

“VALGE DAAM” CHESS FESTIVAL rapid, blitz and super-tournament 23. – 25.08.2019

ORGANIZERS

Eesti Maleselts MTÜ is organizing the Valge Daam chess festival together with the city of Haapsalu.

PURPOSE

1. To held a big chess festival that would draw attention to Estonia's chess life.
2. Commemorate Estonia's politician and one of the main sponsors of chess Andres Ammas, whose wish was to hold an international tournament in Haapsalu.
3. Enjoy the game of chess.

TIME & VENUE

The competition will be held from 23rd to 25th of August 2019 in Haapsalu, at the Haapsalu cultural centre, address Posti 3.

SCHEDULE

23.08.2019

16.00 – 16.50 Arrival and registration of participants
16.50 – 17.00 Opening Ceremony
17.00 – 22.00 Rapid tournament 9 rounds

24.08.2019

09.30 – 10.00 Registration for blitz tournament
10.00 – 13.00 Blitz tournament
13.00 – 13.30 Award ceremony
16.00 – 20.00 Super-tournament I - VI round

25.08.2019

11.00 – 15.30 Super-tournament VII - XIII round
16.00 Awards Ceremony

SYSTEM AND TIME CONTROL

Open rapid tournament will be organized in 9-round Swiss system, in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. The time control will be 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment. No zero tolerance will be used. First 4 places will qualify for a Super-tournament.

Blitz tournament will be organized in a 14-round Swiss system with 7 double rounds. Time control will be 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment..

Super-tournament is an invitational tournament for famous known grandmasters, including 4 players from the Open rapid tournament. It will be held in a round robin system with 13 rounds. Time control will be 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment.

REGISTRATION

The competition is open to all players. Please pre-register through email valgedaamchessfestival@gmail.com by August 17, 2019, because there is a limit of up to 100 players. Participation fee can be paid in the tournament venue.

PARTICIPATION FEE

Blitz tournament

Participation for blitz is 10 euros, 5 euros for seniors and young players (born 2001 or earlier); GM's are free.

Rapid tournament

Participation for rapid is 15 euros, 10 euros for seniors and young players (born 2001 or earlier); GM's are free. When registering after the 17th of August, prize will be 20 euros.

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

All players will compete for the general prize fund of no less than 2500 euros. The organizers have the right to change the prize pool, this is the current estimate.

Blitz tournament Prizes:

- I place 100 euros
- II place 75 euros
- III place 50 euros
- IV place 30 euros

Blitz tournament Special Prizes:

- Best woman - 30 euros
- Best young player - 30 euros
- Best senior player - 30 euros

Rapid Tournament prizes:

- I - IV place - 200 euros and an advancement to super-tournament

Special Prizes:

- Best woman - 50 euros
- Best young player - 50 euros
- Best senior player - 50 euros

Best rated under 1900 - 50 euros

If among the top 4 is one of the GMs, who already has a place in super-tournament, place will be given to 5th place and so forth. 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.

Super Tournament Prizes:

All the participants will be rewarded. Top 3 players get trophies. Exact prizes will be revealed later.

ACCOMMODATION

Organizers are trying their best to find accommodation for the best price. Mention that while pre-registering on email valgedaamchessfestival@gmail.com.

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