

The inaugural FIDE World Cadet Cup commenced off in Batumi, Georgia, marking a momentous occasion for youth chess and opening a new chapter of opportunities for young players. This prestigious competition, held from June 22 to July 3, takes place in Batumi, renowned as a “chess city”.

The event is dedicated to FIDE’s centenary, adding an extra layer of significance to the World Cadet Cup.



The competition features six groups across three age categories: U8, U10, and U12, with separate tournaments for both boys and girls. The strongest young player on the planet vie for the coveted titles of the first-ever champions in their respective age groups.

A total of 288 participants from 37 countries from around the world made their first moves on June 23, embarking on a quest for medals and gaining invaluable experience for their future chess careers.



CM Guo Ethan (USA), Reyaansh Chakrabarty (Australia) and Luca Protopopescu (France) are the highest-rated players in the U-12, U-10 and U-8 Open sections.

WCM Laurie Qiu (USA), WCM Milner Romi (USA) and Stella Xin top the starting lists in the U-12, U-10 and U-8 tournaments.



After a brief opening ceremony led by the president of the Georgian Chess Federation, member of the FIDE Management Board, Akaki Iashvili, a special guest, the Deputy Minister of Sports of Georgia, Badri Nkashidze, made the first ceremonial move, and the FIDE World Cadet Cup went underway.



We extend our best wishes to all participants and look forward to exciting games for the spectators.

The official website offers live games with commentary, which provides insightful analysis and enhances the viewing experience for chess enthusiasts.

Official website: wcc2024.fide.com

Live games:

chess.com/events/2024-fide-world-cup-u8-group-a/games

Video and live commentaries:

youtube.com/watch?v=3yXvGJwXe3w&ab_channel=chessingeorgia64