

ISTRA-A Chess Cup for players with ELO until 1600



November 16th – 18th, 2019

- Venue:** Mercure Riga Centre Hotel, 101 Elizabethes Street, Riga
- System:** 7 Rounds, Swiss system, FIDE rules, ELO rated
- Time limit:** 30 minutes per game for each player + 30 seconds per move starting from move 1
- Tie brakes:** In case of ties the following tiebreaks are used: 1) Mini Buchholz, 2) Buchholz, 3) Rating performance.
- Schedule:**
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| Saturday, 16.11.2019 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Registration |
| | 11:00 | 1 st round |
| | 13:30 | 2 nd round |
| Sunday, 17.11.2019 | 11:00 | 3 rd round |
| | 13:30 | 4 th round |
| | 16:00 | 5 th round |
| Monday, 18.11. 2019 | 11:00 | 6 th round |
| | 13:30 | 7 th round |
| | 16:00 | Closing ceremony and prize giving |
- Participants:** All chess players from Latvia and other countries are invited to take part in the tournament. Each player is responsible for his/her own health condition.
- Entry fees:**
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| Women | 20 EUR |
| Juniors (born in 2001 or later) | 20 EUR |
| Seniors (born in 1959 or earlier) | 20 EUR |
| Other players | 30 EUR |
- Money prizes:** The total planned prize fund of the tournament is planned to be 500 EUR. It is guaranteed in case if at least 50 participants take part in the tournament. The first prize is guaranteed to be 100 EUR. 6 general prizes and special prizes for best woman (in case of at least 3 women taking part), junior (born in 2001 and later) and senior (born in 1959 and earlier) players are planned. Prizes are not shared and each participant can receive only one prize.
- Late arrival and byes:** Waiting time in case of late arrival is 15 minutes. If a player cannot take part in one of the first 3 rounds due to objective reasons, he/she can get a half point bye. The participant has to inform chief arbiter that he/she needs a bye and explain the reason before the end of the previous round.
- Registration:** Early registration deadline is 1st of November 17:00 EET. Please submit your applications to the chief arbiter IA Alberts Cimins by e-mail alberts.cimins@inbox.lv, or mobile phone +371 28804664 or tournament director Arturs Mihailovs by e-mail termo.eko@balticom.lv or mobile phone +371 26378722.
- Late registration:** The entry fees for the participants registering after 1st of November 17:00 EET will be increased by 10 EUR.
- Organizers:** The tournament is organized by Istra-A Ltd in cooperation with Riga Chess Federation. The tournament director is Arturs Mihailovs. The Chief Arbiter of the tournament is IA Alberts Cimins.
- Accommodation:** Ask the organizers of the tournament. Prices start from 45 EUR for double/twin room per room per night in 3* hotel (Ibis Centre Hotel) and 55 EUR for double/twin room per room per night in 4* hotel (Mercure Riga Centre Hotel).

These regulations are the official invitation to the tournament.