

19th Poti International Chess Festival

Nana Aleksandria Cup

Poti, Georgia. July 11 - 20, 2026.



Regulations

Organizers:

- Local Management of Poti.
- Georgian Chess Federation.
- Poti Chess Club "Nana"

Venue:

Poti multifunctional sports complex (Zeragia str 49)

1. Festival Events

- A – Open (participants: ELO higher than 1901 and Fide title Players);
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move. Default time is 60 minutes.
- B – Open (participants: ELO lower than 2000, also unrated players);
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move. Default time is 60 minutes.
- C – Open (participants: ELO lower than 1800, also unrated players);
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move. Default time is 60 minutes.
- D – Open (participants: ELO lower than 1600, also unrated players);
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move. Default time is 60 minutes.
- E – Open (participants: Only unrated players);
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move. Default time is 60 minutes.
- F1 – Open under 10 (Date of birth 2016 and after);
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 40 minutes + 5 seconds per move.
- F2 – Open under 9 (Date of birth 2017 and after);
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 40 minutes + 5 seconds per move.
- F3 – Open under 8 (Date of birth 2018 and after);
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 40 minutes + 5 seconds per move.
- F4 – Open under 7 (Date of birth 2019 and after);
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 40 minutes + 5 seconds per move.
- F5 – Open under 10 (Date of birth 2020 and after);
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 40 minutes + 5 seconds per move.
- G – Open Blitz tournament – Irakli Lolua Cup;
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move.
- H – Open Blitz tournament – Giorgi Gamzardia Cup;
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move.
- I – Blitz tournament under 12 & 10;
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move.
- J – Blitz tournament under 11 & 9;
- 9 rounds played in the Swiss system. 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move.
- K – Chess960 [Fischer Random Chess] – Open tournament;
- 5 rounds played in the Swiss system. 10 minutes + 2 seconds per move.
- L – Chess960 [Fischer Random Chess] – under 12;
- 5 rounds played in the Swiss system. 10 minutes + 2 seconds per move.
- M – Family team tournament (2 members) - under 12, 10 & 8 festival participants and their family members (Mother, father, sister or brother);
- 5 rounds played in the Swiss system. 10 minutes + 2 seconds per move.

2. Festival Schedule

Tournament →	A, B, C, D, E		F1, F2, F3, F4, F5		G	H	I	J	K, L	M
Date	Round	Time	Round	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time
12 July	1	11:00	1	16:00						
13 July	2	11:00	2	16:00						
14 July	3	11:00	3	16:00	18:00					
15 July	4	11:00	4	16:00			18:00			
16 July	5	11:00	5	16:00					18:00	
17 July	6	11:00	6	16:00						18:00
18 July	7	11:00	7	16:00		18:00				
19 July	8	11:00	8	16:00				18:00		
20 July	9	11:00	9	16:00						

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

4.2 In all tournaments Chess players who take first place will be awarded a cup, a medal and a diploma. Chess players who take second/third place will be awarded a medal and diploma;

4.3 Boys and Girls who take first place in the F1, F2, F3, F4, F5 tournaments will be awarded a cup, a medal, a diploma. Boys and Girls who take second/third place will be awarded a medal and a diploma;

4.4 Women / girls who take first place In the G, H, I, J, K, L Tournaments will be awarded with a cup, a medal and a diploma.

Second/third place will be awarded a medal and a diploma;

4.5 In the F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, I, J, K, L tournaments, if a female participant wins two prizes, she will be awarded only one prize designated for women / girls.

5. Prize fund – 65 000 GEL (24 000 USD)

Prizes will not be taxed!

