

European Individual Blitz Chess Championship 2016

Paul Keres 100 Memorial tournament

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1. ORGANIZERS

The Estonian Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union

2. DATE AND VENUE

17th to 18th December 2016 **Park Inn by Radisson Meriton Conference & Spa Hotel Tallinn, ESTONIA**

Website: <http://www.parkinn.com/hotel-meriton-tallinn>

3. EVENT WEBSITE

<http://www.maleliit.ee/eurapid2016/>

4. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

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5. CHIEF ARBITER

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6. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM, TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS, CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The European Individual Blitz Chess Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 13 paired rounds, with the time control 3 minutes game + 2 seconds per move starting from the first move.

The Championship is open to all players representing Chess Federations which are ECU members (FIDE zones 1.1. to 1.10), regardless of their title and rating.

There is no limit to the number of participants per federation.

Registration starts after 1st September 2016. Applications must be sent through the on-line form on the official website of the championship <http://www.maleliit.ee/eurapid2016>. The registration **deadline is 15th November 2016**.

Entry fees and accommodation payments shall reach the below bank account **no later than 15th November 2016**.

Bank details:(for payments in EUR):

Beneficiary`s Bank: AS SEB Pank
SWIFT: EEUHEE2X
Beneficiary`s Account: EE331010052032815007
Beneficiary: Eesti Maleliit MTÜ

Please state names of the players concerned.

Notes:

- 1. The entry fee once paid will be not refunded.*
- 2. Entry fees for players who register after 15th November 2016 will be **doubled**.*
- 3. All bank charges for bank transfer are to be borne by the players.*
- 4. List of the players who have paid the application fee and the players who have booked hotel accommodation will be regularly updated on the tournament website.*
- 5. If in doubt, please contact the Organizers by e-mail at: eurorapid2016@gmail.com*
- 6. Those players who register after 15th November 2016 will be allowed to participate only in case free places are available.*
- 7. The Organizers reserve the right to admit such players starting from Round 2.*
- 8. Players who wish to receive a bill are kindly requested to send all necessary information in advance to the Tournament Director at: hendrik.olde@maleliit.ee.*
- 9. The Organizers reserve the right to verify the data given in the applications by unrated players.*

7. ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for rated players will be €25 (€10 fee to the European Chess Union is included), entry fee for unrated players will be €30 (€10 fee to the European Chess Union is included)

Each player will have to pay the €10 fee to the European Chess Union only once, even if he/she participates both in the European Rapid Chess Championship and the European Blitz Chess Championship.

Note:

The following categories of players registered not later than 15th November 2016, shall pay no entry fee:

- *medallists of European Blitz Chess Championship-2015,*
- *female players having ELO rating in blitz chess of 2400 and above as of 1st September 2016,*
- *players having ELO rating in blitz chess of 2600 and above as of 1st September 2016.*

8. VERIFICATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Putting a player`s name in the list published at <http://www.maleliit.ee/eurapid2016/> will confirm that he/she has been admitted to the tournament. Such player can take part in the first round, provided that he/she has paid the entry fee.

9. SCHEDULE

Friday, 16th December 2016

18.00-21.00 – Arrival. Registration of participants

Saturday, 17th December 2016

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| 8.00-9.00 | – | Registration of participants | | | |
| 10.30 | – | Opening ceremony | 15.30 | – | Round 5 |
| 11.00 | – | Round 1 | 16.15 | – | Round 6 |
| 11.45 | – | Round 2 | 17.00 | – | Round 7 |
| 12.30 | – | Round 3 | 17.45 | – | Round 8 |
| 13.15 | – | Round 4 | 18.30 | – | Round 9 |
| 14.00-15.30 | – | Lunch break | 19.00-21.00 | – | Dinner |

Sunday, 18th December 2016

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| 10.00 | – | Round 10 | 12.15 | – | Round 13 |
| 10.45 | – | Round 11 | 13.00-14.30 | – | Lunch break |
| 11.30 | – | Round 12 | 14.30 | – | Closing ceremony of the competitions |

10. PRIZE FUND

Prizes: €10,100

PLACE PRIZE in EUR

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|-----|-------|------|-----|------|-----|
| 1st | 2,000 | 8th | 350 | 15th | 100 |
| 2nd | 1,000 | 9th | 250 | 16th | 100 |
| 3rd | 750 | 10th | 200 | 17th | 100 |
| 4th | 650 | 11th | 175 | 18th | 100 |
| 5th | 600 | 12th | 175 | 19th | 100 |
| 6th | 550 | 13th | 150 | 20th | 100 |
| 7th | 400 | 14th | 150 | | |

