

9<sup>th</sup> International Chess Festival  
**RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OPEN**



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UNIVERSITY**

August 3-11, 2019

**Venue**

International Exhibition Centre “Kipsala”, 8 Kipsalas Street, Riga, Latvia.

**Prize fund**

The total prize fund is planned to be **26 000 EUR** for all tournaments.

**Festival tournaments**

No.	Tournament	Title	Dates	Prize Fund
1.	A	Grandmaster Open	August 5 – 11	15 100 EUR
2.	B	Amateur Open for players with ELO until 2299	August 5 – 11	1 500 EUR
3.	Y	Youth open for players U14 with ELO until 2199	August 5 – 11	3000 EUR (worth prizes)
4.	C	Weekend Amateur open for players with ELO until 2199	August 8 – 11	800 EUR
5.	D	Weekend Amateur open for players with ELO until 1899	August 8 – 11	800 EUR
6.	E	Weekend Amateur open for players with ELO until 1599	August 9 – 11	800 EUR
7.	F	Open blitz tournament	August 3	1 000 EUR
8.	G	Rapid Open tournament	August 4	2 000 EUR
9.	H	Closing blitz tournament	August 11	1 000 EUR

During the festival week additional events (GM lectures, simuls, excursions, etc.) will be organized for the participants of the tournament for additional fees. The preliminary schedule of additional activities is the following:

Monday, August 5, morning: Bughouse chess tournament, 80% of entry fees going to prize fund.

Wednesday, August 7, morning: Excursion.

Friday, August 9 morning: GM Simuls.

Friday, August 9 morning: Table tennis tournament.

Saturday, August 10, morning: GM lecture.

**1. Tournament A – Grandmaster open**  
**ELO Tournament with GM, IM, WGM and WIM norms**  
**The tournament will be part of ACP Tour**

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

Time limit: 90 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

<u>Schedule:</u>	Monday	05.08.	14:00-16:00	Registration
			16:30	Opening ceremony
	Tuesday	06.08.	17:00	1 <sup>st</sup> round
			11:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> round
	Wednesday	07.08.	17:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> round
			15:00	4 <sup>th</sup> round
	Thursday	08.08.	11:00	5 <sup>th</sup> round
			17:00	6 <sup>th</sup> round
	Friday	09.08.	15:00	7 <sup>th</sup> round
	Saturday	10.08.	15:00	8 <sup>th</sup> round
	Sunday	11.08.	11:00	9 <sup>th</sup> round
			18:30	Closing ceremony

Entry fee

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

ELO > 2299	50 EUR
ELO 2200 – 2299	60 EUR
ELO 2100 – 2199	70 EUR
ELO 2000 – 2099	80 EUR
ELO 1900 – 1999	100 EUR
ELO < 1900	150 EUR
Without ELO	200 EUR

Discounts

FMs, WFMs, juniors up to 18 years of age, seniors over 65 years of age have 25 % discount, players from Latvia have a 35% discount. Latvian FMs, WFMs, juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years have 50% discount. Discounts do not add up. This discount does not refer to the additional charge for the late registration.

Financial prizes

The prize fund of the tournament A is 15 100 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 180 participants), the first prize is guaranteed to be 2 500 EUR. 25 general prizes and special prizes for the best women, junior (born 2001 and later) and senior players (born 1959 and earlier) as well as rating prizes in at least 4 groups. General prizes are shared using the Hort system, special prizes are not shared. A player can receive only one prize.

**2. Tournament B**

**Amateur open for players with ELO until 2299**

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

Time limit: 90 minutes per game per player +30 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Schedule: The same as for tournament A.

Entry fee

ELO 2050 – 2299	30 EUR
ELO 1900 – 2049	40 EUR
ELO 1800 – 1899	50 EUR
ELO < 1800	60 EUR
Without ELO	80 EUR

### Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years of age have a 25% discount. This discount does not refer to the additional charge for the late registration.

### Financial prizes

The prize fund of the tournament is 1500 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 70 participants), guaranteed first prize is 250 EUR. 10 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 2001 and later) and senior players (born 1959 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. A player can receive only one prize.

## **3. Tournament Y**

### **Youth open for players U14 with ELO until 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 move 1.

Schedule: The same as for tournament A.

Entry fee: 25 EUR

### Prizes

There are no financial prizes. The players will be awarded valuable prizes in total worth at least 3000 EUR. At least 15 different prizes.

