



Stepan Avagyan Memorial “Jermuk-2026” International Chess Tournament

REGULATION

The Chess Academy of Armenia in collaboration with the “Jermuk Ashkhar” Health Centre is organizing the “Stepan Avagyan Memorial” from May 28 to June 6, 2026. The tournament will be conducted in a 10-player round-robin format, in 9 rounds and in accordance with FIDE rules.

Time control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game (with 30 seconds increment starting from move one).

The total prize fund of the tournament is **10 050 000 AMD** (\approx **26 000 USD**).

- 1st prize – 3 200 000 AMD
- 2nd prize – 2 200 000 AMD
- 3rd prize – 1 700 000 AMD
- 4th prize – 950 000 AMD
- 5th prize – 700 000 AMD
- 6th prize – 380 000 AMD
- 7th prize – 230 000 AMD
- 8th prize – 230 000 AMD
- 9th prize – 230 000 AMD
- 10th prize – 230 000 AMD

***All prizes are subject to income tax implications according to the laws of the Republic of Armenia.**

Our partner “**Chessify**” company has established special prizes for tournament participants:

- 1st place – bundle /350\$/
- 2nd place – bundle /300\$/
- 3rd place – bundle /250\$/
- 4th place – bundle /200\$/
- 5th place – bundle /150\$/
- 6th place – bundle /150\$/
- 7th place – bundle /150\$/
- 8th place – bundle /150\$/
- 9th place – bundle /150\$/
- 10th place – bundle /150\$/

In case of tie breaks, **monetary prizes will not be distributed**, and the final standings will be carried out according to:

- a) Sonneborn Berger,
- b) Result(s) of the direct encounter(s),

- c) Greater number of games played with black pieces,
- d) Greater number of victories,

Schedule:

May 28 – Opening ceremony	19:00
May 29 – Round 1	15:00
May 30 – Round 2	15:00
May 31 – Round 3	15:00
June 1 – Round 4	15:00
June 2 – Round 5	15:00
June 3 – Round 6	15:00
June 4 – Round 7	15:00
June 5 – Round 8	15:00
June 6 – Round 9	11:00
June 6 – Closing ceremony	18:00

Tournament venue: “Jermuk Ashkhar” Health Center, Vayots Dzor region, Jermuk, Republic of Armenia.

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