

Baltic Zonal Tournament FIDE Presidential K. Ilyumzhinov Cup's Pärnu Stage

The tournament will take place in Estonia - Pärnu on 7-13 December, 2016.

The competition venue will be the conference centre of the ESTONIA Resort Hotel & Spa (A.H. Tammsaare 4a/6, 80010 Pärnu, Estonia) <http://www.spaestonia.ee/resort/>

Accommodation in the hotel will be at discount rates for participants.

In 2017, two tournaments will take place in Latvia and Lithuania.

Participants:

24 chess players (8 from each country) will participate in the tournament. The competition will be organized in 9-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 for each player.

Schedule:

07.12.2016.	14:30-15:30 - Registration 15:45 – Opening ceremony 16:00 - 1 st round
08.12.2016.	16:00 - 2 nd round
09.12.2016.	10:00 - 3 rd round 16:00 - 4 th round
10.12.2016.	16:00 - 5 th round
11.12.2016.	10:00 - 6 th round 16:00 - 7 th round
12.12.2016.	16:00 - 8 th round
13.12.2016.	16:00 - 9 th round

Prizes:

Overall winner of three tournaments wins the right to participate in the Chess World Cup 2017.

The prize fund is 10 000 EUR for each tournament.

I place	2500 EUR;	VII place	300 EUR;
II place	2000 EUR;	VIII place	300 EUR;
III place	1500 EUR;	IX place	300 EUR;
IV place	1000 EUR;	X place	300 EUR;
V place	700 EUR;	XI place	300 EUR;
VI place	500 EUR;	XII place	300 EUR.

The prizes are shared according to the Hort system. In case of ties, final places are determined by:

- 1) Sonneborn-Berger system;
- 2) Number of wins;
- 3) Direct encounter;
- 4) Points scored with black pieces.

Overall classification will be based on the total number of points scored in all three tournaments. In each tournament, the following number of classification points is awarded for each place:

I place	25 points
II place	18 points
III place	15 points
IV place	12 points
V place	10 points
VI place	8 points
VII place	6 points
VIII place	4 points
IX place	3 points
X place	2 points
XI place	1 point

If two or more players score the same total number of classification points then the player with highest sum of points scored in all 3 tournaments will be ranked higher.

If the winner of the tournament has already qualified to the World Chess Cup 2017, then the right to participate in World Chess Cup 2017 will be guaranteed to the next participant.