

# Paul Keres Memorial Festival 2014 Regulations

## I Aims and Objectives

- a) to celebrate the 98<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Grandmaster Paul Keres who was elected the Estonian Sportsman of the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- b) the competition will be organized by the Estonian Chess Federation in cooperation with the Council of Gambling Tax, the Estonian Ministry of Culture, the Tallinn City Sports and Youth Department, The Cultural Endowment of Estonia and other sponsor.
- c) Two tournaments will be held during the Festival:

A-Tournament - for everyone - „International Paul Keres Memorial Tournament“

B-Tournament - for youth players - „Youth Tournament Tallinn 2014“

## International Paul Keres Memorial Tournament

## II Date and Venue

A – Tournament will be held from January 10 to January 16 in Paul Keres Chess House (Tallinn, Vene Str 29)

## III Participants

The competition is open to all players who have paid the entry fee and received a permission from the organizing committee. The entry fees are as follows:

-International Grandmasters (GM/WGM) are exempt from the fee

-International Masters (IM) with rating over 2400 and WIM with rating over 2200 are exempt from the fee

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| - ELO $\geq$ 2300 | - 20 euros |
| - ELO 2200 - 2299 | - 25 euros |
| - ELO 2100- 2199  | - 30 euros |
| - ELO 2000- 2099  | - 35 euros |
| - ELO < 1999      | - 40 euros |
| - Without rating  | - 50 euros |

Discounts and special conditions:

-FMs, WFMs and youth players (born 1996 or later), seniors (born 1954 or earlier) and Estonian chess players will receive a 25% discount on the entry fee;

- A limited number of free accommodation options is available for GMs and IMs with rating >2500 for the duration of the competition

- GMs with rating >2600 will be eligible for a limited number of free accommodation options + transport compensation.

The discounts will apply if the player registers by December 30, 2013.

## IV Registration

Registration to the A-Tournament should be submitted by December 30, 2013, at the latest. Please provide your name, ELO, birth date and accommodation requests (if needed). Please register by E-mail: [maleliit@maleliit.ee](mailto:maleliit@maleliit.ee)

## **V System and Rate of Play**

The competition will be organized in 9-round Swiss System in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. The rate of play will be 90 minutes for the entire game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. Players who are late for more than 15 minutes will be forfeited. The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by the following tie-breaks:

- a) Median Buchholz
- b) Buchholz
- c) Buchholz with the lowest opponent score discarded, if equal after that the second lowest etc opponent score will discarded.

**NB** Participants can request for two half-point byes (during the first two rounds) by submitting a written application to the Chief Arbiter at least 24 hours before the start of the respective round.

## **VI Schedule**

### Friday, January 10, 2014

Taking Entries	14.00 – 15.30
Opening Ceremony	15.45
1 <sup>st</sup> round	16.00

### Saturday, January 11, 2014

2 <sup>nd</sup> round	10.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> round	16.00

### Sunday, January 12, 2014

4 <sup>th</sup> round	16.00
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### Monday, January 13, 2014

5 <sup>th</sup> round	10.00
6 <sup>th</sup> round	16.00

### Tuesday, January 14, 2014

7 <sup>th</sup> round	16.00
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### Wednesday, January 15, 2014

8 <sup>th</sup> round	16.00
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### Thursday, January 16, 2014

9 <sup>th</sup> round	10.00
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The Closing Ceremony will take place in 30 minutes after the end of the last round

## **VII Prizes**

I place	- 2000 euros
II place	- 1500 euros
III place	- 1000 euros
IV place	- 700 euros
V place	- 500 euros
VI place	- 400 euros
7.-8. places	- 300 euros
9.-10. places	- 200 euros
11.-12. places	- 150 euros

### Special Prizes

Women: I place– 200 euros; II place – 150 euros; III place – 100 euros;

Seniors: I place – 150 euros; II place – 100 euros; III koht – 50 euros;

Best performance relative to rating – 100 euros;

Boys (born 1996 or later)

I place – 200 euros; II place – 150 euros; III place – 100 euros;

Boys (born 2000 or later)

I place– 100 euros; II place – 75 euros; III place – 50 euros;

Girls (born 1996 or later)

I place – 150 euros; II place – 125 euros; III place – 75 euros;

Girls (born 2000 or later)

I place – 100 euros; II place – 75 euros; III place – 50 euros;

The prizes are subject to Estonian taxes. The prize-winners should participate at the Closing Ceremony of the tournament. If a prize-winner is not present at the Closing Ceremony the organizer reserves a right to withdraw the prize.

