

6<sup>th</sup> International Chess Festival  
**RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OPEN**



August 8-14, 2016

**Venue**

International Exhibition Centre “Kipsala”, 8 Kipsalas Street, Riga, Latvia.

**Prize fund**

The total prize fund is planned to be 18 600 EUR for all tournaments.

**Tournament A – Grandmaster open – Dedicated to Mikhail’s Tal’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday**  
**ELO Tournament with GM, IM, WGM and WIM norms**  
**The tournament will be part of ACP Tour**

Regulations: Swiss system, 9 rounds, FIDE rules

Time limit: 90 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

<u>Schedule:</u>	Monday 08.08.	14:00-16:00	Registration
		16:30	Opening ceremony
Tuesday 09.08.	17:00	1 <sup>st</sup> round	
	11:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> round	
	17:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> round	
Wednesday 10.08.	17:00	4 <sup>th</sup> round	
Thursday 11.08.	11:00	5 <sup>th</sup> round	
	17:00	6 <sup>th</sup> round	
Friday 12.08.	17:00	7 <sup>th</sup> round	
Saturday 13.08.	17:00	8 <sup>th</sup> round	
Sunday 14.08.	11:00	9 <sup>th</sup> round	
	18:30	Closing ceremony	

Entry fee

GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs have free entry at the Tournament A

ELO > 2299	50 EUR
ELO 2200 – 2299	60 EUR
ELO 2100 – 2199	70 EUR
ELO 2000 – 2099	80 EUR
ELO 1900 – 1999	100 EUR
ELO < 1900	150 EUR
Without ELO	200 EUR

Discounts

FMs, WFMs, juniors up to 18 years of age, seniors over 65 years of age have 25 % discount, players from Latvia have a 35% discount. Latvian FMs, WFMs, juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years have 50% discount. Discounts do not add up. This discount does not refer to the additional charge for the late registration.

Financial prizes

The prize fund of the tournament A is 14 000 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 180 participants), the first prize is guaranteed to be 2 300 EUR. 25 general prizes and special prizes for the best women, junior (born 1998 and later) and senior players (born 1956 and earlier) as well as rating prizes in at least 4 groups. General prizes are shared using the Hort system, special prizes are not shared. Players can receive only one prize.

## **Tournament B – Baltic Law Offices Open**

**Amateur open for players with ELO until 2299 and Latvian rating until 2399**

Regulations: Swiss system, 9 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated

Time limit: 90 minutes per game per player +30 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Schedule: The same as for tournament A.

### Entry fee

ELO 2050 – 2299	30 EUR
ELO 1900 – 2049	40 EUR
ELO 1800 – 2049	50 EUR
ELO < 1800	60 EUR
Without ELO	80 EUR

### Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years of age have a 25% discount. This discount does not refer to the additional charge for the late registration.

### Financial prizes

The prize fund of the tournament is 1700 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 70 participants), guaranteed first prize is 300 EUR. 12 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 1998 and later) and senior players (born 1956 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. Players can receive only one prize.

## **Tournament C**

**Weekend Amateur ELO Tournament for players with ELO until 2199 and Latvian rating 2299**

Regulations: Swiss system, 7 rounds, FIDE rules

Time limit: 60 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

<u>Schedule:</u>	Thursday 11.08.	16:00-18:00	Registration
		19:00	1 <sup>st</sup> round
	Friday 12.08.	15:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> round
		19:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> round
	Saturday 13.08.	12:00	4 <sup>th</sup> round
		17:00	5 <sup>th</sup> round
	Sunday 14.08.	10:00	6 <sup>th</sup> round
		14:00	7 <sup>th</sup> round
		18:30	Closing ceremony

### Entry fee

ELO 2000 – 2199	20 EUR
ELO 1800 – 1999	25 EUR
ELO < 1800	30 EUR
Without ELO	40 EUR

### Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years of age have a 25% discount. This discount does not refer to the additional charge for the late registration.

### Financial prizes

The prize fund of the tournament is 1000 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 50 participants), guaranteed first prize is 180 EUR. 8 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 1998 and later) and senior players (born 1956 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. Players can receive only 1 prize.

## **Tournament D**

**Weekend Amateur open for players with ELO until 1799 and Latvian rating until 1899**

Regulations: Swiss system, 7 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated

Time limit: 60 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Schedule is the same as tournament C.

### Entry fee

With ELO	20 EUR
Without ELO	30 EUR

### Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years of age have a 25% discount. This discount does not refer to the additional charge for the late registration.

### Financial prizes

The prize fund of the tournament is 1100 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 60 participants), guaranteed first prize is 180 EUR. 8 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 1998 and later) and senior players (born 1956 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. Players can receive only one prize.

## **Tournament E – Open blitz tournament, 14.08, 19:00, Swiss system, 11 rounds**

Time limit: 3 minutes per game per player + 2 seconds per move

Entry fee: 5 EUR, GM, IM, WGM, WIM - free

### Financial prizes

The guaranteed first prize is 150 EUR. Prize fund is 800 EUR covering 10 general prizes which are not shared and special prizes for juniors, women and veterans as well as rating prizes.

