

V COOP SAAREMAA CHESS FESTIVAL I REGULATIONS



PURPOSE

To popularise the game of chess in Saaremaa and elsewhere.
To introduce Saaremaa and Kuressaare as a great tourist region.
Determine the best blitz and rapid chess players of the festival.

1. TIME AND PLACE

V Coop Saaremaa Chess Festival will take place on 31.05-02.06.2024 in Asa Spa Hotel Kuressaare, Estonia (Pargi 12, 93810).

2. SCHEDULE

International blitz tournament

31 May	16.00-16.30	Registration attendance check of pre-registered participants
	16.40	Festival opening ceremony
	16.45	I-XI round
	20.00	Awards ceremony

International rapid tournament

1 June	10.15-10.45	Rapid registration attendance check of pre-registered participants
	11.00	I-IV round
	16.00	V-VII round
	20.00	Festive reception for the participants of the rapid tournament and organisers; thanking sponsors
2 June	10.30	VIII-XI round
	14.00	Closing ceremony

NB! The schedule may slightly change during the festival.

3. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND TIE-BREAK REGULATIONS

The **blitz** tournament will be played in the Swiss system for 11 rounds. The time control is 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move starting move 1. A player can be late for the round up to 3 minutes.

The **rapid** tournament will be played in the Swiss system for 11 rounds. The time control is 15 minutes + 3 seconds per move starting move 1. A player can be late for the round up to 5 minutes.

In case of equal points between two or more chess players, the tie-break will be as follows:

- results of direct encounters between the tied players
- reduced Buchholz-1 (sum of opponents' points excluding the weakest result)
- reduced Buchholz-2 (sum of opponents' points excluding the 2 weakest results)
- Buchholz (sum of opponents' points)
- highest number of games played with black

The tournaments will be played according to FIDE Laws of Chess. All disputes will be resolved by the chief arbiter.

4. REGISTRATION

Pre-registration period would be until **27 May 2024**. Each interested player is required to pay full registration fee in order to participate. Registered players will be published in the Estonian Chess Federation [calendar plan](#).

A player who is not registered before the deadline will be allowed to play based on vacancy. Registration fees for players who register after 27 May 2024 will be doubled.

Bank details: (for payments in EUR):

- Beneficiary's Account (SWEDBANK): EE662200221078283489
- Beneficiary: Treeningpartner/Pühajärve maleklubi
- Details: Saaremaa Chess Festival, rapid and/or blitz, participant's full name and birth year

Both tournaments would consist of up to 150 players each, including 30 invitees.

5. PARTICIPATION FEE

Blitz tournament: 20 EUR

- IM/WIM, youth (b. 2006 or later), seniors (b. 1959 or earlier), Saaremaa residents: 10 EUR

Rapid tournament: 50 EUR

- IM/WIM, youth (b. 2006 or later), seniors (b. 1959 or earlier), Saaremaa residents: 25 EUR

When registering after 27 May 2024 and in the playing hall on the day of the tournament the fee is doubled.

Both tournaments are **free** for GM / WGM titled players.

6. PRIZES

Blitz tournament

1 st place	500 EUR + trophy
2 nd place	300 EUR
3 rd place	200 EUR
4 th -5 th place	150 EUR
best female player	200 EUR + souvenir
best Estonian player	100 EUR
best non-GM/IM	100 EUR
best senior player (born in 1964 or earlier)	100 EUR
best youth player (born in 2006 or later)	100 EUR
best youth player (born in 2010 or later)	souvenir
best youth player (born in 2014 or later)	souvenir
best player with FIDE ELO under 2000	souvenir
best player with FIDE ELO under 1700	souvenir
best Saaremaa player	souvenir

Rapid tournament

1 st place	1500 EUR + trophy
2 nd place	1000 EUR + souvenir
3 rd place	800 EUR + souvenir
4 th place	600 EUR
5 th place	500 EUR
6 th place	400 EUR
7 th -8 th place	300 EUR
9 th -10 th place	200 EUR
best female player	300 EUR + souvenir
best Estonian player	200 EUR + souvenir
best non-GM/IM	200 EUR + souvenir
best senior player (born in 1964 or earlier)	100 EUR + souvenir
best senior player (born in 1954 or earlier)	souvenir
best youth player (born in 2006 or later)	100 EUR + souvenir
best youth player (born in 2010 or later)	souvenir
best youth player (born in 2014 or later)	souvenir
best player with FIDE ELO under 2000	souvenir
best player with FIDE ELO under 1700	souvenir
best Saaremaa player	souvenir

Additional lottery prizes and each player will receive a gift bag!

One player may receive multiple prizes. The prize money is transferred to the player's bank account right after the end of the tournament. The tournament organizer pays state taxes and the prizes shown above are reflected as a net amount. The prize fund may increase.

7. ACCOMMODATION

Official hotels of the festival (discounts for the participants):

- [Asa Spa Hotel](#) | e-mail: info@asaspa.ee
- [Meri Spa Hotel](#) | e-mail: info@merihotel.ee

8. FESTIVAL ORGANIZATION

The festival is organised by Treeningpartner/Pühajärve Chess Club together with Coop Saaremaa, the Culture and Sports Department of Saaremaa Municipality, Estonian Chess Federation, and sponsors.

Chief arbiter – FA Tarmo Tuul

Head of media – Marge Mägi

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Chief organiser – Urmas Randma (+372 5158656; urmas.randma@hotmail.com)

Tournament Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/saaremaamalefestival>

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Welcome to Saaremaa!