



## FIDE WORLD UNDER 8 – 18 CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Batumi (Georgia)**

**5 – 12 June, 2023**

### **General Regulations**

#### **1. Invitation**

FIDE and the Georgian chess federation invite all FIDE member federations and eligible players to participate in the World Under 8-18 Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships 2023. The championships will be held in Batumi (Black Sea-Side). The dates are 5 of June (arrivals) to 12 of June (departures) 2023.

W E L C O M E



Batumi Europe Square



Batumi Botanical Garden



Batumi dolphinarium



Dendrological Park

## 2. Schedule

Monday	June 5		Arrival Day
Tuesday	June 6	10:00	Captain's Meeting
Tuesday	June 6	14:30	Opening
Tuesday	June 6	15:00	Round 1
Tuesday	June 6	16:15	Round 2
Tuesday	June 6	17:30	Round 3
Wednesday	June 7	15:00	Round 4
Wednesday	June 7	16:15	Round 5
Wednesday	June 7	17:30	Round 6
Wednesday	June 7	18:45	Round 7
Thursday	June 8	15:00	Round 8
Thursday	June 8	16:15	Round 9
Thursday	June 8	17:30	Round 10
Thursday	June 8	18:45	Round 11
Friday	June 9	Chess Composition Championship	The rest day
Friday	June 9	Official Coaches Chess Competition	The rest day
Friday	June 9	Football Match: FIDE – GCF	The rest day
Saturday	June 10	14:30	Opening
Saturday	June 10	15:00 - 15:40	Round 1
Saturday	June 10	15:40 - 16:20	Round 2
Saturday	June 10	16:20 - 17:00	Round 3
Saturday	June 10	17:00 - 17:40	Round 4
Saturday	June 10	17:40 – 18:20	Round 5
Saturday	June 10	18:20 – 19:00	Round 6
Sunday	June 11	14:00 - 14:40	Round 7
Sunday	June 11	14:40 - 15:20	Round 8
Sunday	June 11	15:20 - 16:00	Round 9
Sunday	June 11	16:00 - 16:40	Round 10
Sunday	June 11	16:40 – 17:20	Round 11
Sunday	June 11	20:00	Closing Ceremony
Monday	June 12		Departure Day

## 3. Participation

- Each federation can register any number of players.
- A player must not have reached his 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, respectively, before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year 2023:

Under 8 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2015 and after

Under 10 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2013 and after

Under 12 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2011 and after

Under 14 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2009 and after

Under 16 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2007 and after

Under 18 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2005 and after

- FIDE-affiliated organization, as approved by the FIDE Council, also have the right to register players.
- FIDE- endorsed Chess Academies also have the right to register players through their respective National Chess Federation (BCF) with copy to TRG for endorsement.
- The Champions of 2022 World Rapid and Blitz Cadet & Youth Champions have personal right to participate in the World Rapid and Blitz Cadet Championships of the corresponding age category or higher age category, if the above-mentioned age requirements are met. Free accommodation and full board will be provided to all personal right players (24 players in total) from June 5 (dinner) to June 12 (breakfast) sharing a double room.

#### 4. Registration

- The deadline for the registration is **April 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**.
- The **Registration fee** is 100 Euros for each player and each accompanying official/person. The registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. The Registration fee includes transportation from and to Batumi International airport, accreditation, identification, badges and organization costs.
- The Payment deadline is **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**.
- In order to ensure proper tournament standards, FIDE member federations must **fully complete the 3-page official excel registration form – Main & Registration list & Accommodation (see on the website)** and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline **April 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
- After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or if there is availability a penalty of 100 Euros for each late registration will be charged to participants.
- **Every federation must be presented with head of delegation – responsible person for the delegation (appointed by the federation).**

#### 5. FIDE FEE

FIDE fee of 70 Euros (blitz 35 & rapid 35 Euros) for each player shall be paid by FIDE member federations directly to the FIDE bank account.

#### 6. Visa Information

- **About 100 countries citizens do not need Georgian visas**, Including the USA, EU, former Soviet Union countries, Israel, Turkey, Republic of South Africa, UAE and many others. They will get free of charge stamp in Batumi or Tbilisi airport. <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=25&lang=Eng>

- The rest of the countries need Georgian visas.  
<https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=32&lang=Eng>
- The electronic visa (including the payment for visa) could be obtained via website  
<https://www.evisa.gov.ge/GeoVisa/>
- Instructions for E-Visa - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYJz8Xj4PnE>
- The cost of visa is about 20 USD.
- Those who need visas must submit their data the latest on 5 of April 2023.

