



Tõrva Rapid Chess Tournament

Open Rapid Chess Championship of Valgamaa County 2012

Will take place on September 23, 2012 at the Sports Centre of Tõrva, 76 Valga Drive, Tõrva, Valgamaa, Estonia.

The event is part of the yearly BEKO series, organized and sponsored by Estonian Chess Support Organization (see <http://www.eestimale.ee/sari2012/>) together with the Valgamaa Sports Union, Tõrva Municipality and Valgamaa Chess Club „Helme“.

Participation is open to all chess friends. The organizers reserve the right to limit the number of participants to 70.

Tournament System. 8 rounds will be played by the Swiss pairing system with 15 minutes and 2 additional seconds for each move for each player. All games will be played according to the FIDE rules. A failure to reach the right chess table in 7 minutes from the beginning of the round (that is, from the public announcement of the pairings) will result in the loss of the game. The tie will be broken by the Buchholz method, leaving out as many weaker opponents as needed to break the tie.

Approximate Timetable

9.15 – 9.55: Registration

10.00 – 10.10: Opening Ceremony

10.10 – 13 00: First 4 rounds

Lunch break

13:30 – 16:00: Last 4 rounds

16:20: Closing ceremony.

The exact time of the rounds and the lunch break will depend on the duration of previous rounds and might be subject to change. To avoid misunderstandings, please feel free to consult the organizers if needed.

Prizes

1st place – 100 EUR

2nd place – 60 EUR

3rd place – 50 EUR

4th place – 40 EUR

5th place – 40 EUR

Best Lady – 30 EUR

Best Seniors (born in 1952 or earlier) – 30 EUR

Special prizes for the best young player (born in 1994 or later), the best young player from Valgamaa, two best Valgamaa players and the best players with ratings below 2200 and 1900. Three best Valgamaa players will be awarded medals.

No participant will receive more than one prize. The organizers reserve the right to set up larger or additional prizes compared to those specified in this bulletin.



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The general participation fee is 7 Euros and 5 Euros for young players (born in 1994 or later) and seniors (born in 1952 or earlier). The participation is free for GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs and players from Valgamaa. The fee for players not registered in advance is 10 Euros. The organizers reserve the right to disallow participation of these players. **Free lunch** will be available at the site.

The organizers offer **bus transport from Tallinn to Rõuge and Tõrva and back**. The transport cost is 17 Euros. **Bed and breakfast** is available at Udumäe Puhketalu (see www.udumae.ee) for 15 Euros. Please let us know before September 18 if you need any of these services. Accommodation is also possible in the Tõrva Sports Centre for 9 Euros per night and 2 Euros for breakfast (contact Mr. Viljo Riiska by e-mail viljo@riiska.ee or phone 5127219).

The participants are requested to **register in advance** before 19:00 on Sept 20 2012, preferably by e-mail malegold7@gmail.com or alternatively, by phone +372 585 33653. Please be sure to include the full name and the year of birth of the participant.