

10th International Chess Festival
RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OPEN



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UNIVERSITY**

7th – 15th of August 2021

The organizers of the festival draw the participants' attention to the fact that the course of the festival strongly depends on the epidemiological situation in Latvia and Europe. The organizers recommend not to make any guaranteed and/or non-refundable reservations until the clarification of the situation. The final decision of the holding the festival will be published not later than on the 1st of July.

Venue

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

Prize fund

The total prize fund is planned to be **28 000 EUR** for all tournaments.

Festival tournaments

No.	Tournament	Title	Dates	Prize Fund
1.	A	<u>Grandmaster Open</u>	9 th – 15 th August	17 100 EUR
2.	B	<u>Amateur Open for players with ELO until 2299</u>	9 th – 15 th August	1 500 EUR
3.	Y	<u>Youth open for players U14 with ELO until 2199</u>	9 th – 15 th August	3000 EUR (worth prizes)
4.	C	<u>Weekend Amateur open for players with ELO until 2199</u>	12 th – 15 th August	800 EUR
5.	D	<u>Weekend Amateur open for players with ELO until 1899</u>	12 th – 15 th August	800 EUR
6.	E	<u>Weekend Amateur open for players with ELO until 1599</u>	13 th – 15 th August	800 EUR
7.	F	<u>Opening blitz tournament</u>	7 th August	1 000 EUR
8.	G	<u>Open Rapid tournament</u>	8 th August	2 000 EUR
9.	H	<u>Closing blitz tournament</u>	15 th August	1 000 EUR

During the festival week additional events (GM lectures, simul, excursions, etc.) will be organized for the participants of the tournament for additional fees. The preliminary schedule of additional activities is as follows:

- Monday, 9th of August, morning: GM simul,
- Wednesday, 11th of August, morning: Excursion.
- Friday, 13th of August, morning: DiceChess tournament
- Friday, 13th of August, morning: Table tennis tournament.
- Saturday, 14th of August, morning: Bughouse chess tournament.

1. 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, ELO rated.

Time limit: 90 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Schedule:

Monday	09.08.	14:00 – 16:00	Registration
		16:30	Opening ceremony
		17:00	1 st round
Tuesday	10.08.	11:00	2 nd round
		17:00	3 rd round
Wednesday	11.08.	15:00	4 th round
Thursday	12.08.	11:00	5 th round
		17:00	6 th round
Friday	13.08.	15:00	7 th round
Saturday	14.08.	15:00	8 th round
Sunday	15.08.	11:00	9 th round
		18:30	Closing ceremony

Entry fee

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

ELO > 2299	55 EUR
ELO 2200 – 2299	65 EUR
ELO 2100 – 2199	75 EUR
ELO 2000 – 2099	90 EUR
ELO 1900 – 1999	110 EUR
ELO < 1900	160 EUR
Without ELO	200 EUR

Discounts

FMs, WFM, juniors up to 18 years of age (born 2003 and later), seniors over 65 years of age (born 1956 and earlier) have a 25 % discount. Players representing Latvian Chess Federation have a 35% discount. FMs, WFM, juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years who represents Latvian Chess Federation have a 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 17 100 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 2003 and later) and senior players (born 1961 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. A player can receive only one prize.

2. Tournament B

Amateur open for players with ELO until 2299

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

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 (born 2003 and later) and seniors over 65 years of age (born 1956 and earlier) 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 1 500 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 70 participants), guaranteed first prize is 250 EUR. 8 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 2003 and later) and senior players (born 1961 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. A player can receive only one prize.

3. Tournament Y

Youth open for players U14 with ELO until 2199

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 tournaments A & B.

Entry fee: 25 EUR

Prizes

There are no financial prizes. The players will be awarded valuable prizes in total worth at least 3000 EUR. At least 15 different prizes are guaranteed.

4. Tournament C

Weekend Amateur ELO Tournament for players with ELO until 2199

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:

Thursday	12.08.	16:00 – 18:00	Registration
		19:00	1 st round
Friday	13.08.	15:00	2 nd round
		19:00	3 rd round
Saturday	14.08.	11:00	4 th round
		15:00	5 th round
Sunday	15.08.	10:00	6 th round
		14:00	7 th round
		18:30	Closing ceremony

Entry fee

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 (born 2003 and later) and seniors over 65 years of age (born 1956 and earlier) 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. 6 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 2003 and later) and senior players (born 1961 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. A player can receive only one prize.

5. Tournament D

Weekend Amateur open for players with ELO until 1899

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: The same as for tournament C.

Entry fee

ELO 1600 - 1899	20 EUR
ELO < 1600	30 EUR
Without ELO	40 EUR

Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age (born 2003 and later) and seniors over 65 years of age (born 1956 and earlier) 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. 6 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 2003 and later) and senior players (born 1961 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. A player can receive only one prize.

