

**1<sup>st</sup> Mercure Riga Centre Hotel Blitz Chess Cup  
dedicated to the 101<sup>st</sup> birthday of the Latvian State**

**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Venue:** Mercure Riga Centre Hotel, 101 Elizabetes Street, Riga  
**System:** 9 Rounds, Swiss system, FIDE rules, ELO blitz rated  
**Time limit:** 3 minutes per game per player + 2 seconds per move starting from the move 1  
**Tie brakes:** In case of ties the following tie-brake criteria are used: 1) Mini Buchholz, 2) Buchholz, 3) Rating performance.

**Schedule:**

Monday, 18.11.2019	16:00 – 17:00	Registration
	17:00	1 <sup>st</sup> round
	17:20	2 <sup>nd</sup> round
	17:40	3 <sup>rd</sup> round
	18:00	4 <sup>th</sup> round
	18:20	5 <sup>th</sup> round
	18:40	6 <sup>th</sup> round
	19:00	7 <sup>th</sup> round
	19:20	8 <sup>th</sup> round
	19:40	9 <sup>th</sup> round
	20:15	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:** GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs and players with ELO blitz rating above 2500 have free entry in tournament.

All other participants 10 EUR

**Money prizes:** The total planned prize fund of the tournament is planned to be 350 EUR. It is guaranteed in case if at least 50 participants take part in the tournament. The first prize is guaranteed to be 70 EUR. 5 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 as well as rating prize are planned. Prizes are not shared and each participant can receive only one prize.

**Registration:** Registration deadline is 18<sup>th</sup> of November 12:00 EET. Please submit your applications to the Chief Arbiter IA Alberts Cimins by e-mail [alberts.cimins@inbox.lv](mailto:alberts.cimins@inbox.lv), or mobile phone +371 28804664 or tournament director Arturs Mihailovs by e-mail [termo.eko@balticom.lv](mailto:termo.eko@balticom.lv) or mobile phone +371 26378722.

**Organizers:** The tournament is organized by Mercure Riga Centre Hotel in cooperation with Riga Chess Federation. The tournament director is Arturs Mihailovs. The Chief Arbiter of the tournament is IA Alberts Cimins.

**These regulations are the official invitation to the tournament.**