### **Late registrations**

Players whose application to tournaments A-D will be registered after the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 will pay additional charge of 10 EUR.

### **Late arrival**

Waiting time in the Tournaments A – D in case of late arrival is 30 minutes.

### **Tie-breaks**

The following tie-break criteria are used: 1) Mini Bucholz, 2) Bucholz and 3) Rating Performance.

### **Entries**

Early registrations (by specifying your Name, ELO, Date of Birth, Country and accommodation necessary) for the tournaments A-D should be sent before the 18<sup>th</sup> of July either by e-mail: [chess@rtu.lv](mailto:chess@rtu.lv) or by filling the application form available at <http://rtuopen.lv/>. The onsite registration according to the schedule of the corresponding tournament is mandatory also for online pre-registered participants, including participants that have free entry. The organizers reserve the rights to exclude players that have missed the registration deadline from the tournament.

### **Prize giving**

All players must be present at the closing ceremony to receive financial prizes. The organizers reserve the rights not to pay out prizes if the participant fails to do so.

## Accommodation

**Bellevue Park Hotel Riga (formerly known as Maritim Park Hotel Riga) \*\*\*\*** Slokas street 1 (2.1 km from the playing hall) – at the moment available only from August 8.

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Standard Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	40 EUR/room/night
Standard Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	45 EUR /room/night
Superior Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	60 EUR /room/night
Superior Double	In the room	Yes	Yes	70 EUR /room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <https://www.hotelbellevue.lv/>. Free parking.

**PrimoHotel \*\*\*** 62 Nometnu street (2,9 km from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Standard Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	28 EUR/room/night
Standard Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	37 EUR/room/night
Triple	In the room	Yes	Yes	54 EUR/room/night
Family	In the room	Yes	Yes	63 EUR/room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <http://www.primohotel.lv/eng/index.php>. Free parking.

**Riga Islande Hotel \*\*\*\*** 2 Kipsala street (600 m from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Standard Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	50 EUR/room/night
Standard Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	55 EUR/room/night
Superior	In the room	Yes	Yes	75 EUR/room/night
DeLux	In the room	Yes	Yes	115 EUR/room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <http://www.islandehotel.lv/lv/>. Free parking.

**RTU Hostel** 8 Azenes street (600 m from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price night/week
Studio apartment (2-3 pers)	In the room	No	No WiFi, Cable Internet only	2 pers. 45/260 EUR 3 pers. 60/280 EUR
Double/twin room in a 3 room apartment	In the apartment	No	No WiFi, Cable Internet only	Only for 2 pers. 30/162 EUR
Apartment (bedroom and living room + TV)	In the apartment	No	No WiFi, Cable Internet only	1 pers. 50/250 EUR 2 pers. 65/382 EUR

Pictures of the hostel: <http://goo.gl/qAMY52>

*The prices are provided only if the booking is done through the organizers. The special prices are available while there are rooms reserved but no later than on July 18. Number of rooms in all hotels is very limited.*

Hotel information will be updated constantly according to the reservations. Please check the website <http://rtuopen.lv/> for updates.

GMs with ELO > 2500 are eligible for a limited number of free accommodations. Limited number of GMs with ELO > 2600 is eligible for inscription fees. Please, contact organizers as soon as possible, if you are interested.

## Arrival

Riga Airport is located 10 km from the city centre. Various budget companies (Latvian National airline airBaltic, Norwegian, Ryanair, Wizz Air) as well as prestigious companies (Lufthansa,

Turkish Airlines, SAS and others) currently offer flights to Riga from 79 different destinations. For further information check the website of the airport: <http://www.riga-airport.com/>.

You can take bus No 22, or taxi to get to the city centre from the airport.

### Visa information

Please contact the organizers as soon as possible if you need Visa to enter the Schengen Area. The organizers will make the invitations for visas. Participants will pay the expenses of the invitation. Organizers will cover this fee for invited players.

### Tourist information

Riga is an interesting tourism destination. Riga streets bear its over 800-year-long history: the many centuries and rulers, Art Nouveau architecture and Modernism, wooden buildings and masonry. The playing hall is located on the island of Kipsala just over the bridge from the Old Town. Famous resort city Jurmala with its sandy beaches is located about 20 km from Riga. Similarly to the 2014 and 2015 editions cultural programme including excursions will be organized during the festival. More detailed information will be available at <http://rtuopen.lv/> closer to the festival.

### Organizers

The festival is organized by Riga Technical University in cooperation with Latvian Chess Federation and Riga Chess Federation. Tournament Director is IO Egons Lavendelis. Chief arbiter of the festival is IA Alberts Cimins, chief arbiter of the Tournament A is IA Andra Cimina.

The organizers reserve the right to make necessary changes in these Regulations in case it doesn't violate interests of the participants. The organizers reserve the rights to reject any registration without specifying the reason. In that case the organizers have to inform the participant as soon as possible after the registration of the player is received.



Feel free to contact organizers via e-mail: [chess@rtu.lv](mailto:chess@rtu.lv).

### General sponsor of the tournament:



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