

"VIII Baltic school chess festival - 2012"



1. Organizers.

The Children and Youth Center "Daugmale", RD IKSD, the sport club "Gambit", other sponsors and the Mikhail Tal Foundation.

2. Time and venue.

Festival will be held in *5 star Radisson Blu Daugava Hotel*, 24 Kugu street, Riga, Latvia, from August 27 (day of arrival) until September 1 (day of departure) 2012.

Opening ceremony takes place on the August 28th at 14.00, followed by round 1 at 14.30. The last round 7 will be on the September 1st at 10.00.

3. Participants.

Everyone is welcome to participate in our festival. We already have confirmation of participation of chessplayers from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Russia, Poland and some Scandinavian countries. Each team shall consist of **4 participants: 3 boys and 1 girl, born in 1995** or younger. All participants must have category 1 or higher.

4. Tournament.

The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 7 rounds. Only FIDE ratings will be used for the pairings.

5. Prizes and awards.

The teams which take 1- 3 places will be awarded with cups, medals and diplomas. Individual prizes will be awarded to players who take 1- 3 places on each board. Fund of individual board prizes is **800 USD** (1st place - **100 USD**, 2nd place - **60 USD**, 3rd place - **40 USD**).

6. Conditions.

Teams are responsible for their transportation cost, accommodation and lodging. All chess players and coaches will be accommodated in the *5 star Radisson Blu Daugava* which is only **25 EUR per day** in a "triple" room per person, breakfast is included. Accommodation for parents is 27 EUR (in a "triple" room). It is possible to upgrade to: „double" room - 65 EUR/room; „single" room - 55 EUR. *The entry fee is 50 EUR per team.*

7. Registrations.

All registrations are accepted until **August 20th 2012**. Please mail them to: Jēkabpils 19a, Rīga, Latvia, LV-1003.

- All questions should be addressed to Polina Ni tel. + 371 29653095 or to Irena Limanovska tel. + 371 28345350; e-mail: polni@inbox.lv, chessds@inbox.lv

Dear chess friends!

We are pleased to invite You to the *8th Baltic school chess festival*.

This year's festival dates (August 27 - September 1) accomodated to the European Youth Championship August 16-26 (August 25 - the last 9th round of European Championship - 2012, August 26 - the day of departure of the participants) in Prague.

Chess program of the festival, as always, full of interesting and exciting events: Team Tournament - 7 round ELO rated Swiss, simultaneous exhibition with International Grandmaster, International ELO rated blitz-tournament.

The festival is held in one of the most modern and comfortable hotels in the city of Riga *Radisson Blu Daugava Hotel*. The hotel is located on the left bank of the Daugava River, opposite the Old City. Lots of famous people stayed in this hotel: the Heads of State and Government, members of official delegations and others were welcomed guests at Blu Daugava. The rooms facing the river Daugava, offer a magnificent panoramic view of Old Riga.

Business class rooms available at special discounted prices for the participants of our festival. Team tournament will be held in *the conference hall "Daugava"*, which is the place for international business meetings: <http://www.radissonblu.ru/hotel-riga/meetings>; www.radissonblu.com/hotel-riga

The hotel has one of the best restaurants in the city "Panorama", Olympic casino, health club and fitness center (swimming pool, sauna, steam room, spa, solarium, massage services), shops, parking. All rooms have an internet access.



We are pleased to welcome your team at our chess Festival!

Festival Director Polina Ni, 01/04/2012.