

**57th ILMAR RAUD MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT IN CHESS,
ESTONIAN MEN'S/OPEN AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP** (incl. Estonian U20 boys/open and girls' championship)

REGULATIONS

The aim of the competition is to remember the chess player Ilmar Raud (30.04.1913 Viljandi - 13.07.1941 Buenos Aires) from Viljandi, a two-time Estonian champion who won third place at the Buenos Aires Chess Olympics 1939 as a member of the Estonian team, and was considered one of the best and most talented chess players of Estonia in the late 1920s and 1930s.

Time and place

The 57th Ilmar Raud Memorial Tournament will take place from **2 to 9 July 2023**. The competition venue will be Viljandi Sports Center (www.viljandispordikeskus.ee) at Vaksali 4, Viljandi (approx. 500 m from the bus station, at Square Vabaduse). Before the competition, the III Heldur Valgmäe Rapid Memorial will be held at the same venue on 1 July. Additionally, a blitz tournament will be held on the evening of 7 July.

The competition will be a Swiss system tournament with 9 rounds, played in a single group according to the following schedule:

- Round 1 - July 2 at 14:00 (start immediately after the opening of the competition)
- Round 2 - July 3 at 10:00
- Round 3 - July 3 at 16:00
- Round 4 - July 4 at 14:00
- Round 5 - July 5 at 14:00
- Round 6 - July 6 at 14:00
- Round 7 - July 7 at 14:00
- Round 8 - July 8 at 14:00
- Round 9 - July 9 at 12:00

The closing ceremony will take place within 30 minutes after the end of the last game.

Tournament rules

The time control is 1 hour 30 minutes for 40 moves + 15 minutes until the end of the game, and 30 seconds are added to each move from the 1st move. Players are required to write down moves until the end of the game.

The tournaments are included in the FIDE and Estonian rating.

Players are allowed to be late for their games for no more than 15 minutes.

Players have the right to take one free round during the first five rounds, notifying the arbiter in writing at least 24 hours before the start of the respective round. In this case, the competitor will be awarded 0.5 points for the round.

The competition starts on July 2, 2023 at 14:00 (registered competitors must be present at the competition venue no later than 13:30, otherwise they will not be allowed to play).

Please pre-register by 26.06.2023 at the Estonian Chess Federation (EML) online calendar plan by yourself or the club's authorized representative. The registration form can be found at: <http://www.maleliit.ee/kalender/>
In case of late registration, the participation fee is 10 € higher for each registered competitor. As it is not possible to make late registrations in the online system, the registration of these competitors must be done by e-mail to: maleliit@maleliit.ee The organizers reserve the right to limit the number of participants to 100 players.

All registered players must be ready for doping control. Refusal of doping control or evasion of doping control is considered a doping rule violation. The athlete is obliged to follow the rules of fair play, anti-manipulation of sports competitions and sports safety.

The competition is organized by Chess Club Faalanks, Viljandi Chess Club CC Fellin, Estonian Chess Support Association and Estonian Chess Federation in cooperation. Entry fee - International Grand Masters (GM / WGM) and International Champions (IM / WIM) are exempt from the entry fee; - The participation fee is 50 EUR, veterans (i.e. 1958 and older) and juniors and youth players (i.e. 2003 and younger) pay 30 EUR. The entry fee has to be paid to the organizer's account before 26 June:

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The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. In case of tie, the following tie-break criteria are used.

- 1) M-Buchholtz (i.e. without one best and one worst result);
- 2) Buchholtz;
- 3) Buchholtz without one weaker opponent, without two weaker opponents, and so on.

Tournament prizes

I place 1500 EUR + cup,

II place 900 EUR + cup,

III place 700 EUR + cup,

IV place 400 EUR,

V place 250 EUR,

VI place 200 EUR,

best female player 100 EUR, 2nd place 50 EUR;

best veteran b. 1958 or earlier 100 EUR, 2nd place 50 EUR;

best veteran born in 1973 or earlier 100 EUR, 2nd place 50 EUR;

best youth player born 2005 or later EUR 100, 2nd place EUR 50;

best player of Viljandi County 100 EUR;

best player with a FIDE rating of up to 2100 100 EUR;

best player with FIDE rating up to 1900 50 EUR.

Income tax is withheld from cash prizes in accordance with applicable legislation. Two lucky draw prizes will be awarded. No chess player will receive more than one prize.

Additional information

Current information about the competitions is on the website of the Estonian Chess Federation: www.maleliit.ee

All issues not defined in these regulations will be addressed by the tournament arbiters (the chief arbiter of the tournament is FA Tarmo Tuul) in cooperation with the competition organizers.

International Grand Masters (GM / WGM) and International Champions (IM / WIM) are offered a limited number of free accommodation. Those interested are asked to contact Toomas Valgmae as soon as possible by e-mail toomas.valgmae@kodumasinad.ee.