

7th International Chess Festival
RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OPEN



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UNIVERSITY**

August 7-13, 2017

Venue

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

Prize fund

The total prize fund is planned to be 20 000 EUR for all tournaments.

Tournament A – Grandmaster open

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.

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| <u>Schedule:</u> | Monday 07.08. | 14:00-16:00 | Registration |
| | | 16:30 | Opening ceremony |
| | | 17:00 | 1 st round |
| | Tuesday 08.08. | 11:00 | 2 nd round |
| | | 17:00 | 3 rd round |
| | Wednesday 09.08. | 15:00 | 4 th round |
| | Thursday 10.08. | 11:00 | 5 th round |
| | | 17:00 | 6 th round |
| | Friday 11.08. | 15:00 | 7 th round |
| | Saturday 12.08. | 15:00 | 8 th round |
| | Sunday 13.08. | 11:00 | 9 th round |
| | | 18:30 | Closing ceremony |

Entry fee

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

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| 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, WFM, 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, WFM, 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 15 100 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 180 participants), the first prize is guaranteed to be 2 500 EUR. 25 general prizes and special prizes for the best women, junior (born 1999 and later) and senior players (born 1957 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

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

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| ELO 2050 – 2299 | 30 EUR |
| ELO 1900 – 2049 | 40 EUR |
| ELO 1800 – 1899 | 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 1999 and later) and senior players (born 1957 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.

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| <u>Schedule:</u> | Thursday 10.08. | 16:00-18:00 | Registration |
| | | 19:00 | 1 st round |
| Friday 11.08. | 15:00 | 19:00 | 2 nd round |
| | | | 3 rd round |
| | | | 4 th round |
| Saturday 12.08. | 11:00 | 15:00 | 5 th round |
| | | | 6 th round |
| Sunday 13.08. | 10:00 | 14:00 | 7 th round |
| | | 18:30 | Closing ceremony |

Entry fee

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| ELO 2050 – 2199 | 20 EUR |
| ELO 1900 – 2049 | 25 EUR |
| ELO 1600 – 1899 | 30 EUR |
| ELO < 1600 | 40 EUR |
| Without ELO | 50 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 800 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 50 participants), guaranteed first prize is 150 EUR. 8 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born

1999 and later) and senior players (born 1957 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. Players can receive only 1 prize.

Tournament D

Weekend Amateur open for players with ELO until 1899 and Latvian rating until 1999

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

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| ELO 1600 - 2899 | 20 EUR |
| ELO < 1600 | 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 800 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 60 participants), guaranteed first prize is 150 EUR. 8 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 1999 and later) and senior players (born 1957 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. Players can receive only one prize.

Tournament E

Weekend Amateur ELO Tournament for players with ELO until 1599 and Latvian rating 1699

Regulations: Swiss system, 7 rounds, FIDE rules

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

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| <u>Schedule:</u> | Friday 11.08. | 15:00-16:30 | Registration |
| | | 17:00 | 1 st round |
| | | 20:00 | 2 nd round |
| | Saturday 12.08. | 11:00 | 3 th round |
| | | 14:00 | 4 th round |
| | | 17:00 | 5 th round |
| | Sunday 13.08. | 11:00 | 6 th round |
| | | 14:00 | 7 th round |
| | | 18:30 | Closing ceremony |

Entry fee

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|-------------|--------|
| With ELO | 20 EUR |
| Without ELO | 50 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 800 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 60 participants), guaranteed first prize is 150 EUR. 8 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 1999 and later) and senior players (born 1957 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. Players can receive only 1 prize.

Tournament F – Open blitz tournament, 13.08, 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-E will be registered after the 17th of July 2017 will pay additional charge of 10 EUR.

Late arrival

Waiting time in the Tournaments A – E 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-E should be sent before the 17th of July either by e-mail: 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 | 33 EUR/room/night |
| Standard Double/Twin | In the room | Yes | Yes | 45 EUR/room/night |
| Triple | In the room | Yes | Yes | 55 EUR/room/night |
| Family | In the room | Yes | Yes | 65 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 | Information about the prices will follow shortly |
| Standard Double/Twin | In the room | Yes | Yes | |
| Superior | In the room | Yes | Yes | |
| DeLux | In the room | Yes | Yes | |

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. 65/300 EUR |
| Double/twin room in a 3 room apartment | In the apartment | No | No WiFi, Cable Internet only | Only for 2 pers. 30/150 EUR |
| Apartment (bedroom and living room + TV) | In the apartment | No | No WiFi, Cable Internet only | 1 pers. 50/250 EUR 2 pers. 65/360 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 it's 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.

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