

28th Keres Memorial Rapid Chess Tournament

“Remembering Paul Keres”

11. – 13.01.2019

ORGANIZERS

Estonian Sports Association Kalev is organizing the 28th Keres Memorial Tournament. Estonian Chess Federation, the Cultural Endowment of Estonia, City of Tallinn and sponsors support the organization of tournament.

PURPOSE

January 7, 2019 will be the 103rd birthday of chess grandmaster Paul Keres who was elected the Estonian Sportsman of the 20th Century. This tournament celebrates the birthday of one of the greatest chess players of all time. Paul Keres was member of ESA Kalev and honorary member since 1964. ESA Kalev has organized the tournament to keep the memory of Paul Keres alive and bring more youth to the game of chess.

TIME & VENUE

The competition will be held from 11th to 13th of January, 2019 in Tallinn, at the Original Sokos Hotel Viru conference halls. Hotel is located at Viru Väljak 4, Tallinn, Estonia. For more information visit <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/tallinn/sokos-hotel-viru>

SCHEDULE

11.01.2019

16.00 – 21.00 Arrival and registration of participants
18.00 – 21.00 Blitz tournament

12.01.2019

09.00 – 10.30 Arrival and registration of participants, pairing
10.45 – 11.00 Opening Ceremony
11.00 – 12.00 I round
12.00 – 13.00 II round
13.00 – 14.00 III round
14.00 – 15.00 Lunch break
15.00 – 16.00 IV round
16.00 – 17.00 V round
17.00 – 18.00 VI round
18.00 – 19.00 VII round

13.01.2019

10.00 – 11.00 VIII round
11.00 – 12.00 IX round
12.00 – 13.00 X round
13.00 – 14.00 XI round

14.30 Awards Ceremony

SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The competition will be organized in 11-round Swiss system, in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. The rate of play will be 15 minutes for the entire game with an increment of 5 seconds starting from move

one. No zero tolerance will be used. Organizers reserve the right to check the players in accordance with FIDE Anti-cheating guidelines.

REGISTRATION

The competition is open to all players who have registered by January 07, 2019, at the latest, and have paid the participation fee to the bank account of Estonian Sports Association Kalev by that date.

SEB Pank; Account number EE641010022002657005, SWIFT code EEUH22X;

Swedbank; Account number EE252200221001173980, SWIFT code HABAE22X;

LHV Pank; Account number EE247700771000738096, SWIFT code LHVBE22.

Recipient Name: Eesti Spordiselts Kalev (Estonian Sports Association Kalev)

Explanation: Keres 2019 and the participant's name

The participation fee can also be paid by 21. december 2018 at the office of the Estonian Sports Association Kalev at the following address: Mustamäe tee 4, 2nd floor, room B204.

PARTICIPATION FEE

Blitz tournament

Participation fee 8eur;

GM Free

Rapid tournament

rating less than 1799 40 euros;

1800 - 1999 35 euros;

2000 – 2299 30 euros;

2300 - 2499 25 euros;

GM/WGM Free

There is a discount of 20% for women, seniors (born 1959 or earlier) and youth players (born 2001 or later). Estonian players have an additional discount of 10%. The discounts will apply if the players are registering by 07.01.2019. The participation fee is based on the FIDE rapid rating (if a player does not have the rapid rating, FIDE standard rating will be used).

Late payments after 08.01.2019 and cash payments before the start of the tournament will be at extra fee of 10 euros and discounts don't apply. Participants will be registered in tournament's list after the payment is confirmed.

TIE-BREAKS

- 1) M-Buchholtz with the lowest scoring opponent's score discarded;
- 2) Buchholtz with the 2 lowest scoring opponents' scores discarded ;
- 3) Direct Encounter.

Prizes will be split according to the Hort system.

PRIZES

All players will compete for the general prize fund of 5000 euros.

Blitz tournament Prizes:

I place 125 euros

II place 75 euros

III place 60 euros

IV place 50 euros

Blitz tournament Special Prizes

Best Woman I place 30 euros

Best Young player: I place 30 euros
Best Senior player: I place 30 euros

General Prizes:

I place - 1200 euros
II place - 800 euros
III place - 500 euros
IV place - 300 euros
V place - 200 euros
VI place - 170 euros
7th- 8th places - 140 euros
9th - 12th places - 100 euros

Special Prizes

Estonian Players: I place– 120 euros; II place – 70 euros; III place – 40 euros;
Open (born 2001 or later) I place – 90 euros; II place – 50 euros; III place – 30 euros;
Girls (born 2001 or later) I place – 90 euros; II place – 50 euros; III place – 30 euros;
Women: I place– 90 euros;
Seniors (born 1959 or earlier): I place – 90 euros;

No player will be awarded more than one general prize. Award money is subject to Estonian income taxes, 10% of income tax for non-residents.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR GRANDMASTERS

The official hotel of the tournament will be the Original Sokos Hotel Viru, Tallinn (<https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/tallinn/sokos-hotel-viru>). There will be a limited number of a two-days accommodations provided free for Grandmasters according to their ratings, geographical diversity and registration time. Inquiries about GM accommodations, please contact Aleksander Tammert (keres@eestikalev.ee)

ACCOMMODATION

The organizers offer to all participants, who have registered on time, accommodation at discount price at the official hotel of the competition - the 4****Original Soks Hotel Viru. Participants can book their hotel stays from 10th to 14th of January. Accommodation requests by 27.12.2018 at: keres@eestikalev.ee and final payments for accommodation by 07.01.2019.

Hotel information and rates at: www.eestikalev.ee/keres/majutus

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