

Estonian Sports Association Kalev's XX International Rapid Chess Tournament “REMEMBERING PAUL KERES”

The competition is supported by the city of Tallinn, the Estonian Chess Federation, the Cultural Endowment of Estonia and the Gambling Tax Council.

TIME AND LOCATION

The tournament will take place from January 7 to 9, 2011 at Sokos Hotel Viru (Viru väljak 4)

FORMAT - THE EVENT IS A TWO-STAGE COMPETITION.

PRELIMINARY TOURNAMENT will be a seven-round rapid tournament (15+15 minutes + a 10-second increment) with Swiss system.

The tournament is played in one group. If two or more players have the same amount of points, the players are ranked by the players progressive scores. If the progressive scores are equal, the points of the I round, then the II round etc, will be discarded. If, after that, the scores are equal the players will be ranked by the Buchholz system (sum of the player's opponents scores).

THE MAIN TOURNAMENT will be a seven-round rapid (15+15 minutes + a 10-second increment) round-robin. The 4 best of the preliminary tournament, 2 personally invited foreign players and 2 personally invited best Estonian male chess players will participate in the tournament.

PARTICIPANTS

Up to 150 chess players with FIDE rating above 1900 or Estonian rapid chess rating over 2000 can participate. If there are less than 150 participants, players with lower ratings can participate.

REGULATIONS

To determine the initial ranking list:

- a) FIDE or Estonian rapid chess ratings are used, the higher of the two is counted (100 points will be deducted from the Estonian rapid chess rating)
- b) the alphabetical order of the participants is used.

Unacceptable electronic devices, such as switched-on mobile phones, are forbidden in the playing area. If any such device produces a sound, the player may lose the game depending on the situation. (In case losing the game, the opponent shall win. However, if the opponent cannot win the game by any series of legal moves, his score shall be a draw.)

Every player is be late for the game for more than 5 minutes will lose the game.

The final tournament will be played according to the FIDE Competition Rules (the Rapidplay Laws do not apply)

AWARDING

Preliminary Tournament

1st place – 200 €; 2nd place – 175 €; 3rd place – 150 €; 4th place – 100 €

Women: 1st place – 100 €, 2nd place – 75 €, 3rd place – 50 €

Seniors (born 1951 or earlier): 1st place – 100 €, 2nd place – 75 €, 3rd place – 50 €

Youth (born 1993 or later): 1st place – 100 €, 2nd place – 75 €, 3rd place -50 €

Main Tournament

1st place – 500 €; 2nd place – 350 €; 3rd place – 250 €; 4th place – 200 €

If the participants have the same number of points, the prizes will be shared both in the preliminary and in the main tournaments.

CHIEF ARBITER: Marek Kolk

REGISTRATION

Registration is by e-mail info@eestikalev.ee with the name of participant, birth date and FIDE chess rating.

Entry fee **13 €** Players born 1993 or later and 1951 or earlier – **7€**

The entry fee can be paid to SEB bank, account nr 10022002657005,

IBAN code: EE641010022002657005 or to Swedbank, account nr 221001173980, IBAN code: EE252200221001173980, SWIFT: HABAE2X.

Account owner: Estonian Sports Association Kalev.

International Grandmasters (GM), International Masters (IM) and Women Grandmasters are exempt from the entry fee. Grandmasters will have the possibility of free accommodation in hotel (N.B. the number of rooms is limited) Please contact with the organizer with regards to this.

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Players will be counted as registered after they have paid the entry fee.

The registration ends on January 7, 2011, at 16.00

All participants (including pre-registered) must personally present their participant card to the Head Secretary of the tournament before 16.00. Players who have not presented their participant card will not be allowed to participate.

TIME SCHEDULE

PRELIMINARY TOURNAMENT

Friday, January 7

16.30 Opening ceremony
17.00-18.00 Round 1
18.20-19.10 Round 2
19.30-20.20 Round 3
20.40-21.30 Round 4

Saturday, January 8

10.00 Wreath-laying at Paul Keres monument
10.30-11.20 Round 5
11.40-12.30 Round 6
12.50-13.40 Round 7
14.45 Closing ceremony of the preliminary tournament and the drawing of
lots for the main tournament

MAIN TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 8

17.05-17.55 Round 1
18.10-19.00 Round 2
19.15-20.10 Round 3

Sunday, January 9

10.00-10.50 Round 4
11.05-11.55 Round 5
12.10-13.00 Round 6
13.15-14.05 Round 7
14.30 Closing ceremony of the main tournament