



EUROPEAN BLITZ & RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019
TALLINN, ESTONIA
Sokos Hotel Viru, 4 - 8 December

REGULATIONS

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1. INVITATION & ORGANIZERS

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the 32nd EUROPEAN BLITZ AND RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Organizer is the **Estonian Chess Federation**, under the auspices of the **European Chess Union**.

2. DATES AND VENUE

4th December (arrivals) to 8th December 2019 (last rounds). The playing venue is the **4-star Sokos Hotel Viru** in Tallinn, Estonia.

3. EVENT WEBSITE

The official website of the event is www.tallinnec2019.ee

4. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Ken Koort

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5. CHIEF ARBITER

Laurent Freyd

6. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM, TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS, CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The European Individual Rapid Chess Championship will be played in the Swiss system, 13 rounds, with the time control 15 minutes + 10 seconds per move increment starting from the first move.

The European Individual Blitz Chess Championship will be played in the Swiss system, 11 double rounds, with the time control 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move increment starting from the first move.

The Championships are open to all players representing Chess Federations which are ECU members (FIDE zones 1.1. to 1.10), regardless of their title and rating. There is no limit to the number of participants per federation.

Registration starts on **the 1st September 2019**. Applications must be sent through the on-line form on the official website of the championships www.tallinnec2019.ee

The registration deadline is **31st of October 2019**.

Entry fees and accommodation payments shall reach the following bank account no later than **31st of October 2019**.

Bank details (for payments in EUR):

Account holder name (Beneficiary): Eesti Maleliit
Address of Beneficiary: Estonia, Tallinn, Vene 29
Bank name: SWEDBANK.
Bank SWIFT (BIC) code: HABAE2X
Bank account number (IBAN): EE452200221038592437

Please state names of the players concerned in each payment.
Bank charges are to be borne by the senders.

Notes:

- 1.** Places are limited. Organizers reserve the right to close registration list at any time.
- 2.** Entry fee is non refundable.
- 3.** Entry fees will be doubled for players who register after the deadline of **31st of October 2019**.
- 4.** List of the players who have paid the application fee and the players who have booked hotel accommodation will be on the tournament website. Kindly follow the tournament website verifying your fees were accepted and your names are on the list.
- 5.** If you had paid and your name is not on the website list, please email the Organizers at: ken@koort.ee
- 6.** Those players who register after 31st October 2019 would be admitted on vacancy basis. Organizers reserve full discretion to deny registration of participants registering later than **31st of October 2019**.
- 7.** The Organizers reserve the right to admit such players starting from Round 2.
- 8.** Players who wish to receive an invoice are kindly requested to send all necessary information in advance to the Tournament Director at: ken@koort.ee

7. ENTRY FEE

Rapid Tournament

Entry fee for rated players will be €25 (plus €10 fee to the European Chess Union), **total of €35.**

Entry fee for unrated players will be €30 (plus €10 fee to the European Chess Union), **total of €40.**

Blitz tournament

Entry fee for rated players will be €15 (plus €10 fee to the European Chess Union), **total of €25.**

Entry fee for unrated players will be €20 (plus €10 fee to the European Chess Union) **total of €30.**

The €10 fee to the European Chess Union is in any way a single payment. If a player is eligible and elects to play in both tournaments (the European Rapid Chess Championship and the European Blitz Chess Championship) he will be required to pay the €10 ECU fee only once.

Entry fee for both tournaments (Rapid and Blitz) in total will be 50 euros for rated players and 60 euros for unrated players (€10 fee to the European Chess Union is included).

Notes:

The following categories of players registered not later than 31st of October 2019, are exempt from entry fee:

- medalists of European Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships 2018,
- female players with ELO rating in rapid or blitz chess of 2400 & above as of 1st September 2019,
- players with ELO rating in rapid or blitz chess of 2600 & above as of 1st September 2019.

8. VERIFICATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Publishing a player's name in the list published online at www.tallinnec2019.ee will confirm that he/she has been admitted to the tournament.