## 7. Travel from Airports to the Hotel

- The organizer will provide transport services of all participants on **June 5<sup>th</sup>** as well as the departure transfer on **June 12<sup>th</sup>**. If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition or leaves later the same service will be provided.
- Travel from Batumi airport (2 ways) to hotels is free of charge.
- Travel price from Kutaisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (120 km) is for each person 45 Euros
- Travel price from Trabzon (Turkey) airport (2 ways) to hotels (160 km) is for each person 65 Euros
- Travel price from Rize-Artvin (Turkey) airport (2 ways) to hotels (80 km) is for each person 45 Euros
- Travel price from Tbilisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (360 km) is for each person 80 Euros
- Players who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in the registration form will be fully responsible for any problems they experience during arrival or departure.
- For cheap air ticket instructions visit <https://batumi2023.fide.com/>

## 8. Hotel, Meals & Venue

- The reservation will be done on the **"First Come, First Served"** basis.
- Hotel reservation deadline is **April 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**.
- For Security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations all national delegations are obliged to use the official hotel designated by the Organizing Committee. Bookings must be done only through the organizer of the World Under 8-18 Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships.
- All players and guests are invited to stay in 5 \*\*\*\*\* Hotel Complex Euphoria Batumi with next prices:

Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day:

Double	78 Euros
Triple	72 Euros
Single	92 Euros

- Payment deadline for hotels is **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.
- To ensure guests comfort and Covid safety, as well as conserving the time and energy, **the players will have their playing venue within their hotel complex**.

## 9. Payments

- After the Registration, accommodation & travel form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and **approved by the organizer**, the national federations will receive **invoices for bank payments**. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.
- The payment deadline for registrations and accommodations is **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
- A sender must pay all bank commissions. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations.

## 10. Technical Regulations

- The Championships will be held according to FIDE tournament Rules and Laws of Chess.
- The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for all Championships.
- Upon arrival or any time during the event, captains or players maybe required to present passports for verification of players age eligibility.
- The tournaments will be played using the Swiss System with 11 rounds. If a player doesn't have an existing FIDE rapid and blitz rating, then his/her classical rating will be used, where applicable.
- Time control for the rapid championships will be 15 minutes plus 5 seconds per move starting from move one.
- Time control for the blitz championships will be 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move starting from move one.
- The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. In case of tie, the next tie break criteria are established:
  - a) the games between the tied players (only if all tied have played each other)
  - b) buchholz cut 1
  - c) buchholz
  - d) the greater number of games with black (unplayed games count as played with white)
  - e) the greater number of wins

## 11. Appeals Procedure

A protest against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairmen of the appeals Committee within 15 minutes after the competition of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 Euros, as a deposit. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the AC are final.

## 12. Prizes

	<p>Blitz Section</p> <p><b>12 Playing categories X 5 Players each category = 60 players</b></p> <p>(Open 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and Girls 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18)</p>
I	Cup, Medal, Diploma, IPHONE
II	Cup, Medal, Diploma, Computer
III	Cup, Medal, Diploma, Computer
IV	Diploma, Computer
V	Diploma, Photo Camera

Each participant will receive an appropriate certificate.

	<p>Rapid Section</p> <p><b>12 Playing categories X 5 Players each category = 60 players</b></p> <p>(Open 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and Girls 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18)</p>
I	Cup, Medal, Diploma, IPHONE
II	Cup, Medal, Diploma, Computer
III	Cup, Medal, Diploma, Computer
IV	Diploma, Computer
V	Diploma, Photo Camera

Each participant will receive an appropriate certificate.

## 13. Covid and Health Protocol

Covid Entry rules for foreign citizens travelling to Georgia are quite simple:

<https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=2131&lang=Eng>

The organizers and the participants should follow the official FIDE Health Measures.

#### **14. Electricity**

The standard voltage in Georgia is 220.

#### **15. Temperature in June**

June is one of the most comfortable times of the year in Batumi (Black Sea-Side). The average temperature is between **20°C** (68°F) and **25°C** (77°F) but some days may reach **28°C** (82°F).

#### **16. Contact Information**

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