



INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL «ISSYKKUL OPEN 2025»

Korumdu, Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan
20st – 30th June 2025

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.1. The International Chess Festival (hereinafter - the Festival) "Issykkul Open 2025" consists of 6 tournaments:

No	Tournament	Tournamentdescription	Dates
1	Issykkul Open 2024 «A»	Open tournament for players with FIDE rating 1800 ELO and above	20.06-30.06.2025
2	Issykkul Open 2024 «B»	Open tournament for players with FIDE rating 1999 ELO and below (including unrated players)	
3	Issykkul Open 2024 «C» U14	Open tournament U14 (for players born in 2011 and younger)	
4	Issykkul Open 2024 «D» U12	Open tournament U12 (for players born in 2013 and younger)	
5	Issykkul Open 2024 «E» U10	Open tournament U10 (for players born in 2015 and younger)	
6	Issykkul Open 2024 «F» U8	Open tournament U8 (for players born in 2017 and younger)	

1.2. In case of low number of participants, categories may be merged;

1.3. The Festival is held according to the FIDE Laws of Chess;

1.4. The Festival is organized with the following objectives:

- popularization of chess in Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia;
- promotion of a healthy lifestyle;
- strengthen friendly relations among chess players.

2. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

2.1. The overall management of the preparation and conduct of the competition is carried out by the Kyrgyz Chess Union. The direct management of the tournament is entrusted to the Organizing team consisting of the Tournament Director and Tournament Managers, Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiters, Chief Secretary and Arbiters.

Tournament director: Esenbek Bazakechov

Chief Arbiter: IA Aziz Umarbekov

3. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

3.1. The venue of the Festival is recreation center "Solemar"; Solemar Arena located in Korumdu village, Issyk-Kul district, Issyk-Kul region, Kyrgyz Republic: <https://go.2gis.com/pnsmg>

The "Solemar" Recreation Center is located at:

- 314 km east of Manas International Airport;
- 277 km east of the bus station in Bishkek;
- 30 km east of Cholpon-Ata;
- 58 km east of Issyk-Kul Airport.

The recreation center features: a water park, a swimming pool, a lounge bar, a restaurant, a football field, a basketball court, and more. For more detailed information about the center, you can visit the page: <https://www.instagram.com/solemar.kg/>

3.2. Each participant must fully complete the official registration form (Appendix A) and send it back by email: kyrgyzchessunion@gmail.com

The deadline for the registration is:

- for foreign citizens — June 1, 2025

- for citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic — June 10, 2025

3.3. In case the number of applications exceeds the number of available seats, the registration of NEW participants in individual tournaments may be stopped earlier than the deadlines specified in paragraph

3.4. If registration for an individual tournament is closed, as described in paragraph 3.3, athletes submitting new applications will be placed on a waiting list, and information about their participation or non-participation will be announced later. The organizing committee reserves the right to refuse registration after the deadlines specified in paragraph 3.2.

3.5. For participants who request registration later than the deadlines specified in paragraph 3.2, in exceptional cases, and if there are available spots, the tournament fee will be increased by 1000 som.

3.6. FORMAT OF PLAY

No	Tournament	Tournament type	Rounds	Time control
1	Issykkul Open 2025 «A»	Swiss System	9	90 minutes + 30 seconds
2	Issykkul Open 2025 «B»			90 minutes + 30 seconds
3	Issykkul Open 2025 «C» U14	Swiss System (or Round Robin, depending on the number of participants)	7-9 (depending on the number of participants)	60 minutes + 30 seconds
4	Issykkul Open 2025 «C» U12			60 minutes + 30 seconds
5	Issykkul Open 2025 «C» U10			60 minutes + 30 seconds
6	Issykkul Open 2025 «C» U8			60 minutes + 30 seconds