6. Tournament E

Weekend Amateur ELO Tournament for players with ELO until 1599

Regulations: Swiss system, 7 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated

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

Schedule:

Friday	13.08.	15:00 – 16:30	Registration
		17:00	1 st round
		20:00	2 nd round
Saturday	14.08.	11:00	3 rd round
		14:00	4 th round
		17:00	5 th round
Sunday	15.08.	11:00	6 th round
		14:00	7 th round
		18:30	Closing ceremony

Entry fee

With ELO	20 EUR
Without ELO	30 EUR

Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age (born 2003 and later) and seniors over 65 years of age (born 1956 and earlier) 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. 6 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 2003 and later) and senior players (born 1961 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. A player can receive only one prize.

7. Tournament F – Opening blitz tournament, Saturday, 7th of August, 15:00 – 20:00, Swiss system, 11 rounds, ELO rated

Time limit: 3 minutes per game per player + 2 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Entry fee: 5 EUR; GM, IM, WGM, WIM - free

Financial prizes

The guaranteed first prize is 170 EUR. Prize fund is 1000 EUR covering 8 general prizes which are not shared and special prizes for juniors, women and veterans as well as rating prizes.

8. Tournament G –Open Rapid tournament, Sunday, 8th of August, 11:00 – 20:00, Swiss system, 9 rounds, ELO rated

Time limit: 15 minutes per game per player + 5 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Entry fee: 10 EUR; GM, IM, WGM, WIM - free

Financial prizes

The guaranteed first prize is 360 EUR. Prize fund is 2000 EUR covering 10 general prizes which are not shared and special prizes for juniors, women and veterans as well as rating prizes.

9. Tournament H –closing blitz tournament, Sunday, 15th of August, at 19:30, Swiss system, 11 rounds, ELO rated

Time limit: 3 minutes per game per player + 2 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Entry fee: 5 EUR; GM, IM, WGM, WIM - free

Financial prizes

The guaranteed first prize is 170 EUR. Prize fund is 1000 EUR covering 8 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 and Y will be registered after the 24th of July 2021 will pay additional charge of 10 EUR.

Late arrival

Waiting time in the Tournaments A – E and Y in case of late arrival is 30 minutes.

Tie-breaks

The following tie-break criteria are used: 1) Mini Bucholz (without worst result), 2) Bucholz and 3) Rating Performance.

Entries

Early registrations (by specifying your Name, ELO, Date of Birth, Country and accommodation if necessary) for the tournaments A – E and Y should be sent before the 24th 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 onsite 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

Pullman Riga Old Town ***** 24 Jekaba Street (2.1 km from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Superior Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	60 EUR /room/night
Superior Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	70 EUR /room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <https://pullmanriga.lv/>.

Bellevue Park Hotel Riga **** 1 Slokas Street (2.1 km from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Standard Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	50 EUR/room/night
Standard Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	55 EUR /room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <https://www.hotelbellevue.lv/>. Free parking.

Riga Islande Hotel **** superior 2 Kipsalas Street (600 m from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Standard Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	55 EUR/room/night
Standard Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	65 EUR/room/night
Superior	In the room	Yes	Yes	85 EUR /room/night
De Luxe	In the room	Yes	Yes	125 EUR /room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <https://www.islandehotel.lv/>

Mercure Riga Centre ***** 101 Elizabetes Street (3.7 km from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Standard Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	45 EUR/room/night
Standard Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	50 EUR /room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <http://mercureriga.lv/en/>

PrimoHotel *** 62 Nometnu Street (2.9 km from the playing hall)

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	48 EUR/room/night
Triple	In the room	Yes	Yes	70 EUR/room/night
Family	In the room	Yes	Yes	80 EUR/room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <https://www.primohotel.lv/>. Free parking.

RTU Hostel 8 Azenes Street (600 m from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price night/week
Double/twin room in a 3 room apartment	In the apartment	No	No WiFi, Cable Internet only	Only for 2 pers. 30/170 EUR
Studio apartment	In the apartment	No	No WiFi, Cable Internet only	2 pers. 45/225 EUR 3 pers. 55/270 EUR
Apartment (bedroom, living room + kitchen)	In the apartment	No	No WiFi, Cable Internet only	1 pers. 50/245 EUR 2 pers. 60/295 EUR

Photos of the hostel: <https://rtuopen.lv/photos/?lang=en>

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 24th of July. 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 more than 100 different destinations. For further information check the website of the airport: <http://www.riga-airport.com/>. From the airport to the city centre runs bus No 22 and express bus No 322.

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 previous editions of the festival, the 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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