

XV International Blitz Tournament

"Nesis Cup-2026"

Batumi, Georgia, June 22, 2026

1. Goals and objectives:

Popularization and promotion of chess sport, a tribute to G.E. Nesis, Honored Master of Sports, FIDE Senior Trainer, International Arbiter, Professor.

2. Place, Date, and Time:

The tournament will be held in Batumi, Georgia at the Euphoria Hotel Complex on June 22, 2026. The tournament starts at 17:00 pm.

3. Registration:

To register, please, send the information to the next email at a.arsenidze1973@gmail.com

Registration deadline: 22.06.2026 – 12:00.

Only official delegation coaches are invited to participate (not parents or players under 8-12) and 15 specially invited players: 5 from the organizer and 10 from the Georgian Chess Federation.

4. System and Rate of Play:

Tournament system: 9 Rounds played according to the Swiss system.

Time control: 3 minutes plus 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

The tournament will be FIDE rated.

Chief Arbiter/Organizer: IA, WFM, FI Marika Japaridze (GEO).

Pairing officer: IA Tania Karali (GRE).

5. Tie-Break System and Trophies:

In case of equal points the order of players will be determined by the following tie-break procedures:

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

6. Prizes: 4000 Euro

The winner will be awarded the "Nesis Cup".

Main Prizes	1000	800	600	400	300	200	150	100
Special Women	200	150	100					

- Money prizes will be not shared.

- Any player who wins more than one prize gets the highest prize only.



Gennady Nesis was born on May 22, 1947 in Leningrad. Honored Master of Sports, ICChF International Grandmaster, Honored Coach of Russia, International Arbiter, FIDE Senior Coach. Winner of gold medals at the Olympics, World and European Championships as part of the national team in correspondence chess. Winner of the ICCF World Cup, P. Keres Memorial, B. von Massov Memorial.

Author of numerous articles and books on various problems of chess, published in many languages. His works "The Art of Exchange" - "an original and deeply informative contribution to chess thought" ("Daily Telegraph") and a series of monographs "Tactics in Openings" - "an interesting and instructive series that simultaneously teaches players about openings and develops their tactical prowess" ("Yorkshire Post").

Author of several books of memoirs and poetry collections.

In the track record of Professor G.E. Nesis - trainer and lecturer - participation in the sessions of the school of V.V. Smyslov, organization and holding of the strongest in the history of youth tournaments "Young Stars of the World", work as a state coach of the USSR national team in Leningrad, teaching the theory and history of chess in universities, performances in our country and abroad. Many pupils of Gennady Efimovich became famous grandmasters and masters. And yet the most fruitful was his 20-year creative union with Alexander Khalifman, who won the chess crown in 1999 in Las Vegas.

"Thinking about Nesis, one can say: lucky are the chess players who have found such a talented and faithful servant, so versatile marked by nature" ("Russian Thought", Paris, 1997)."

Since 2023, he has represented the Georgian Chess Federation.