



13th International Chess Festival
“Riga Technical University Open” 2024

REGULATIONS

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Time and Place

The 13th International Chess Festival "Riga Technical University Open" 2024 (hereafter referred to as the Festival) is scheduled to be held from **August 3rd to August 11th** at the **International Exhibition Center "Kipsala"** (Kīpsalas iela 8, Riga, Latvia, LV-1048). This center stands as the largest specialized exhibition center in the Baltic states, offering a spacious hall spanning 5700 square meters, ensuring best possible conditions for chess.

Festival Program

No.	Event	Dates	Prize fund
1	<u>100 vs. 100 Team Tournament (Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Rest of World)</u>	3 rd of August	-
2	<u>Latvian Chess Federation & FIDE 100-Year Anniversary Blitz Tournament</u>	3 rd of August	1,200 EUR
3	<u>Riga Open Rapid Chess Championship 2024</u>	4 th of August	2,000 EUR
4	<u>Tournament A – Grandmaster Open</u>	5 th – 11 th of August	20,000 EUR
5	<u>Tournament B – Amateur Open (ELO < 2200)</u>	5 th – 11 th of August	1,800 EUR
6	<u>Tournament C – Weekend Amateur Open (ELO < 2400)</u>	8 th – 11 th of August	1,500 EUR
7	<u>Tournament D – Weekend Amateur Open (ELO < 1800)</u>	9 th – 11 th of August	1,300 EUR

8	<u>Tournament E – Midnight Blitz Tournament</u>	11 th of August	1,200 EUR
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Prize Fund

The total prize fund is planned to be **29 000 EUR** for all tournaments.

The prize pool for each tournament is determined by the number of participants. The detailed prize breakdown for each tournament will be verified during the festival.

1. 100 vs. 100 Team Tournament

Team tournament on 100 boards between teams of LAT, LTU, EST, and the Rest of World

Regulations: Round Robin, 3 rounds.

Time limit: 10 minutes per game per player + 5 seconds per move starting from the first move.

Schedule:

Saturday	3 rd of August	Until 12:00	Teams Arrival
		12:30	1 st round
		13:15	2 nd round
		14:00	3 rd round

Entry fee: Free.

Prizes: Each participant will receive a memorable gift from the tournament.

2. Latvian Chess Federation & FIDE 100-Year Anniversary Blitz Tournament

Open Blitz Tournament Dedicated to the 100-Year Anniversary of FIDE and the LCF

Regulations: Swiss system, 11 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated.

Time limit: 3 minutes per game per player + 2 seconds per move starting from the first move.

Schedule:

Saturday	3 rd of August	Until 15:30	Registration
		16:00 – 20:30	1 st round – 11 th round
		12:30	Prize Giving Ceremony

Entry fee: 10 EUR (free entry for GMs, WGMs, IMs, and WIMs)

Financial prizes

The tournament's prize fund is set to be **1,200 EUR**, guaranteed if there are at least 100 participants. The first prize is a guaranteed **170 EUR**. There will be 8 general prizes and special prizes for the three best women, three best juniors (born 2006 and later), and three best senior players (born 1963 and earlier) as well as prizes in three different rating groups.

Prizes are not shared, and a player can only receive one prize.

3. Riga Open Rapid Chess Championship 2024

Open Riga City Municipality Chess Championship in Rapid Chess

Regulations: Swiss system, 9 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated.

Time limit: 10 minutes per game per player + 5 seconds per move starting from the first move.

Schedule:



		09:00 – 10:30	Registration
		11:00 – 14:00	1 st round – 4 th round
Sunday	4 th of August	14:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
		15:15 – 18:45	5 th round – 9 th round
		19:00	Prize Giving Ceremony

Entry fee:

GMs, WGMs, IMs, and WIMs	Free entry
Juniors (born 2006 and later), seniors (born 1963 and earlier)	15 EUR
Other players	20 EUR

Financial prizes

The tournament's prize fund is set to be **2,000 EUR**, guaranteed if there are at least 100 participants. The first prize is a guaranteed **350 EUR**. There will be 8 general prizes and special prizes for the three best women, three best juniors (born 2006 and later), and three best senior players (born 1963 and earlier) as well as prizes in four different rating groups.

Prizes are not shared, and a player can only receive one prize.

4. Tournament A – Grandmaster Open

Open tournament with GM, IM, WGM, and WIM title norms

Regulations: Swiss system, 9 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated.

Time limit: 90 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.