9. SCHEDULE

European Individual Rapid Chess Championship 2019

Wednesday, 4th December 2019	
15:00 - 20:00	Arrival. Registration of the participants.
20:00	Technical meeting at the tournament hall
Thursday, 5th December 2019	
11.00	Opening ceremony and rounds 1-3
16.30	Rounds 4-8
Friday, 6th December 2019	
11.00	Rounds 9-13
18.00	Closing ceremony

European Individual Blitz Chess Championship 2019

Friday, 6th December 2019	
18.00-21.00	Arrival. Registration of the participants.
Saturday, 7th December 2019	
10.00	Opening ceremony and Double Rounds 1-11
21.00	Closing ceremony
Sunday, 8th December 2019	
	Departure

10. Rapid tournament PRIZE FUND: €20,000

PLACE / PRIZE in EUR

1st	4000	9th	600	17th	250
2nd	2500	10th	600	18th	250
3rd	1500	11th	500	19th	150
4th	900	12th	500	20th	150
5th	750	13th	400	21st	100
6th	750	14th	400	22nd	100
7th	650	15th	300	23rd	100
8th	650	16th	300	24th	100

Main prizes: 16,500

CATEGORY

PRIZE in EUR

Best female player	1 – 300 2 – 200 3 – 100
Best senior player born in or before 1959	1 – 150 2 – 100
Best junior player born in 2001 or later	1 – 150 2 – 100
Best junior female player born in 2001 or later	1 – 150 2 – 100
Best junior player born in 2005 or later	1 – 100 2 – 75
Best junior female player born in 2005 or later	1 – 100 2 – 75
Best junior player born in 2009 or later	1 – 100 2 – 75
Best junior female player born in 2009 or later	1 – 100 2 – 75
Best player under 2600	1 – 150

Best player under 2300	1 – 150
Best player under 2000	1 – 150
Best player under 1700	1 – 100
Best player under 1400 or unrated player	1 – 100
Best Estonian player	1 – 150
Best Estonian female player	1 – 100
Best Estonian senior player born in or before 1959	1 – 100
Best Estonian junior player born in 2001 or later	1 – 100
Best Estonian female junior player born in 2001 or later	1 – 100
Best Estonian junior player born in 2005 or later	1 – 75
Best Estonian female junior player born in 2005 or later	1 – 75
Best Estonian junior player born in 2009 or later	1 – 50
Best Estonian female junior player born in 2009 or later	1 – 50

Special prizes: €3,500

Blitz tournament PRIZE FUND: €10,100

PLACE / PRIZE in EUR

1st	2,000	8th	350	15th	100
2nd	1,000	9th	250	16th	100
3rd	750	10th	200	17th	100
4th	650	11th	175	18th	100
5th	600	12th	175	19th	100
6th	550	13th	150	20th	100
7th	400	14th	150		

Main prizes: €8,000

CATEGORY	PRIZE in EUR
Best female player	1 – 250
	2 – 100
Best senior player born in 1959 or earlier	1 – 150
	2 – 100
Best junior player born in 2001 or later	1 – 100
Best junior female player born in 2001 or later	1 – 100
Best junior player born in 2005 or later	1 – 100
Best junior female player born in 2005 or later	1 – 100
Best junior player born in 2009 or later	1 – 100
Best junior female player born in 2009 or later	1 – 100
Best player having rating below 2400	1 – 100
Best player having rating below 2200	1 – 100
Best player having rating below 2000	1 – 100
Best player having rating below 1800	1 – 100
Best player having rating below 1600 or unrated player	1 – 100
Best Estonian player	1 – 100
Best Estonian female player	1 – 50
Best Estonian senior player	1 – 50
Best Estonian junior player born in 2001 or later	1 – 50
Best Estonian female junior player born in 2001 or later	1 – 50
Best Estonian junior player born in 2005 or later	1 – 50
Best Estonian female junior player born in 2005 or later	1 – 50

Special prizes: €2,100

Note:

For the players with the same number of points, prizes are distributed according to Hort system, among such number of players corresponding to number of advertised main prizes. Special prizes by category will not be divided. If the player has won more than one prize, he/she will be awarded the largest one, and ordered by the priority as listed in the regulations.

If the prizes are equal, the player will receive money prizes in the following order:

1. Best female junior player (starting from the youngest group)
2. Best junior player (starting from the youngest group)
3. Best player born in 1959 or earlier
4. Best female player
5. Best rated player (starting from the lowest rank)

Remark:

- The procedure for payment for payment of prizes will be announced later.

