



Estonian Sports Association Kalev XXIV international „Paul Keres Memorial” in Rapid Chess

Time and location
from January 9 to 11, 2015
at Sokos Hotel Viru (4 Viru Square, Tallinn, Estonia)



SYSTEM

THE TOURNAMENT IS HELD IN TWO STAGES AND IN ADDITION WILL BE HELD THE BLITZ TOURNAMENT

THE PRELIMINARY TOURNAMENT will be a Swiss system 7-round rapid chess (15+15 minutes + a 5-second increment) tournament in one group.

Tie-breaking: Buchholz method (the sum of the final scores of the opponents). For further tie-breaking, the score of the weakest opponent will be eliminated from the overall Buchholz score, after that the scores of the two weakest opponents and so on.

Tournament is part of the yearly series of rapid chess events organized by the The Estonian Chess Support Organization.

THE MAIN TOURNAMENT will be a 9-round rapid chess (15+15 minutes + a 10-second increment) round-robin tournament. 5 participants, including at least 2 from Estonia, will gain the entrance from the preliminary tournament, and 5 will be personally invited.

Tie-breaking: Berger system.

THE BLITZ TOURNAMENT will be a Swiss system 11-round blitz (3+3 minutes + a 2-second increment) tournament in one group. Total prize money 250€. The Blitz Tournament entry fee is **10€**, for players born in 1997 or later and 1955 or earlier is 7€.

PARTICIPANTS

Up to 150 players with a FIDE rating or an Estonian rapid chess rating above 1700 can participate (players of lower rating will be allowed to fill vacant places).



REGULATIONS

For the initial ranking list, the highest of two applicable ratings (FIDE or Estonian rapid chess rating) will be used. Equally rated players will be placed in alphabetical order. Electronic devices, such as switched-on mobile phones or any other devices found unacceptable by the Main Referee, are strictly forbidden from the playing area. Any noise by such a device may result in loss of the current game, depending on circumstances. In such a case, the opponent will be awarded a point if winning the game by any series of legal moves is possible or half a point if not.

Every player who is more than 5 min late to start the game will lose the current game.

The final tournament will be played according to the FIDE Competition Rules for conventional (NOT rapid chess) time control.

AWARDS

Main Tournament

1st place - 800 €
2nd place - 550 €
3rd place - 400 €
4th place - 300 €
5th place - 200 €

Preliminary Tournament

1st place - 250 €
2nd place - 200 €
3rd place - 150 €
4th place - 100 €
5th place - 100 €
Best Lady - 100 €
best Senior (born in 1955 or earlier) - 100 €
best Young Player (born in 1997 or later) - 100 €

The Blitz Tournament

1st place - 100 €
2nd place - 70 €
3rd place - 40 €
best Lady - 20 €
best Senior 20 €

No awards will be shared. Nobody will receive more than one award. The organizers reserve the right to limit one prize per person and the possibility to extend the prize fund.

NB! Thus, in the preliminary and main tournament in case of equal points the prize money will not be shared. Ranking will be determined by additional indicators.

REGISTRATION

By e-mail keres@eestikalev.ee (please include participant's name, year of birth and rating).

Entry fee is 20 € until January 5th 2015, 25 € later. Entry fee for players born in 1997 or later and 1955 or earlier is 15 €.

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The entry fee can be paid to:

SEB bank, account number EE641010022002657005, SWIFT code EEUHEE2X;

Swedbank, account number EE252200221001173980, SWIFT code HABAE2X;

LHV Bank, account number EE247700771000738096, SWIFT code LHVBE22.

The owner of all these accounts is Estonian Sports Association Kalev. Please include: Keres 2015 and name of participant.

All registered players will have to pay the entry fee before the end of the registration.

International Grandmasters (GM, WGM), International Masters (IM, WIM) are exempt from the entry fee. Players of International Grandmaster (GM, WGM) and International Master (IM, WIM) rank will be exempt from fee. Free lodgings are available for a limited number of International Grandmasters with FIDE rating 2500 or more (please contact the organizers as soon as possible).

All participants are welcome to the Sokos Hotel Viru rooms for reduced prices (a single room 50 €, a double room 64 €). Please contact the organizers to reserve a room.

Check-in is required from ALL PLAYERS in the playing hall from 15.00 to 16.00 on January 9, 2015. Players who fail to do this will not be allowed to participate. The registration will end on January 9, 2015, at 16.00.

All players registering on January 9 2015 must submit a copy of the bank receipt before 15.00. It will be possible to pay in cash in the playing hall.

Additional information:

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TIME SCHEDULE

PRELIMINARY TOURNAMENT

Friday, January 9

16.30 Opening ceremony, award ceremony of „Kodumasinad” series 2014.

17.00-17.50 Round 1

18.00-18.50 Round 2

19.00-19.50 Round 3

20.00-20.50 Round 4

Saturday, January 10

10.00-10.50 Round 5

11.00-11.50 Round 6

12.00-12.50 Round 7

The awarding ceremony of the preliminary tournament will take place immediately after the last round.

THE BLITZ TOURNAMENT

14.30-16.30 Round 1-11

MAIN TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 10

16.30 Opening ceremony, determining the starting order of participants.

17.00-17.50 Round 1

18.00-18.50 Round 2

19.00-19.50 Round 3

20.00-20.50 Round 4

Sunday, January 11

10.00-10.50 Round 5

11.00-11.50 Round 6

12.00-12.50 Round 7

13.00-13.50 Round 8

14.00-14.50 Round 9

15.00 Awarding Ceremony