## **4. Tournament C**

### **Weekend Amateur ELO Tournament for players with ELO until 2199**

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

Time limit: 60 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

<u>Schedule:</u>	Thursday	08.08.	16:00-18:00 19:00	Registration 1 <sup>st</sup> round
	Friday	09.08.	15:00 19:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> round 3 <sup>rd</sup> round
	Saturday	10.08.	11:00 15:00	4 <sup>th</sup> round 5 <sup>th</sup> round
	Sunday	11.08.	10:00 14:00 18:30	6 <sup>th</sup> round 7 <sup>th</sup> round Closing ceremony

### Entry fee

ELO 2050 – 2199	20 EUR
ELO 1900 – 2049	25 EUR
ELO 1600 – 1899	30 EUR
ELO < 1600	40 EUR
Without ELO	50 EUR

### Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years of age have a 25% discount. This discount does not refer to the additional charge for the late registration.

### Financial prizes

The prize fund of the tournament is 800 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 50 participants), guaranteed first prize is 150 EUR. 8 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 2001 and later) and senior players (born 1959 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. A player can receive only one prize.

## 5. Tournament D

### Weekend Amateur open for players with ELO until 1899

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

Time limit: 60 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Schedule: The same as for tournament C.

#### Entry fee

ELO 1600 - 1899	20 EUR
ELO < 1600	30 EUR
Without ELO	40 EUR

#### Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years of age have a 25% discount. This discount does not refer to the additional charge for the late registration.

#### Financial prizes

The prize fund of the tournament is 800 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 60 participants), guaranteed first prize is 150 EUR. 8 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 2001 and later) and senior players (born 1959 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. A player can receive only one prize.

## 6. Tournament E

### Weekend Amateur ELO Tournament for players with ELO until 1599

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

Time limit: 30 minutes per game per player + 30 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

<u>Schedule:</u>	Friday	09.08.	15:00-16:30	Registration
			17:00	1 <sup>st</sup> round
			20:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> round
	Saturday	10.08.	11:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> round
			14:00	4 <sup>th</sup> round
			17:00	5 <sup>th</sup> round
	Sunday	11.08.	11:00	6 <sup>th</sup> round
			14:00	7 <sup>th</sup> round
			18:30	Closing ceremony

#### Entry fee

With ELO	20 EUR
Without ELO	30 EUR

#### Discounts

Juniors up to 18 years of age and seniors over 65 years of age have a 25% discount. This discount does not refer to the additional charge for the late registration.

#### Financial prizes

The prize fund of the tournament is 800 EUR (guaranteed in case of at least 60 participants), guaranteed first prize is 150 EUR. 8 general prizes and special prizes for best women, junior (born 2001 and later) and senior players (born 1959 and earlier). Prizes are not shared. A player can receive only one prize.

## 7. Tournament F – Opening blitz tournament

### Saturday, August 3, 15:00 – 20:00, Swiss system, 11 rounds, ELO rated

Time limit: 3 minutes per game per player + 2 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Entry fee: 5 EUR; GM, IM, WGM, WIM - free

### Financial prizes

The guaranteed first prize is 180 EUR. Prize fund is 1000 EUR covering 7 general prizes which are not shared and special prizes for juniors, women and veterans as well as rating prizes.

## **8. Tournament G – Rapid Open tournament, Sunday, August 4, 11:00 – 20:00, Swiss system, 9 rounds, ELO rated**

Time limit: 15 minutes per game per player + 5 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Entry fee: 5 EUR; GM, IM, WGM, WIM - free

### Financial prizes

The guaranteed first prize is 360 EUR. Prize fund is 2000 EUR covering 10 general prizes which are not shared and special prizes for juniors, women and veterans as well as rating prizes.

## **9. Tournament H –closing blitz tournament, Sunday, August 11, 19:30, Swiss system, 11 rounds, ELO rated**

Time limit: 3 minutes per game per player + 2 seconds per move starting from the move 1.

Entry fee: 5 EUR; GM, IM, WGM, WIM - free

### Financial prizes

The guaranteed first prize is 180 EUR. Prize fund is 1000 EUR covering 10 general prizes which are not shared and special prizes for juniors, women and veterans as well as rating prizes.

### **Late registrations**

Players whose application to tournaments A-E and Y will be registered after the 15 of July 2019 will pay additional charge of 10 EUR.

### **Late arrival**

Waiting time in the Tournaments A – E and Y in case of late arrival is 30 minutes.

### **Tie-breaks**

The following tie-break criteria are used: 1) Mini Bucholz, 2) Bucholz and 3) Rating Performance.