Schedule:

Monday	5 th of August	14:00 – 16:00	Registration
		16:30	Opening ceremony
		17:00	1 st round
Tuesday	6 th of August	11:00	2 nd round
		17:00	3 rd round
Wednesday	7 th of August	15:00	4 th round
Thursday	8 th of August	11:00	5 th round
		17:00	6 th round
Friday	9 th of August	15:00	7 th round
Saturday	10 th of August	15:00	8 th round
Sunday	11 th of August	11:00	9 th round
		18:30	Closing ceremony

Entry fee

GMs, WGMs, IMs, and WIMs have free entry at the Tournament A

ELO > 2299	60 EUR
ELO 2200 – 2299	70 EUR
ELO 2100 – 2199	80 EUR
ELO 2000 – 2099	100 EUR
ELO 1900 – 1999	120 EUR
ELO < 1900	180 EUR
Without ELO	240 EUR

Discounts

FMs, WFMs, juniors up to 18 years of age (born 2006 and later), seniors over 65 years of age (born 1959 and earlier) have a **25 % discount**.

Players representing Latvian Chess Federation have a **35% discount**.

FMs, WFMs, juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years who represents Latvian Chess Federation have a **50% discount**.

Discounts do not add up. This discount does not refer to the additional charge for late registration.

Financial prizes

The tournament's prize fund is set to be **20,000 EUR**, guaranteed if there are at least 200 participants.

The first prize is a guaranteed **3,000 EUR**. There will be 20 general prizes and special prizes for the

four best women, three best juniors (born 2006 and later), and four best senior players (born 1963 and earlier) as well as prizes in four different rating groups.

General prizes are shared using the Hort system, special prizes are not shared. A player can receive only one prize.

5. Tournament B – Amateur Open (ELO < 2200)

Open tournament for players with ELO rating up to 2199

Regulations: Swiss system, 9 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated.

Time limit: 90 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.

Schedule: The same as for Tournament A.

Entry fee

ELO 2050 – 2199	40 EUR
ELO 1900 – 2049	50 EUR
ELO 1800 – 1899	60 EUR
ELO < 1800	70 EUR
Without ELO	80 EUR

Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age (born 2006 and later) and seniors over 65 years of age (born 1959 and earlier) have a **25% discount**.

This discount does not discount does not apply to the additional fee for late registration.

Financial prizes

The tournament's prize fund is set to be **1,800 EUR**, guaranteed if there are at least 70 participants. The first prize is a guaranteed **250 EUR**. There will be 8 general prizes and special prizes for the three best women, three best juniors (born 2006 and later), and three best senior players (born 1963 and earlier) as well as prizes in three different rating groups.

Prizes are not shared, and a player can only receive one prize.

6. Tournament C – Weekend Amateur Open (ELO < 2400)

Open weekend tournament for players with ELO rating up to 2399

Regulations: Swiss system, 7 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated.

Time limit: 60 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.

Schedule:

Thursday	8 th of August	16:00 – 18:00	Registration
		19:00	1 st round
Friday	9 th of August	15:00	2 nd round
		19:00	3 rd round
Saturday	10 th of August	11:00	4 th round
		15:00	5 th round
Sunday	11 th of August	10:00	6 th round
		14:00	7 th round
		18:30	Closing Ceremony

Entry fee

ELO 2150 – 2399	30 EUR
ELO 1900 – 2149	35 EUR
ELO 1600 – 1899	40 EUR
ELO < 1600	45 EUR
Without ELO	50 EUR

Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age (born 2006 and later) and seniors over 65 years of age (born 1959 and earlier) have a **25% discount**.

This discount does not discount does not apply to the additional fee for late registration.

Financial prizes

The tournament's prize fund is set to be **1,500 EUR**, guaranteed if there are at least 50 participants. The first prize is a guaranteed **190 EUR**. There will be 8 general prizes and special prizes for the three best women, three best juniors (born 2006 and later), and three best senior players (born 1963 and earlier) as well as prizes in two different rating groups.

Prizes are not shared, and a player can only receive one prize.

7. Tournament D – Weekend Amateur Open (ELO < 1800)

Open weekend tournament for players with ELO rating up to 1799

Regulations: Swiss system, 7 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated.

Time limit: 30 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.

Schedule:

Friday	9 th of August	15:00 – 16:30	Registration
		17:00	1 st round
		20:00	2 nd round
Saturday	10 th of August	11:00	3 rd round
		14:00	4 th round
		17:00	5 th round
Sunday	11 th of August	11:00	6 th round
		14:00	7 th round
		18:30	Closing Ceremony

Entry fee

With ELO	25 EUR
Without ELO	35 EUR

Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age (born 2006 and later) and seniors over 65 years of age (born 1959 and earlier) have a **25% discount**.

This discount does not apply to the additional fee for late registration.