3.7. The pairings will be conducted using the Swiss Manager program

3.8. All categories will be FIDE-rated tournaments

3.6. FESTIVAL PROGRAM:

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Date	Tournament “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”		
20.06.2025	Arrival date	After 14:00	
	Registration	16:00 – 18:00	
	Technical meeting	19:30	
June 21	Opening Ceremony	09:00	Simultaneous exhibitions and lectures
June 21	Round 1	10:00	
June 22	Round 2	10:00	
June 23	Round 3	10:00	
June 24	Round 4	10:00	
June 25	Round 5	10:00	
June 26	Round 6	10:00	
June 27	Round 7	10:00	
June 28	Round 8	10:00	
June 29	Round 9	10:00	
June 29	Closing Ceremony	17:00	
June 30	Departure	Before 12:00	

3.7. The round times may be slightly changed. The dates remain unchanged;

3.8. The default time is 30 minutes. For being late for the round by more than 30 minutes, a defeat is put; the latecomer is put "-", and his opponent "+";

3.9. Anti-cheating measures will be carried out in accordance with the FIDE anti-cheating rules.

4. TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS AND FEES

4.1. Participation is free of charge for:

- Chess players with titles GM, IM, WGM, WIM;

4.2. Fees for the participants from the Kyrgyz Republic in tournament “A”:

- participation is free of charge for players with FIDE rating 2300 and above;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 2200 – 2299 – 1000 soms;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 2100 – 2199 – 1500 soms;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 2000 – 2099 – 2000 soms;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1900 – 1999 – 2500 soms;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1800 – 1899 – 3000 soms;
- For senior players (60 years old and older)–50% discount;

4.3. Fees for the participants from the Kyrgyz Republic in tournament “B”:

- for chess players with FIDE rating 1800 – 1999 – 1000 soms;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1600 – 1799 – 2000 soms;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1400 – 1599 – 3000 soms;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1400 and below (including unrated players) – 4000 soms;
- For senior players (60 years old and older)–50% discount;

4.4. Fees for the International participants in tournament “A”:

- participation is free of charge for players with FIDE rating 2400 and above;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 2300 – 2399 – 50 US dollars;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 2200 – 2299 – 60 US dollars;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 2100 – 2199 – 75 US dollars;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 2000 – 2099 – 90 US dollars;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1900 – 1999 – 100 US dollars;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1800 – 1899 – 125 US dollars;
- For senior players (60 years old and older)–50% discount;

4.5. Fees for International participants in tournament “B”:

- for chess players with FIDE rating 1800 – 1999 – 40 US dollars;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1700 – 1799 – 50 US dollars;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1600 – 1699 – 60 US dollars;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1500 – 1599 – 70 US dollars;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1400 – 1499 – 80 US dollars;
 - for chess players with FIDE rating 1400 and below (including unrated players) – 90 US dollars;
- For senior players (60 years old and older)–50% discount;

4.6. Fees for participants from the Kyrgyz Republic in tournaments “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”- 1500 soms

4.7. Fees for International participants in tournaments “C”, “D”, “E”, “F” – 40 US dollars.

4.8. Participants of the “Grandmaster” project from the Kyrgyz Chess Union are eligible for a discount of up to 70%;

4.9. The Organizing Committee may grant individual discounts to selected players.

5. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

5.1. The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored;

5.2. in case of a tie, the following tie-break system shall be used:

- Swiss System:

- 1) Buchholz cut 1 (the lowest score of the opponent is reduced);
- 2) Buchholz cut 2 (the two lowest scores of the opponents are reduced);
- 3) Direct Encounter (if all tied players have played against each other);
- 4) The greater number of wins;
- 5) Rating performance.

- Round-robin:

- 1) Direct Encounter;
- 2) Sonneborn-Berger;
- 3) The greater number of wins;
- 4) The greater number of games played with black;
- 5) Koya system (takes into account the number of points scored against all opponents who have achieved a result of 50% or more)

6. PRIZES

6.1. Participants who take 1st places will be awarded with cups. All prize-winners will be awarded with medals, diplomas and cash prizes.

