

**Mikhail Tal Memorial**  
**Jurmala, Latvia**  
**March 4-5, 2017**

Riga Chess federation has a pleasure to announce Mikhail Tal memorial. The aim of the tournament is to pay the tribute the brightest representative of Latvian Chess ever. It will be held at Semarah hotel Lielupe in Jurmala (Latvia)

The festival will feature leading Latvian grandmasters as well as a few strong players and many chess lovers from all around the world.

The tournament will be held in three groups A, B and C:

**Tournament A** is 11 round Swiss with the time control 12 minutes for each player plus 5 seconds increment for each move. First round on 4th of March 2016 at 15.00 (end of registration at 14.00), further round schedule as follows: 2nd - 15.20 3rd - 16.10 4th- 17.00 5th - 17.50 , 6th 18.40 7th round on 6th of March at 11.00 , 8th - 11.50 9th - 12.40 10th - 15.00 11th - 15.50 Closing ceremony at 17.00 .

The total prize fund is 7100 EUR.

1. 1200. 2. 1000 3. 800 4. 600 5. 400 6. 350 7. 300 8. 250 9-10. 200 11-12. 150 13-18. 100 EUR.

Best ladies 1. 200 2.150 3. 100 3. 60 4. 40 EUR

Prizes in different categories: 7x50 = 350 EUR

The prizes are not shared, the participant may get only one prize.

The entry fees are according to the participants' international rapid (or classical in case of absence of rapid) ratings (**tournament A**):

< 1700	80 EUR
1700-1799	60 EUR
1800-1899	50 EUR
1900-1999	40 EUR
2000-2099	30 EUR
2100- 2149	25 EUR
2150- 2299	20 EUR
2300- 2399	15 EUR
2400- 2499	10 EUR

Women, players born not before 1997 or not after 1957 pay 80% of those fees.

Players born not before 2003, IM, WGM pay 60% of those fees.

GM, players with rapid rating 2500 and higher (2325 and higher for females) - free.

Attention! It would be good if some participants (especially Latvians) could pay their entry fees beforehand in order not to slow down the registration procedure before the first round.

The list of participants is being updated at <http://chess-results.com/tnr222636.aspx?lan=1>

**Tournament B** is reserved for club players and scholars rated 1650-2149. Swiss system, 11 rounds. Games will start at the same time as in tournament A. First round is on 4th of March at 15.00 (registration ends at 14.00), last round is on 5th of March at 15.50. Time control is 12 minutes plus 5 seconds per move. The prize fund will be 75% of all entry fees.

The entry fees are according to the participants' international rapid (or classical in case of absence of rapid) ratings (**tournament B**):

1650-2149	- 20 EUR
<1650	30 EUR

Women, players born not before 1997 or after 1957 pay 80% of those fees.

Players born not before 2003, GM, IM, WGM pay 60% of those fees.

**Tournament C** is reserved for the chess beginners and players rated less than 1650. Games will be played March 4-5th at the same schedule as the tournament B. Time control is 12 minutes plus 5 seconds per move; Swiss system; 9 rounds. The prize fund will be 70% of all entry fees. The entry fee is 20 Euros. Women, players born in 1997 or younger and players born in 1957 or older pay 16 Euros. Children born in 2003 or younger pay 12 Euros.

**The Blitz Tournament** will be held March 3 at 17:00 at Semarah hotel Lielupe in Jurmala (Latvia) The time control is 3 minutes plus 3 seconds for each move starting with the first move; 11 rounds. Prize fund 2600 Euros:

1. 500 2. 400 3. 350 4. 300 5. 250 6. 200 7. 150 8. 100 9-10. 50 EUR. Best ladies 1. 60 2. 40 EUR Prizes in different categories 5x30=150 EUR.

Entry fee is 10 Euros. Women and players under age 20 and over age 60 or players with blitz rating above 2400 pay 8 Euros. IMs, WGMs, children born in 2003 or younger pay 6 Euros. GMs, players rated above 2500 (2325 for women) play for free.

Organizers recommend accommodation at Semarah Lielupe hotel.

<https://www.semarahhotels.com/en/lielupe-hotel/> Single room 44 EUR Double or Twin 56 EUR (28 EUR per person). The rates include breakfast and an access to a large swimming pool.

Registration and reservation requests should be directed to the chief arbiter of Tal memorial Alberts Cimins at [alberts.cimins@inbox.lv](mailto:alberts.cimins@inbox.lv), telephone +37128804664 until 28th of February 2017 the latest. Players registered in any event after 28th of February 2017 would pay 50% extra of their entry fees.