Financial prizes

The tournament's prize fund is set to be **1,200 EUR**, guaranteed if there are at least 100 participants. The first prize is a guaranteed **170 EUR**. There will be 8 general prizes and special prizes for the three best women, three best juniors (born 2006 and later), and three best senior players (born 1963 and earlier) as well as prizes in two different rating groups.

Prizes are not shared, and a player can only receive one prize.

8. Tournament E – Midnight Blitz Tournament

Open Late Night Closing Blitz Tournament

Regulations: Swiss system, 11 rounds, FIDE rules, ELO rated.

Time limit: 3 minutes per game per player + 2 seconds per move starting from the first move.

Schedule:

Sunday	11 th of August	18:30 – 19:15	Registration
		Starting from 19:30	1 st – 11 th round, Prize Giving Ceremony

Entry fee: 10 EUR (free entry for GMs, WGMs, IMs, and WIMs)

Financial prizes

The tournament's prize fund is set to be **1,200 EUR**, guaranteed if there are at least 100 participants. The first prize is a guaranteed **170 EUR**. There will be 8 general prizes and special prizes for the three best women, three best juniors (born 2006 and later), and three best senior players (born 1963 and earlier) as well as prizes in three different rating groups.

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Entries

Early registrations (by specifying your Name, ELO, Date of Birth, Country, and accommodation if necessary) for the tournaments A – D should be sent before the **26th of July** either by e-mail: chess@rtu.lv or by filling out the application form on the official website of the festival <https://rtuopen.com/>. The **onsite registration** according to the schedule of the corresponding tournament **is mandatory** also for online pre-registered participants, including participants that have free entry. The organizers reserve the right to exclude players who have missed the onsite registration deadline from the tournament.

Players from the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus cannot participate in the festival, regardless of their status, including the so-called neutral athlete.

Late registration

Players whose application to tournaments A – D will be registered after the **26th of July** will pay an additional charge of 10 EUR.

Late arrival

The waiting time in Tournaments A – D in case of late arrival is 30 minutes.

Tie-breaks

In case of an equal number of points, the following tie-break criteria are used:

- a) Buchholz Cut 1;
- b) Buchholz;
- c) Rating Performance;
- d) Direct Encounter;
- e) Greater number of victories;
- f) Most games as black.

Prize giving

All players must be present at the closing ceremony to receive financial prizes. The organizers reserve the right not to pay out prizes if the participant fails to arrive.

Accommodation

Festival participants and guests can take advantage of **special rates** at the festival's official hotels. However, the number of rooms is limited, so reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The prices listed below are guaranteed until the rooms reserved by the organizers are fully booked, or until the **26th of July**, whichever comes first. To reserve a room, please fill out the

application form on the festival's official website <https://rtuopen.com/> or send an email to chess@rtu.lv.

RTU Hostel 6 Āzenes iela (600 m from the game hall)

Room	WC & Shower	Breakfast	Free WiFi	Price per night/week
<i>To be confirmed</i>				

Photos of RTU Hostel: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/rtu-lv/albums/72157709379122612>

Riga Islande Hotel ** Superior** 2 Kīpsalas iela (600 m from the game hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	Free WiFi	Price
Standard Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	65 EUR /room/night
Standard Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	75 EUR /room/night
Double Superior	In the room	Yes	Yes	95 EUR /room/night

Free parking. Website of the hotel: <https://www.islandehotel.lv/>

Information about hotel availability is updated during registration. The most up-to-date information is available on the festival's website: <http://rtuopen.com/>.

Organizers

Riga Technical University, in partnership with the Latvian Chess Federation, proudly takes the lead in organizing the festival. As the main sponsor, Riga Technical University is joined by a host of supporters including the International Chess Federation (FIDE), the International Exhibition Center "Kipsala", Riga City Council along with the Ministry of Education and Science.

Head of the Organizing Committee: Toms Kalnins

Honorary Director of the Festival: Egons Lavendelis

Chief Arbiter of the Festival: Alberts Cimins

Chief Arbiter of Tournament A: Andra Cimina

Additional information

Please be aware that this festival is a public event. Your participation may be documented and reflected in the media. Photography and filming might occur during the event to inform the public, in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 1, subparagraph e) of the General Data Protection Regulation. The organizers reserve the right to deny players' admission to the tournament without providing a reason. If such a decision is made, the organizers must inform the participant as soon as possible after receiving their application.

The organizers confirm that they comply with the World Anti-Doping Code in their activities and ensure that the Festival takes place without substances prohibited in sports.

The organizers reserve the right to make necessary changes to the regulations, as long as it does not unfairly impact participants.

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