

International Youth Tournament "Tallinn 2011"

The Organizer:

The International Youth Tournament "Tallinn 2011" is organized by the Tõnu Truus Chess School in cooperation with the Estonian Chess Federation. Tallinn Sports and Youth Department, the Gambling Tax Council and the Cultural Endowment of Estonia support the competition.

Purpose of the Competition:

Celebrating the 95th birth anniversary of Paul Keres, giving young chess players an opportunity to participate at international competitions and developing friendly relations with neighboring countries.

To clarify the chess players who will qualify to the final tournaments of Estonian U18 and U16 boys and girls championships.

Participants:

All players born 1993 or later who have previously registered in accordance to the regulations may participate. Also, young chess players from other countries are invited to participate.

Each club may send up to ten participants who do not have to pay a participation fee. Starting from the 11th player, a participation fee of 5 EURO per participant will have to be paid. Participating Estonian players must have the Estonian Chess Federation's license.

Time and Location:

Two tournaments will be organized: for boys born 1993 and later (A-tournament) and for girls born 1993 or later (B-tournament).

The tournaments will take place from January 4 to January 7, 2011 at Paul Keres Chess House (29 Vene street). The opening ceremony of the competition will take place on January 4, 2011, at 12.00. The first round starts at 12.30. The entries will be taken at the Chess House from 11.00 to 11.45.

Rate of Play and Time Schedule:

The competition will be 7 rounds Swiss. The time control for rounds I-III will be that of rapid chess (30 minutes for the entire game + a 15-second increment). The time control for rounds IV-VII will be 90 minutes for the entire game + a 30-second increment.

The time schedule:

January 4 12.30 – I round; 14.30 – II round; 17.30 – III round;

January 5 9.30 – IV round and 15.00 – V round;

January 6 15.00 – VI round;

January 7 9.30 – VII round

The closing ceremony will take place immediately after the last round.

N.B. On January 6, at 11.00 grandmaster Lajos Portisch will give a lecture on Paul Keres at Paul Keres Chess House.

Rankings:

If two or more players have the same number of points, the players are ranked by the following tie-breaks: 1) result between tied players; 2) player's progressive score; 3) if the progressive scores are equal, the points of the I round etc. will be 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 2100 on January 1, 2011, will qualify automatically);

The 20 best representatives of Estonia, born 1995 or later, will qualify for the Estonian U16 boys championship. (players, whose Estonian rating is at least 1900 on January 1, 2011, will qualify automatically);

The 15 best representatives of Estonia will qualify for the Estonian U18 girls championship (players, whose Estonian rating is at least 1700 on January 1, 2011, will qualify automatically);

The 15 best representatives of Estonian, born 1995 or later, will qualify for the Estonian U16 girls championship (players, whose Estonian rating is at least 1400 on January 1, 2011, will qualify automatically);

Awarding:

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:

300 EURO in A-tournament.

200 EURO in B-tournament.

Additional Information:

The sending organization will bear the travel expenses of the participants. The Tõnu Truus Chess School will organize the activities 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 advance notices of the need for accommodation should be sent by December 23, 2010 to e-mail addresses tonu.truus@mail.ee or 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 6537216 or 53774762 (Tõnu Truus; please call between 11.00-12.30 or 22.00-24.00). Current information is available at the web site of the Estonian Chess Federation: www.maleliit.ee