### VIII Miscellaneous

All issues which are unspecified in the regulations will be addressed by the organizing committee of the tournament in cooperation with the Chief Arbiter.

Chief Arbiter - FA Marek Kolk ([mkolk@ut.ee](mailto:mkolk@ut.ee))

Tournament Director - IO Hendrik Olde ([hendrik.olde@maleliit.ee](mailto:hendrik.olde@maleliit.ee))

## **International Youth Tournament Tallinn`2014**

### IX Aims and Objectives

- to celebrate the 98<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Grandmaster Paul Keres;
- to provide youth players opportunities to participate in international competitions;
- The competition is also the preliminary tournament for the 2014 Estonian Boys U18 and U16 Championships.

### X Participants

The competition is open to all youth chess players born 1996 and later, who have registered in accordance with the tournament regulations. Every club may register up to ten players who are exempt from the entry fee. The entry fee for the rest is 8 euros.

Estonian chess players participating in the competition must have a valid Estonian Chess Federation license.

### XI Venue and Date

Two tournaments will be held: for boys born 1996 or later (A-Tournament) and for girls born 1996 or later (B-Tournament).

The tournaments will take place from January 3 to January 6, 2014 in the Paul Keres Chess House (Vene Str 29). The Opening Ceremony will take place on January 3, at 14.45. The first round will start at 15.00. Entries are taken in the Paul Keres Chess House on January 3, from 14.00 to 14.40

## **XII System, Rate of Play and Schedule**

The competition will be organized in 7-round Swiss system in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. The event will be FIDE-rated.

The rate of play will be 90 minutes for the entire game with an increment of 30 seconds starting from move one.

Schedule:

### **January 3, 2014**

14.45 - Opening Ceremony  
15.00 - 1<sup>st</sup> round

### **January 4, 2014**

10.00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> round  
15.00 – 3<sup>rd</sup> round

### **January 5, 2014**

10.00 – 4<sup>th</sup> round  
15.00 – 5<sup>th</sup> round

### **January 6, 2014**

9.30 – 6<sup>th</sup> round  
14.30 - 7<sup>th</sup> round

The Closing Ceremony will take place immediately after the last round.

## **XIII Tie-Break System**

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by the following tie-breaks:

- a) Median Buchholz
- b) Buchholz
- c) Buchholz with the lowest opponent score discarded, if equal after that the second lowest etc opponent score will discarded.

- the 20 best representatives of Estonia in A-tournament will qualify for the Estonian U18 boys championship (players, whose Estonian rating is at least 1900 on January 1, 2014, will qualify automatically);

- the 20 best representatives of Estonia, born 1998 or later, will qualify for the Estonian U16 boys championship. (players, whose Estonian rating is at least 1700 on January 1, 2014, will qualify automatically);

## **XIV Prizes**

The winners of A- and B-tournament will be awarded a cup and the three best players will be awarded a diploma and prize. The organizer may award special prizes.

The total value of the prizes is:

250 euros in A-tournament.

150 euros in B-tournament.

## **XV Miscellaneous**

The sending organization will bear the travel expenses of the participants. The Estonian Chess Federation will organize the work of the arbiters.

All issues, which are unspecified in the regulations will be addressed by the Chief Arbiter of the tournament.

The players should be preregistered and requests for accommodation should be sent by December 27, 2013 by E-mail: [maleliit@maleliit.ee](mailto:maleliit@maleliit.ee).

If a player registers later, he or she will be able to participate only if the quota is not filled and accommodation is also not guaranteed.

Additional information at 5251623 (Hendrik Olde). Current information is available at the web site of the Estonian Chess Federation: [www.maleliit.ee](http://www.maleliit.ee)