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Khankendi, Azerbaijan

**VUGAR GASHIMOV MEMORIAL 2025
CHESS SUPER TOURNAMENT**

REGULATIONS

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1. Organization

The organizers of the Tournament are the Vugar Gashimov Chess Foundation, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan and the Chess Federation of Azerbaijan.

2. Venue and Date

The playing venue of the Tournament is the Khankendi Congress Center in Khankendi, Azerbaijan.

The official opening of the Tournament will take place on December 9, 2025, at 14:00.

The drawing of lots shall take place at the end of the opening ceremony.

3. Tournament System

The Rapid tournament will be held in a double round-robin system and blitz tournament in a double round-robin system with 6 players.

4. Schedule

Date	Event	Time
8/12/2025	Arrival day	All day
09/12/2025	Opening ceremony	14:00
	Rapid Round 1	15:00
	Rapid Round 2	16:15
	Rapid Round 3	17:30
	Rapid Round 4	18:45
	Rapid Round 5	20:00
10/12/2025	Rapid Round 6	15:00
	Rapid Round 7	16:15
	Rapid Round 8	17:30
	Rapid Round 9	18:45
	Rapid Round 10	20:00
11/12/2025	Blitz Round 1	15:00
	Blitz Round 2	15:20
	Blitz Round 3	15:40
	Blitz Round 4	16:00
	Blitz Round 5	16:20
	Blitz Round 6	16:40
	Blitz Round 7	17:00
	Blitz Round 8	17:20
	Blitz Round 9	17:40
	Blitz Round 10	18:00
	Closing Ceremony	18:30
12/12/2025	Sponsor day Departure	All day

**All times are local time, GMT+4*

5. Time Control

The Rapid tournament will be held with time control - 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

The Blitz tournament will be held with time control - 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

6. Calculation of points

The point system of rapid: Players earn 1 point for a win, 1/2 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss.

The point system of blitz: Players earn 1 point for a win, 1/2 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss.

7. Ranking and draw system

The final standing of the players shall be determined according to the sum of points of Rapid and Blitz tournaments.

In cases if in each tournament two or more players score the same number of points - the following criteria shall be decisive for the tie-break:

- Results of the direct encounters between the tied players;
- The greater number of wins;
- The Sonneborn-Berger System.

In cases where two or more players score the same number of points according to the total result of the rapid and blitz tournaments, the winners of the tournament will be determined first by the best result of the Rapid tournament, and then by the results of the blitz tournament.

In cases, if two or more players score the same number of points according to the total result of the rapid and blitz tournaments, as well as in each of these tournaments, will be held an additional Armageddon game (the player playing with white pieces is given 5 minutes, and with black pieces 4 minutes until the end of the game + 2 seconds per move starting from move 61; a draw means staying black) between these participants.

8. Arbiter

The arbiters, including the Chief Arbiter, shall be appointed by the Organization Committee in accordance with FIDE rules.

9. Procedure of appeals

Protests against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter may be lodged before the Appeals Committee. The selection and appointment of the members of the Appeals Committee are made by the Organizing Committee.

The protests shall only be lodged in the written form within 15 minutes of the end of the playing session and shall be accompanied by a deposit fee of €500 (five hundred Euro) or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to Vugar Gashimov Chess Foundation.

10. Media

Taking pictures in the Tournament Hall is allowed in the Rapid tournament only during the first 5 minutes after the start of the games, and in the Blitz tournament only during the first 2 minutes after the start of the games

TV broadcasting of the games can be done throughout the playing area in accordance with applicable rules and instructions of the Tournament's press officer.

11. Contacts

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