5.1. A, B, C, D, E, G, H Open tournaments – 53200 GEL

Tournament	Categories	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A - Open	Open	10000	6000	4000	3000	2000	1500	1000	800
	Women	2000	1500	1000					
	ELO 2300<	600							
B - Open	Open	2000	1400	900	600	300			
	Women	500	350	200					
	ELO 1900<	450							
	Senior 60+	250							
C - Open	Open	1500	800	500	300	200			
	Women	350	250	150					
	ELO 1700<	310							
	Senior 60+	200							
	U12	300							
D - Open	Open	1000	700	400					
	Women	300	200	100					
	ELO 1500<	250							
	U12	240							
E - Open	Open	600	400	300					
	Women	210	160						
	U12	180							

G – Open Blitz	Open	450	300	200		
	Women	150				
	ELO 2000<	130				
	ELO 1700<	95				
	U16	110				
	U12	90				
H – Open Blitz	Open	450	300	200		
	Women	150				
	ELO 2000<	130				
	ELO 1700<	95				
	U16	110				
	U12	90				

- In case of a tie Cash prizes will not be shared.

- In the A, B, C, D, E, G, H open tournaments player can get one greatest prize only. This case does not apply to female chess players Open A, if female chess player wins 2 prizes in both the open and women's categories, then she has the right to receive both prizes.

- The players who will take a prize places are obliged to attend the Closing Ceremony.

5.2. F1, F2, F3, F4, F5 tournament winners (I - III place) Boys and Girls will be awarded with gifts **(With a total value of 8800 GEL)**.

5.3 Coaches' contest – 3000 GEL

By the results of their students in the F1, F2, F3, F4, F5 tournaments, the five best coaches will be awarded cash prizes:

I place – 1000 GEL

II place – 800 GEL

III place – 600 GEL

IV place – 400 GEL

V place – 200 GEL

The cash prize will not be taxed.

- The winners of the coaches' competition will be determined based on their students' results, using the following points system: I place – 10 points, II place – 8 points, III place – 6 points, IV place – 4 points, V place – 2 points.
- To participate in the coaches' competition, at least 5 of the coach's students must be playing in the festival's age-group tournaments.
- To participate in the competition, the coach must submit a named list of their students before the start of the 3rd round.
- If coaches accumulate an equal number of points in the competition, the cash prize will be divided.

6. Entry fee

Open A

Fide Rating	
ELO 2501>, GM, WGM, IM, WIM	0
ELO 2401-2500 (Open A)	40 USD
ELO 2301-2400 (Open A)	50 USD
ELO 2201-2300 (Open A)	60 USD
ELO 2101-2200 (Open A)	80 USD
ELO 2001-2100 (Open A)	100 USD
ELO 1901-2000 (Open A)	150 USD

- Open B, C, D, E - 60 USD
- F1, F2, F3, F4, F5 tournaments – 40 USD
- G, H, I, J blitz tournaments – 20 USD
- K, L, M Tournaments – 20 USD

7. Accommodation

7.1

ACCOMMODATION CONDITIONS for GMs and IMs, with ELO Rating (1 st July 2026)	1	2700 +	single room	Full Board	Travel expenses 400 \$
	2	2650 - 2699	single room	Breakfast	Travel expenses 300 \$
	3	2600 - 2649	double room	Breakfast	Travel expenses 200 \$
	4	2550 - 2599	double room		Travel expenses 100 \$
	5	2500 - 2549	double room		

ACCOMMODATION CONDITIONS for WGMs and WIMs, with ELO Rating (1 st July 2026)	1	2550 +	single room	Full Board	Travel expenses 400 \$
	2	2500 - 2549	single room	Breakfast	Travel expenses 300 \$
	3	2450 - 2499	double room	Breakfast	Travel expenses 200 \$
	4	2400 - 2449	double room		Travel expenses 100 \$
	5	2350 - 2399	double room		

7.2

Prices per person / per day	Hotel "Park Green" **** Phone: (+995) 0493220808	Hotel "Kolkheti National Park - Geo Palace" Phone: (+995) 0493222223, (+995) 552223222	Hotel "Paliastom" Phone: (+995) 0493278202	Sports complex. Phone: (+995) 599181656
DOUBLE	30 USD	20 USD	15 USD	15 USD

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 15 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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