

# RIGA CHRISTMAS CHESS FESTIVAL 2024

## REGULATIONS

Dates: 09/12/2024 – 15/12/2024

Venue: Pauls Stradiņš Medicine History Museum

Organisers: Agapi Ter-Avetisjana, Nadzeya Krauchuk, Semen Sinelnikov in cooperation with Latvian Chess Federation, FIDE Commission for Women's Chess.

Tournament directors: Agapi Ter-Avetisjana and Nadezhda Kravchuk.

### Tournaments:

#### IM Norm Round-Robin tournament

Tournament system: 10 participants, Round-Robin system, 9 rounds.

Time control: 90 for the whole game + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

Tie-Breaks:

- Sonnebron-Berger;
- Direct encounter;
- Number of wins.

Participation fee:

IM tournament	
Rating	Fee
ELO > 2351	150 EUR
ELO 2300 - 2350	200 EUR
ELO 2250 - 2299	250 EUR
ELO 2200 - 2249	300 EUR
ELO < 2200	400 EUR



## WIM Norm Round-Robin tournament

Tournament system: 10 participants, Round-Robin system, 9 rounds.

Time control: 90 for the whole game + 30 seconds increment starting from move one. Tie-Breaks:

- Sonnebron-Berger system;
- Direct encounter;
- Number of wins.

Participation fee:

WIM tournament	
Rating	Fee
ELO > 2151	120 EUR
ELO 2100-2150	150 EUR
ELO 2050-2099	180 EUR
ELO 2000-2049	210 EUR
ELO 1950-1999	240 EUR
ELO < 1950	300 EUR

## Playing schedule for IM/WIM tournaments

Date	Round	Time
December 9	Opening Ceremony	14:30
December 9	Round 1	15:00
December 10	Round 2	10:30
December 10	Round 3	17:00
December 11	Round 4	14:00
December 12	Round 5	10:30
December 12	Round 6	17:00
December 13	Round 7	14:00
December 14	Round 8	13:00
December 15	Round 9	13:00
December 15	Closing Ceremony	18:00

## Open tournament



Game system: Swiss system, 7 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated.

Time control: 60 for the whole game + 30 seconds increment starting from move one. Tie-Breaks:

- Buccholz Cut 1;
- Buccholz;
- Most black;
- Direct Encounter.

Participation fee:

OPEN tournament	
Rating	Fee
ELO 2000-2399	40 EUR
ELO 1600-1999	50 EUR
ELO < 1600	60 EUR

Prizes: The 1st place cash prize is guaranteed in the amount of 200 EUR. There are 5-7 basic prizes and special prizes for the best ladies, young people and seniors, as well as ranking prizes. Prizes are not shared and each player can only receive one prize

### Playing schedule for Open tournament

Date	Round	Time
December 10	Round 1	17:00
December 11	Round 2	14:00
December 12	Round 3	10:30
December 12	Round 4	16:30
December 13	Round 5	14:00
December 14	Round 6	13:00
December 15	Round 7	13:00
December 15	Closing ceremony	18:00

### Side events:



## **Blitz tournament**

*Participation only with invitations*

Date: 13/12/2024, start at 18:30

Tournament system: 9 rounds, Swiss system.

Time control: 3 minutes for the whole game with 2 seconds increment starting from move one.

## **“Little Star Riga” tournament**

*The Little Star Riga 2024 is a special blitz tournament organized to promote young talent and provide an inspiring competitive environment for female players. The event held in cooperation with the FIDE Commission for Women's Chess to encourage the growth of chess skills and foster a supportive community among budding female players.*

Date: 15/12/2024, start at 10:00 till 12:00

Tournament system: 7 rounds, Swiss system

Time control: 3 minutes for the whole game with 2 seconds increment starting from move one.

## **Simultaneous game with WGM Dana Rezniece-Ozola**

*Organized in cooperation with the FIDE Commission for Women's Chess, this event is dedicated exclusively to young female participants.*

Date: 14/12/2024, start at 10:00 till 12:00

## **Registration:**

Players must register for the tournament by 01/12/2024 via email

**[rigachristmaschessfestival@gmail.com](mailto:rigachristmaschessfestival@gmail.com)**

All participants must have FIDE ID before the tournament if you do not have, send information (name, surname, birth date, as well as a 10 euro payment order to the Latvian Chess Federation) to the Chief Arbiter by email.

The application must be submitted by email: [rigachristmaschessfestival@gmail.com](mailto:rigachristmaschessfestival@gmail.com) indicating name, year of birth, sports class, FIDE rating and FIDE ID number, club and city.

## **Additional information**

We would like to inform you that this festival is a public event, and its progress may be reflected in the media by recording your participation in this event. Photography and filming may be done during the event to inform the public per Article 6, paragraph 1, subparagraph e) of the General Data Protection Regulation. The health condition of the participants in the competition is the responsibility of the participants themselves or their commanding organizations. The organizers reserve the right not to admit players to the tournament without giving a reason. In such a case, the organizers are obliged to inform the participant about such a decision as soon as possible after receiving the player's application.

The organizers reserve the right to change the regulations if necessary if it does not unreasonably affect the interests of the participants.

