

IV COOP SAAREMAA CHESS FESTIVAL

PURPOSE

To popularize the game of chess in Saaremaa and elsewhere.
To introduce Saaremaa and Kuressaare as a great tourist region.
Determine the best blitz and rapid chess players of the festival.

1. TIME AND PLACE

IV Coop Saaremaa Chess Festival will take place on 1-4 June 2023 in Asa Spa Hotel Kuressaare, Estonia.

2. SCHEDULE

Estonia / Latvia / Lithuania country chess match

1 June	14.30	Estonia vs Latvia
	17.30	Estonia vs Lithuania
2 June	10.30	Latvia vs Lithuania

International blitz tournament

2 June	16.00	Opening ceremony, pre-registration
	16.30	I-XI round
	20.00	Awards ceremony

International rapid tournament

3 June	10.15	Pre-registration for the rapid tournament
	11.00	I-IV round
	16.00	V-VII round
	20.00	Festive reception for the participants of the rapid tournament and organizers; thanking sponsors
4 June	10.30	VIII-XI round
	14.00	Closing ceremony

3. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND TIE-BREAK REGULATIONS

The teams of the country chess match consist of 4 female players, 4 male players, a girl and a boy (born in 2005 or later).

- The time control is 60 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move starting move 1.
- Winning a match will give the team 3 points, a draw 1p, a loss 0p. In case of equal match points, the tie-break is decided based on the game points.

The **blitz** tournament will be played in the swiss system for 11 rounds. The time control is 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move starting move 1.

The **rapid** tournament will be played in the swiss system for 11 rounds. The time control is 15 minutes + 3 seconds increment per move starting move 1.

In case of equal points between two or more chess players, the tie-break will be as follows:

- a) results of direct encounters between the tied players;
- b) M-Buchholz with the lowest scoring opponent's score discarded;
- c) Buchholz with 2 of the lowest scoring opponents' scores discarded;
- d) highest number of games played with black;
- e) highest number of wins

The tournaments will be played according to FIDE Laws of Chess. All disputes will be resolved by the chief arbiter.

4. REGISTRATION

Registration period would be until **25 May 2023**. Each interested player is required to pay full registration fee in order to participate. When wiring registration fee, please state full name of participating player(s), player's FIDE ID code and for which tournament the player is registering.

A player who is not registered before the deadline will be allowed to play based on vacancy. Registration fees for players who register after 25 May 2023 will be doubled.

Bank details: (for payments in EUR):

- Beneficiary's Bank: SWEDBANK
- Beneficiary's Account: EE66220022107823489
- Beneficiary: Treeningpartner/Pühajärve maleklubi

Both tournaments would consist of up to 150 players each, including 30 invitees.

5. PARTICIPATION FEE

Blitz tournament: 20 EUR

- youth players (born in 2005 or later), seniors (born in 1958 or earlier), Saaremaa residents: 10 EUR

Rapid tournament: 50 EUR

- youth players (born in 2005 or later), seniors (born in 1958 or earlier), Saaremaa residents: 25 EUR

When registering after 25 May 2023 and in the playing hall on the day of the tournament the fee is doubled.

Both tournaments are **free** for GM / IM / WGM / WIM titled players.

6. PRIZES

Estonia / Latvia / Lithuania Country Match

The winner of the Baltic country match will be awarded with a traveling trophy.
Special prizes for the players!

Blitz tournament

1 st place	500 EUR + trophy
2 nd place	300 EUR
3 rd place	200 EUR
4 th -5 th place	150 EUR
best female player	200 EUR + souvenir
best Estonian player	100 EUR
best non-GM	100 EUR
best senior player (born in 1963 or earlier)	100 EUR
best youth player (born in 2005 or later)	100 EUR
best youth player (born in 2009 or later)	souvenir
best youth player (born in 2013 or later)	souvenir
best player with ELO under 2000	souvenir
best player with ELO under 1500	souvenir
best Saaremaa player	souvenir

Rapid tournament

1. place	1500 EUR + trophy
2. place	1000 EUR + souvenir
3. place	800 EUR + souvenir
4. place	600 EUR
5. place	500 EUR
6. place	400 EUR
7.-8. place	300 EUR
9.-10. place	200 EUR
best female player	300 EUR + souvenir
best Estonian player	200 EUR + souvenir
best non-GM	200 EUR + souvenir
best senior player (born in 1963 or earlier)	100 EUR + souvenir
best senior player (born in 1958 or earlier)	100 EUR + souvenir
best youth player (born in 2005 or later)	100 EUR + souvenir
best youth player (born in 2009 or later)	souvenir
best youth player (born in 2013 or later)	souvenir
best player with ELO under 2000	souvenir
best player with ELO under 1500	souvenir
best Saaremaa player	souvenir

Additional lottery prizes and each player will receive a gift bag from Coop!

One player may receive multiple prizes. The prize money is transferred to the player's bank account right after the end of the tournament. The tournament organizer pays state taxes and the prizes shown above are reflected as a net amount.

7. ACCOMMODATION

Official hotels of the festival (discounts for the participants):

- Asa Spa Hotel: <https://asaspa.ee/>
 - E-mail: info@asaspa.ee
- Meri Spa Hotel: <https://www.merihotel.ee/>
 - E-mail: info@merihotel.ee

8. FESTIVAL ORGANIZATION

The festival is organized by Treeningpartner/Pühajärve Chess Club together with Coop Saaremaa, the Culture and Sports Department of Saaremaa Municipality, Estonian Chess Federation, and sponsors.

Chief arbiter – Margit Brokko (IA)

Arbiter – Grete Olde (NA)

LIVE – Kristjan Saard

Head of media – Marge Mägi

Social media lead – Triin Narva

Chief organizer – Urmas Randma

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Tournament Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/saaremaamalefestival>

Chief organizer's contact details: +372 5158656; urmas.randma@hotmail.com

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Welcome to Saaremaa!