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Nona Gaprindashvili (Georgian: ნონა გაფრინდაშვილი, Russian: Но́на Тере́нтьевна Гаприндашви́ли, romanized: *Nona Terentievna Gaprindashvili*; born 3 May 1941) is a Soviet and Georgian chess player, and the first woman to be awarded the FIDE title Grandmaster, which occurred in 1978. She was the fifth women's world chess champion (1962–1978).

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Career

In 1961, aged 20, Gaprindashvili won the fourth women's Candidates Tournament, setting up a title match against world champion Elisaveta Bykova. She won the match easily, with a final score of 9-2 (+7-0=4), and went on to defend her title successfully four times: three times against Alla Kushnir (1965: 10-6; 1969: 12-7; 1972: 12-11) and once against fellow Georgian Nana Alexandria (1975: 9-4). She finally lost her crown in 1978 to another Georgian, 17-year-old Maia Chiburdanidze, by a score of 6½-8½ (+2-4=9).

Gaprindashvili played for the Soviet Union in the Women's Chess Olympiads of 1963, 1966, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1990, and for Georgia in 1992.^[1] She was one of the contributing players of the USSR team that dominated the Women's Olympiads of the 1980s. She won 25 medals, including eleven team gold medals and nine individual gold medals.^[2] At the Olympiad of Dubai 1986 she won all ten games she played.

She was a five-time winner of the Women's Soviet Championship: in 1964, 1973, 1981, 1983, and 1985.

During her career Gaprindashvili successfully competed in men's tournaments, winning amongst others the Hastings Challengers tournament in 1963/4. She tied for second place at Sandomierz in 1976,^[3] tied for first place at Lone Pine in 1977,^[4] and tied for second at Dortmund in 1978.^[5] Her performance at Lone Pine made her the first woman ever to earn a norm for the title of International Grandmaster.^[6] Although she did not achieve all of the norm requirements, she became the first

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Gaprindashvili at Bad Kissingen, 1982

Country	Soviet Union → Georgia
Born	3 May 1941 <u>Zugdidi</u> , <u>Georgian SSR</u> , <u>Soviet Union</u>
Title	<u>Grandmaster</u> (1978)
Women's World Champion	1962–1978
Peak rating	2495 (July 1987)

woman to receive the International Grandmaster title from FIDE in 1978.^[9]

In 1995 Gaprindashvili won the Women's World Senior Championship for the first time.^[10] She is the only female World Chess Champion to obtain the World Senior title as well. She won the Senior title also in 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019 (in the 65+ division since 2014). She also won the European Women's Seniors Championship in 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (in the 65+ division since 2014).

In 2005, at age 64, Gaprindashvili won the BDO Chess Tournament held in Haarlem, the Netherlands with a score of 6½/10 points and a performance rating of 2510.^[11]

In 2021, Gaprindashvili appeared in the documentary *Glory to the Queen*, alongside Nana Alexandria, Maia Chiburdanidze and Nana Ioseliani.^[12]



Gaprindashvili in 1963

Honors

Gaprindashvili was awarded the Order of Excellence in 2015 by President of Georgia Giorgi Margvelashvili for "her outstanding contribution to the country and nation" and "representing Georgia at an international level".^[13]

To honor her 75th birthday, on 3 May 2016, her star was opened near the Chess Palace. Also in 2016, FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov gave her a representation of Caïssa, in the shape of a chess queen, made by the Lobortas Classic Jewelry House.^[14]

"Nona" is a perfume named after her. The bottle is shaped like a chess queen.^[15]

Tbilisi's chess palace is dedicated to Gaprindashvili.^[16]


Gaprindashvili was very briefly mentioned in the Netflix series *The Queen's Gambit*, in which it was incorrectly stated that she is Russian, and that she never played competitive chess against men. Gaprindashvili characterized this departure from reality as "dishonouring ... misinformation."^[17] She filed a lawsuit against Netflix for false light invasion of privacy and defamation on 16 September 2021.^[18]

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