- All prizes are shown before taxes. 20% tax will be withheld in accordance with the existing laws of the Republic of Estonia for residents of Estonia, 10% for non-residents.

Tie-break criteria for final standings: Players will be ranked according their score (number of points won). In case of a tie, the following extra ratio will be applied.

- a. Results of direct encounters between the tied players (If all the tied players have met each other, the sum of points from these encounters is used. The player with the highest score is ranked number 1 and so on. If some but not all have played each other, the player with a score that could not be equaled by any other player (if all such games had been played) is ranked number 1 and so on.),
- b. Buchholz Cut 1,
- c. Buchholz,
- d. The greater number of games played with black,
- e. The greater number of wins.

11. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Rapid tournament free accommodation (single rooms) at a hotel from 4th to 6th December 2019 and Blitz tournament from 6th to 8th December 2019 will be granted to **10 players** having the highest rating who register no later than **30th of September 2019** and are playing in both tournaments;
- Rapid tournament free accommodation (double rooms) at a hotel from 4th to 6th December 2019 and Blitz tournament from 6th to 8th December 2019 will be granted to 10 players seeded 11th -20th, who register no later than **30th of September 2019** and are playing in both tournaments;
- Rapid tournament free accommodation (single room) at a hotel from 4th to 6th December 2019 and Blitz tournament from 6th to 8th December 2019 will be granted to the female player having the highest rating who registers no later than **30th of September 2019** and is playing in both tournaments;
- Rapid tournament free accommodation (double room) at a hotel from 4th to 6th December 2019 and Blitz tournament from 6th to 8th December 2019 will be granted to the 2nd and the 3rd highest rated female players who register no later than **30th of September 2019** and are playing in both tournaments

- organizers will cover travel expenses (up to €200, according to the tickets) for highest 10 rated players, who register no later than **30th of September 2019** and are playing in both tournaments.

Note:

For the above special conditions, ELO rating in rapid and blitz chess as of 1st September 2019 will be considered.

12. ACCOMMODATION

official hotel: **4-star Sokos Hotel Viru**

Distance from the playing hall: same building

A1) Standard rooms in Sokos Hotel Viru:

single room - €82 / room per night

double room - €114 / room per night

All room rates are with breakfast included

buffet lunch: per meal - €11

buffet dinner: per meal - €18

Second tournament official hotel: **4-star Sokos Hotel Estoria**

Distance from the playing hall: same building

A2) Standard rooms in Sokos Hotel Estoria:

single room - €105 / room per night

double room - €142 / room per night

All room rates are with breakfast included

buffet lunch: per meal - €11

buffet dinner: per meal - €18

B) payment for the accommodation: see Item 6 of the regulations

13. TRANSFER

Transfer from Tallinn airport to the respective hotels are the responsibility of the players and on their expense. Volunteers are to be at the airport guiding players to the taxis and public transportation.

14. VISAS

Players in need of visa to Estonia are advised to apply for it as soon as possible. For visa purpose, upon request the organization shall provide a personal invitation.

Persons who need visa support are requested to contact the Tournament Director at ken@koort.ee

15. COMMERCIAL ISSUES

- The Organizer warrants that the official domain for the event is managed in a professional way and furthermore that it is capable of handling the traffic and publicity that is required for such event. Statistics of traffic and full reports on web performance are provided by the Organizer.
- The Organizer shall co-operate with the Press Officer concerning the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at the Press Centre.
- The Press Officer is a member of the panel at Press Conferences conducted during the event.
- Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorized by the Press Officer may work in the playing venue.
- Flash may be used only during the first three (3) minutes of play during rapid games and the first two (2) minutes during blitz games.
- Television cameras must be unobtrusive and may only be used if the Arbiter in charge deems their use to be unobtrusive.
- Organizers reserve the right to use in their site every photo taken at the playing area during days of the tournaments. Objects in the photos by entering the tournament hall give consent for organizers to do so. All photographers at the tournaments consent to organizers doing so. Site managers would endeavor to add credits for the respective photographer.

16. APPEALS

Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, or the Tournament Director, must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within ten minutes after completion of the respective game.

The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 € or the equivalent in local currency, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the European Chess Union.

The Committee endeavors to make a decision within fifteen (15) minutes after submission of the appeal.

17. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

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