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REGULATIONS

**On the organization and conduct of the 19th International Chess Tournament
“In Memory of Georgy Agzamov, the First Grandmaster of Uzbekistan”
March 16–27, 2026, Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

I. Goals and Objectives of the Tournament

In accordance with the implementation of the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 8, 2023, No. PP-150 “On measures for comprehensive preparation for the 46th World Chess Olympiad, to be held in Uzbekistan in 2026, and the promotion of chess as a mass movement,” 19th International Chess Tournament “In Memory of Georgy Agzamov, the First Grandmaster of Uzbekistan” will be organized to fulfill following goals:

To further promote chess in our country and to spread the engagement of youth in sports competitions;

Creation of the necessary conditions for the further development of the knowledge and experience of Uzbek chess players, as well as their proper encouragement;

Improve the sports skills of amateurs and young chess players, as well as support for the organization of meaningful leisure activities for students during their free time;

Promote a healthy lifestyle among youth and strengthening cultural and sports ties.

II. Tournament Procedure

2.1. The general management and organization of the competition is carried out by the Uzbekistan Chess Federation (hereinafter UCF);

2.2. The tournament will take place in International Chess Academy in Tashkent from 16th March 2026 (*arrival*) to 27th March 2026 (*departure*).

2.2.1. Address: **Anhor bo‘yi, 10A street.**

2.3. The competition will be organized in 2 (*two*) groups based on FIDE rules:

Group “Open-A”: An open tournament for all chess players with a FIDE rating of 2200 and above who have paid the entry fee. Additional talented players may be admitted at the discretion of the Coaching Council of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation;

Group “Open-B”: Open to all chess players with a FIDE rating from 0 to 2199 who have paid the entry fee.

2.4. For participants in both “Open-A” and “Open-B” groups, the FIDE Standard Rating as of February 1, 2026, shall be used for eligibility, whereas the FIDE Standard Rating as of March 1, 2026, shall be applied for the starting rank and pairing purposes.

2.5. The Organizing Committee provides accommodation and airfare discounts based on the rating of invited chess players as of February 1, 2026.

2.6. The Organizers admit a limited number of high-rated chess players. Participants may submit a request for hospitality (conditions of stay) via email to uzchess@inbox.ru.

2.7. Groups “Open-A” and “Open-B” will be played over 10 rounds according to the Swiss system. Each player shall be allocated 90 minutes for the entire game, with a 30-second increment per move starting from move one. A draw cannot be agreed upon before the 30th move.

2.8. The maximum default time for each round is 15 minutes. Participants who fail to appear for a round without prior notice may be excluded from the pairings of the next round at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.

2.9. The pairing process shall be performed using the **Swiss Manager** software.

2.10. All tournament participants must confirm their participation by arriving at the International Chess Academy building on March 16, 2026, between 16:00 and 19:00. Failure to do so will result in their removal from the pairing list.

2.11. Foreign chess players wishing to participate in the competition may submit their applications until **March 5, 2026**, to the official email address of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation: uzchess@inbox.ru.

2.12. Event Schedule:

Dates	Event	“Open-A”	“Open-B”
16.03.2026	Arrival Accreditation	Throughout the day 16:00-19:00	Throughout the day 16:00-19:00
17.03.2026	Opening Ceremony	15:00	10:00
	Round 1	15:30	10:30
18.03.2026	Round 2	15:00	10:00
19.03.2026	Round 3	15:00	10:00
20.03.2026	Round 4	15:00	10:00
21.03.2026	Round 5	15:00	10:00
22.03.2026	Round 6	15:00	10:00
23.03.2026	Round 7	15:00	10:00
24.03.2026	Round 8	15:00	10:00
25.03.2026	Round 9	15:00	10:00
26.03.2026	Round 10	15:00	10:00
26.03.2026	Closing Ceremony	20:30	13:30
27.03.2026	Departure Day	Throughout the day	

III. Awarding of the tournament winners

3.1. The total prize fund of the 19th International Chess Tournament “In Memory of Georgy Agzamov, the First Grandmaster of Uzbekistan” amounts to **USD \$80 000**;

3.2. Prizes for the winners from Uzbekistan may be paid in the national currency at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

3.3. Prizes will be transferred to the winners’ bank accounts, cards, or may be provided in cash only after they submit all necessary documents;

3.4. Bank services may be deducted from the prize fund;

3.5. The winners of the “Open-A” and “Open-B” tournaments shall be determined by the total number of points scored. In the event of a tie in points, the following tie-break criteria shall be applied:

1. Buchholz Cut -1;
2. Buchholz;
3. Direct encounter;
4. The greater number of wins with Black;
5. Rating Performance and others.

3.6. The procedure for the draw shall be determined by the Chief Arbiter.

3.7. In case of a tie, prizes are not shared and are awarded according to the tie-breaks. If a player qualifies for more than one prize, only the higher prize shall be awarded.