6.2. All participants will receive electronic participation certificates.

7. Prize Fund

7.1. General sponsor of the festival – Microcredit Company “MBulak”

7.2. The guaranteed prize fund of the competition is **1 400 000 soms (more than 15 000 US dollars) (can be increased);**

7.2.1. PRIZE FUND OF THE TOURNAMENT «A»

<u>PRIZE FUND OF THE TOURNAMENT «A»</u>			
PLACE	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR (60+)
1 place	200 000 som	40 000 som	20 000 som
2 place	130 000 som	30 000 som*	15 000 som*
3 place	90 000 som	20 000 som*	10 000 som*
4 place	70 000 som		
5 place	60 000 som		
6 place	50 000 som		
7 place	40 000 som		
8 place	30 000 som		
9 place	20 000 som		
10 place	10 000 som		

7.2.2. PRIZE FUND OF THE TOURNAMENT «B»

<u>PRIZE FUND OF THE TOURNAMENT «B»</u>				
PLACE	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIOR (60+)	U16
1 place	40 000 som	15 000 som	10 000 som	10 000 som
2 place	30 000 som	10 000 som*	7 000 som*	7 000 som*
3 place	20 000 som	5 000 som*	5 000 som*	5 000 som*
4 place	15 000 som			
5 place	12 000 som			
6 place	8 000 som			
7 place	7 000 som			
8 place	5 000 som			

**Note: Additional prizes in tournaments A and B for each category (Women, Seniors or U16) will be awarded under the following conditions:*

- a) if there are 15 or more participants in the category – prizes will be awarded for 1st to 3rd place;*
- b) if there are 10 or more participants – prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place only;*
- c) if there are 5 or more participants – a prize will be awarded for 1st place only;*
- d) if there are fewer than 5 participants – only one encouragement prize of 5000 KGS will be awarded to the highest-placed participant.*

7.2.3. PRIZE FUND OF THE TOURNAMENT «C»

TOURNAMENT «C»		
PLACE:	OPEN U14	GIRLS U14
1 place	20 000 soms	15 000 soms

2 place	15 000 soms	10 000 soms
3 place	10 000 soms	5 000 soms

7.2.4. PRIZE FUND OF THE TOURNAMENT «D»

TOURNAMENT «D»		
PLACE:	OPEN U12	GIRLS U12
1 place	20 000 soms	15 000 soms
2 place	15 000 soms	10 000 soms
3 place	10 000 soms	5 000 soms

7.2.5. PRIZE FUND OF THE TOURNAMENT «E»

TOURNAMENT «E»		
PLACE:	OPEN U10	GIRLS U10
1 place	20 000 soms	15 000 soms
2 place	15 000 soms	10 000 soms
3 place	10 000 soms	5 000 soms

7.2.6. PRIZE FUND OF THE TOURNAMENT «F»

TOURNAMENT «F»		
PLACE:	OPEN U8	GIRLS U8
1 place	20 000 soms	15 000 soms
2 place	15 000 soms	10 000 soms
3 place	10 000 soms	5 000 soms

All prizes are subject to a 10% income tax in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

7.3. In case of a tie in all additional tiebreak criteria, the prizes will be shared equally;

7.4. The main and additional prizes are not divided. A participant would be eligible for one higher prize only;

7.5. Prizes are awarded only in the presence of the winner at the official award ceremony. If a participant is absent from the ceremony, the prize will not be awarded;

7.6. All financial transactions are carried out in the national currency — Kyrgyz som, at the official exchange rate of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic at the time of the transaction. Exchange rates: www.nbkr.kg;

7.7. In addition to cash prizes, winners will receive diplomas, medals, and trophies (for 1st place). Each participant will receive an electronic Certificate of Participation.

8. Hotel – Board & Lodging

8.1. For safety reasons, all foreign players and accompanying persons are advised to stay at the Solemar Recreation Center.