### **Entries**

Early registrations (by specifying your Name, ELO, Date of Birth, Country and accommodation necessary) for the tournaments A – E and Y should be sent before the 15<sup>th</sup> of July either by e-mail: [chess@rtu.lv](mailto:chess@rtu.lv) or by filling the application form available at <http://rtuopen.lv/>. 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 rights to exclude players that have missed the onsite registration deadline from the tournament.

### **Prize giving**

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

### **Accommodation**

**Bellevue Park Hotel Riga (formerly known as Maritim Park Hotel Riga) \*\*\*\*** 1 Slokas Street (2.1 km from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Standard Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	44 EUR/room/night
Standard Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	49 EUR /room/night
Superior Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	64 EUR /room/night
Superior Double	In the room	Yes	Yes	74 EUR /room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <https://www.hotelbellevue.lv/>. Free parking.

**Riga Islande Hotel \*\*\*\*** 2 Kipsalas Street (600 m from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Standard Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	50 EUR/room/night
Standard Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	60 EUR/room/night
Superior	In the room	Yes	Yes	80 EUR /room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <https://www.islandehotel.lv/>

**Rixwell Elefant Hotel \*\*\*\*superior** 90 Kalnciema Street (3.8 km from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Comfort Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	48 EUR/room/night
Comfort Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	53 EUR/room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <http://www.rixwell.com/en/rixwell-efelant-hotel>

**PrimoHotel \*\*\*** 62 Nometnu Street (2.9 km from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price
Standard Single	In the room	Yes	Yes	33 EUR/room/night
Standard Double/Twin	In the room	Yes	Yes	45 EUR/room/night
Triple	In the room	Yes	Yes	60 EUR/room/night
Family	In the room	Yes	Yes	75 EUR/room/night

Webpage of the hotel: <http://www.primohotel.lv/eng/index.php> . Free parking.

**RTU Hostel** 8 Azenes Street (600 m from the playing hall)

Rooms	WC & Shower	Breakfast	WiFi	Price night/week
Studio apartment (2-3 persons)	In the room	No	No WiFi, Cable Internet only	2 pers. 45/260 EUR 3 pers. 65/300 EUR
Double/twin room in a 3 room apartment	In the apartment	No	No WiFi, Cable Internet only	Only for 2 pers. 30/150 EUR
Apartment (bedroom and living room + TV)	In the apartment	No	No WiFi, Cable Internet only	1 pers. 50/250 EUR 2 pers. 65/360 EUR

Photos of the hostel: <http://rtuopen.lv/en/gallery/rtu-hostel>

*The prices are provided only if the booking is done through the organizers. The special prices are available while there are rooms reserved but no later than on July 15. Number of rooms in all hotels is very limited.*

Hotel information will be updated constantly according to the reservations. Please check the website <http://rtuopen.lv/> for updates.

GMs with ELO > 2500 are eligible for a limited number of free accommodations. Limited number of GMs with ELO > 2600 is eligible for inscription fees. Please, contact organizers as soon as possible, if you are interested.

**Arrival**

Riga Airport is located 10 km from the city centre. Various budget companies (Latvian National airline airBaltic, Norwegian, Ryanair, Wizz Air) as well as prestigious companies (Lufthansa, Turkish Airlines, SAS and others) currently offer flights to Riga from 100 different destinations. For further information check the website of the airport: <http://www.riga-airport.com/>.

You can take bus No 22, or taxi to get to the city centre from the airport.

**Visa information**

Please contact the organizers as soon as possible if you need Visa to enter the Schengen Area. The organizers will make the invitations for visas. Participants will pay the expenses of the invitation. Organizers will cover this fee for invited players.

## Tourist information

Riga is an interesting tourism destination. Riga streets bear it's over 800-year-long history: the many centuries and rulers, Art Nouveau architecture and Modernism, wooden buildings and masonry. The playing hall is located on the island of Kipsala just over the bridge from the Old Town. Famous resort city Jurmala with its sandy beaches is located about 20 km from Riga. Similarly to the 2014 and 2015 editions cultural programme including excursions will be organized during the festival. More detailed information will be available at <http://rtuopen.lv/> closer to the festival.

## Organizers

The festival is organized by Riga Technical University in cooperation with Latvian Chess Federation and Riga Chess Federation. Tournament Director is IO Egons Lavendelis. Chief arbiter of the festival is IA Alberts Cimins, chief arbiter of the Tournament A is IA Andra Cimina.

The organizers reserve the right to make necessary changes in these Regulations in case it doesn't violate interests of the participants. The organizers reserve the rights to reject any registration without specifying the reason. In that case the organizers have to inform the participant as soon as possible after the registration of the player is received.



Feel free to contact organizers via e-mail: [chess@rtu.lv](mailto:chess@rtu.lv).

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