Main prizes: €8,000

CATEGORY**PRIZE in EUR**

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| Best female player | 1 – 250 |
| | 2 – 100 |
| Best senior player born in 1956 or earlier | 1 – 150 |
| | 2 – 100 |
| Best junior player born in 1998 or later | 1 – 100 |
| Best junior female player born in 1998 or later | 1 – 100 |
| Best junior player born in 2002 or later | 1 – 100 |
| Best junior female player born in 2002 or later | 1 – 100 |
| Best junior player born in 2006 or later | 1 – 100 |
| Best junior female player born in 2006 or later | 1 – 100 |
| Best player having rating below 2400 | 1 – 100 |
| Best player having rating below 2200 | 1 – 100 |
| Best player having rating below 2000 | 1 – 100 |
| Best player having rating below 1800 | 1 – 100 |
| Best player having rating below 1600 or unrated player | 1 – 100 |
| Best Estonian player | 1 – 100 |
| Best Estonian female player | 1 – 50 |
| Best Estonian senior player | 1 – 50 |

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| Best Estonian junior player born in 1998 or later | 1 — 50 |
| Best Estonian female junior player born in 1998 or later | 1 — 50 |
| Best Estonian junior player born in 2002 or later | 1 — 50 |
| Best Estonian female junior player born in 2002 or later | 1 — 50 |

Special prizes: €2,100

In addition, two consolation prizes (€75 and €50) will be drawn at the closing ceremony among participants who did not win any cash prizes in either competition and are present at the closing ceremony.

Note:

Each player may win only one prize (the largest one).

Main prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

Special prizes will not be divided. If the player has won more than one prize, he/she will be awarded the largest one.

If the prizes are equal, the player will receive prizes in the following order:

1. Best female junior player (starting from the youngest group)
2. Best junior player (starting from the youngest group)
3. Best player born in 1956 or earlier
4. Best female player
5. Best rated player (starting from the lowest rank)

All prizes are shown before taxes. Taxes will be withheld in accordance with the existing laws of the Republic of Estonia

Remarks:

- *income tax rate is 20 % for residents of Estonia, 10% for non-residents.*
- *the procedure for payment of prizes will be announced later.*

11. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- free accommodation (single rooms) at the official hotel of the competition from 16th to 18th December 2016 will be granted to 10 players having the highest rating who register not later than 15th November 2016;
- free accommodation (twin rooms) at the official hotel of the competition from 16th to 18th December 2016 will be granted to 10 players seeded 11th-20th , who register not later than 15th November 2016;
- free accommodation (single room) at the official hotel of the competition from 16th to 18th December 2016 will be granted to the female player having the highest rating who register not later than 15th November 2016;
- free accommodation (twin room) at the official hotel of the competition from 16 to 18 December 2016 will be granted to the 2nd and the 3rd highest rated female players who register not later than 15th November 2016;
- organizers will cover travel expenses (up to €200, according to the tickets) for 5 players having the highest rating, who register not later than 15th November 2016;
- special conditions for players having ELO rating not less than 2700 (female players having ELO rating not less than 2600) are to be negotiated individually with the Tournament Director, e-mail: hendrik.olde@maleliit.ee

Note:

ELO rating in blitz chess valid as of 1st September 2016 will be considered.

12. ACCOMMODATION

First tournament official hotel: **Park Inn by Radisson Meriton Conference & Spa Hotel Tallinn**

Website: <http://www.parkinn.com/hotel-meriton-tallinn>

a) Standard rooms

single room - €58 / room per night

double room - €74 / room per night

triple room - €93 / room per night

b) Superior rooms

single room - €65 / room per night

double room - €80 / room per night

triple room - €110 / room per night

All room rates are with breakfast included

buffet lunch: per meal - €12

buffet dinner: per meal – €12

c) payment for the accommodation: see Item 6 of the Regulations

Second tournament official hotel: **Park Inn by Radisson Central Tallinn**

Website: <http://www.parkinn.com/hotel-centraltallinn> Distance from the playing hall: 1,9 km

a) Standard rooms

single room - €53 / room per night

double room - €66 / room per night

All room rates are with breakfast included

b) payment for the accommodation: see Item 6 of the Regulations

13. TRANSFER

- On request, the organizers will provide transfer from Tallinn Airport to the official hotels on 16th December and from the official hotels to Tallinn Airport on 18th December (two-ways, price €25). If it is necessary, the organizer can accept special requests of Players.

14. INSURANCE

Players have to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the period of the championship.

15. VISAS

Participants who need visa will be exempt from visa fees.

Persons wishing to obtain a Letter of Invitation from the organizers for visa purposes, shall stay at one of the tournament official hotels.

Persons who are going to stay at other hotels rather than the tournament official hotels, will not receive visa support.

The Organizers will not be responsible for issuing the Letter of Invitation for visa purposes in case the necessary information (first name, surname, home address, passport number, date of issue and date of expiry, name of the tournament official hotel selected) is submitted later than 1st November 2016.

Persons who need visa support are requested to contact the Tournament Director at hendrik.olde@maleliit.ee.

16. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

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