3.8. The prizes will be awarded in the following order:

OPEN-A

Main award		Special prizes			
1	10,000	Women		Teenagers under 20 years old	
2	7,500	1	2,000	1	1,500
3	6,000	2	1,500	2	1,000
4	5,000	3	1,000	3	500
5	4,500				
6	4,000				
7	3,500				
8	3,000	Veterans (60 years and older)		Teenagers under 16 years old	
9	2,500	1	500	1	300
				2	200
10	2,000	Veterans (50 years and older)		Teenagers under 14 years old	
11	1,500	1	500	1	300
12	1,400			2	200
13	1,300	Women from Uzbekistan		Teenagers under 12 years old	

14	1200	1	500	1	300
15	1100			2	200
Total:	54 500			Total:	10,500

OPEN-B

Main award		Special prizes			
1	3,000	Youth under 12 years old		Women	
2	2,500	1	300	1	300
		2	200	2	200
3	2,000	Veterans over 60 years of age		Youth under 10 years old	
4	1,200	1	300	1	300
5	1,000	2	200	2	200
6	900	Veterans over 50 years of age		Women from Uzbekistan	
7	800	1	300	1	300
8	600	2	200	2	200
Total:	12,000			Total:	3,000

The total prize fund is \$80 000 US dollars.

IV. Tournament Participants and Entry Fees

4.1. Entry fees for participants of the “Open-A” and “Open-B” group from Uzbekistan:

Group	Discounts	400 000 UZS	500 000 UZS	600 000 UZS
“Open-A”	GM/WGM/IM /WIM		2200+	
“Open-B”		1750-2199	1400-1749	Not rated

4.2. Top finishers of the 2025 Uzbekistan Championship (*standard format*) in the under-7 to under-18 age categories are eligible to participate in the groups corresponding to their rating and are exempted from paying the entry fees.

4.3. A 50% discount on the established entry fee is provided for citizens of Uzbekistan with disabilities and veterans over the age of 60.

Participants from Uzbekistan are required to transfer the entry fees to the bank account of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation:

Account	2021 2000 1001 7827 6001	INN 201710234
Bank name	PJSCB "DAVR BANK"	MFO 00981

**4.4. Payments for international participants (due by March 5):
100 US dollars.**

Foreign nationals shall make payments to the following bank account:

Uzbekistan Chess Federation	Account: 2021 2840 2001 7827 6009
S.W.I.F.T.: DVRBUZ22	Location: 98A Karimov str., Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Bank name: P.J.S.C. "DAVR BANK"	Bank phone number: (99871) 207-09-81

4.5. Players from Uzbekistan who fail to register within the established deadline are required to pay an additional registration fee of 300 000 UZS. Foreign participants in a similar case must pay an additional fee of 50 US dollars.

V. Appeals Committee

5.1. An appeals committee will be established to review complaints submitted after the tournament, consisting of at least 5 members (*3 primary and 2 reserve*). The composition of the Appeals Committee will be approved by the organizing committee.

5.2. Participants dissatisfied with the tournament arbiters and their decisions may appeal to the Appeals Committee within 1 (*one*) hour after the last game of the round during the competition.

VI. Fair Play Rules

6.1. All participants must adhere to the Fair Play rules and demonstrate cooperation. Players may be disqualified from the tournament at any time by the final decision of the chief arbiter, based on the principles of Fair Play.

6.2. All players agree that they have no right to challenge the aforementioned actions through arbitration, consultations, or judicial procedures in any jurisdiction. Participants have no right to appeal the pairings made during the tournament. By registering for the tournament, players forfeit their right to demand any financial compensation or adjustments related to the tournament.

6.3. To ensure the successful conduct of the event, the Organizer has the right to change the schedule with proper notice, update the regulations, or make decisions on any issue not specified in the current rules.

VII. Visas

7.1. Participants who require a visa to enter Uzbekistan must register and submit copies of their passports by February 20, 2026. Otherwise, the organizers cannot guarantee visa support.

7.2. In case of a visa denial by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the organizers are not authorized to provide any additional services.

VIII. Dress Code and Health Safety Measures

8.1. Compliance with the FIDE dress code is mandatory. A participant may be disqualified from the tournament if they exhibit a fever or other signs of illness. The rules may be supplemented with additional provisions as necessary.

IX. Tournament Funding

9.1. The prize fund, organizational expenses, arbiter fees, transfers, accommodation for invited participants, and tournament officials shall be covered by the funds of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation, sponsorship contributions, and entry fees.

X. Final Provisions

10.1. To ensure the successful organization of the competition, the Organizing Committee may introduce amendments and additions to the tournament regulations.

10.2. All chess players participating in the tournament are required to take part in media events organized by “UzChess” and give interviews. If a participant refuses to comment on their games or provide interviews, they will be fined **100 US dollars** for each missed interview.

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