	200	100		
Boys under age 8		300	200	100		
Girls under age 8		300	200	100		

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

6. Entry fee

- **Rapid:** Open and Women tournaments – 40 USD; In age tournaments – 30 USD.
- **Blitz:** Open and Women tournaments – 30 USD; In age tournaments – 20 USD.
- GM, WGM, IM, WIM are free from paying the entry fee.

7. Accommodation

Accommodation conditions for GM and IMs, with ELO Rating (1 st December 2025) ----- The same conditions apply to players with a rating that is 150 points lower (WGM and WIM)	1	2700+	Single room	Full Board	Travel expenses- 1500 GEL
	2	2650-2699	Single room	Breakfast	Travel expenses - 1000 GEL
	3	2600-2649	Double room	Breakfast	Travel expenses - 500 GEL
	4	2500-2599	Double room		

Hotel „Imeri“ (address- Kutaisi, Nikea st. 25):

Single room, no meals included – one person – 30 USD

Double room, no meals included – one person – 25 USD

Contact number: +995 595 049 555;

8. General Rules

8.1 The Tournaments will be held according to FIDE Tournament Rules and Laws of Chess;

8.2 The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for all Tournaments

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

8.3 Appeals: Protest must be submitted in written form within 5 minutes after completion of the round concerned. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 GEL, as a deposit of the appellant. If the appeal is accepted, the sum shall be returned. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

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