8.2. Accommodation Rates

For festival participants, the organizing committee has arranged special discounted rates with the Solemar Recreation Center, which include full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner buffet meals):

8.2.1. For bookings made **before May 20, 2025**:

- **Double room** – 40 USD per person per day
- **Triple room** – 38 USD per person per day
- **Quadruple room** – 36 USD per person per day

8.2.2. For bookings from May 20 to May 31, 2025 – prices increase by 25%

8.2.3. For bookings from June 1 to June 10, 2025 – prices increase by 30%

8.2.4. For bookings from June 11 to June 20, 2025 – prices increase by 40%

8.2.5. Booking at the special discounted rate is available only through the festival organizing committee (see contact information below).

Due to the peak tourist season and high demand, early booking is strongly recommended!

8.3. For six invited players — international grandmasters or international masters with the highest international rating (or other prominent individuals) — the festival organizing committee will provide free accommodation with full board.

8.4. The organizing committee may offer individual discounts to selected players.

8.5. All travel and accommodation expenses of festival participants must be covered by the sending organizations or the participants themselves.

9. TRANSFER

9.1. Transfers can be provided for international participants:

- **Manas Airport – Solemar Recreation Center, via Bishkek**
 - **Issyk-Kul Airport (Tamchy) – Solemar Recreation Center**
- The cost of the transfer depends on the arrival location and time.

9.2. The Organizing Committee is responsible only for official transfers.

10. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- For any disputes during the tournament, an Appeal Committee (AC) will be elected at the technical meeting, consisting of: chairman, 2 main members of the AC + 2 reserve members of the AC;
- A protest against any decision of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 1 hour after the completion of the respective round. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 US dollars as a deposit from the signatory;
- The decision from the AC is final;
- If the appeal is successful, the sum will be returned immediately.

11. BANK DETAILS

11.1. All payments can be made through the following bank details:

Beneficiary: Association of legal entities "Kyrgyz Chess Union"

Account: 1091609812970161

Beneficiary's Bank: Branch of OJSC Optima Bank in Bishkek No.5

S.W.I.F.T.: ENEJKG22

BIC: 109016

11.2. For citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic, tournament fees can also be paid through the e-wallet "MBANK" – wallet number 0709 660 990

Recipient: Medina Zhumashova

12. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Applications are accepted via email: kyrgyzchessunion@gmail.com

This regulation is an official invitation to the Festival

Pairings and the starting lists will be available on the website: www.chess-results.com

APPENDIX A Issykkul Open 2025 Registration form

Surname, first name:	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):	
Country, city:	
Phone, email:	
FIDE ID, Title:	
Flight details:	
Passport number and TIN (PIN):	

*The registration form must be submitted along with a copy of the passport and TIN/PIN (in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, a TIN/PIN is required for the issuance of cash prizes).

OFFICIAL FESTIVAL PAGES:

t.me/chess_kg

www.facebook.com/KyrgyzChessUnion/

www.instagram.com/chessunion.kg/

13. Cultural and entertainment program for foreign guests and delegations (subject to agreement with the Organizing Committee)

Upon request from participants and if possible, the Organizing Committee may arrange tours and activities during the free time between rounds:

1. Excursions to canyons and nature
Scenic landscapes, pristine mountain air,
and the opportunity to see wildlife.



(Photo of canyons or gorges: Barskoon, Jeti-Oguz, and others.)

2. Boat cruise

A lake tour on Issyk-Kul with stunning
views of the mountains and the crystal-
clear waters of the lake.



3. Hot springs and mud therapy
Wellness treatments and relaxation at the
natural springs of Issyk-Kul.



4. Kumis therapy and horseback riding
An introduction to nomadic traditions,
tasting of kumis (fermented mare's milk),
and horseback riding experiences.



Participation conditions and schedule are to be confirmed with the Organizing Committee.
(Some activities may be arranged only if there is a group of at least 10 participants.)

PHOTOS - SOLEMAR RECREATION CENTER



