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Festival
Cēsis

JUNE 16-21

2026

Prize pool: € 8000

16 June

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📍 Konrāds Quarter

17-19 June

DRAUGIEM GROUP OPEN

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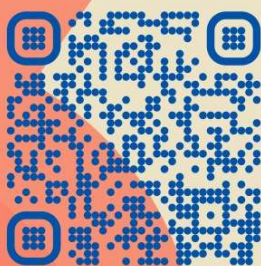
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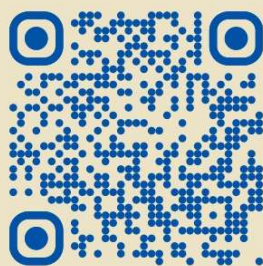
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HOTEL CĒSIS

GO GIRL!

Main arbiter	FA Visvaldis Gercāns
Organizer	Jānis Vingris
Dates	June 16, 2026
Location	Konrād's quarter, Torņa street 1A, Cēsis
Tournament type	7 games, Swiss system Tournament for girls up to 18 years old. Two groups divided in age categories. Group A for girls born 2008.-2013. Group B for girls born 2014 and younger.
Time control	12 minutes + 10 seconds per move.
Schedule	June 16 10-10.45 pm: registration 11 am Round 1 4 pm Round 7 5 pm Closing ceremony/ awards
Entry fee	20 EUR. Entry fee can be transferred in advance or paid in cash before the start of the first round. Participants or organizations can make the bank transfer before 14.06.2026. Beneficiary: Biedrība "Kaupo filma", reģ. Nr. 40008218040, Bank: Swedbank, account No: LV69HABA0551037662711, Address: Vesetas iela 8 – 21, Rīga, LV-1013. Please state the tournament you register for and the player's name.
Prizes	Total prize fund: 250 EUR 50/ 30/ 20/ 15/ 10 EUR for best 5 players in both age groups.
Rating	FIDE rated
Laws of chess	Any player arriving at the board more than 10 minutes after the start of the round will lose by forfeit, except in cases of force majeure.
Declaration of consent	With your participation you agree that photographic and video material may be recorded and used for publicity.
Registration	Anyone with FIDE registration is eligible to participate. Registration is made by filling registration form - https://ej.uz/chess2026 Information: +371 29244842, Jānis Vingris

DRAUGIEM GROUP Open (rapid + classical)

Main arbiter	FA Visvaldis Gercāns
Organizer	Jānis Vingris
Dates	June 17-19, 2026
Location	Konrad's quarter, Cēsis
Tournament type	8 games, Swiss system
Time control	Rounds 1-3 (15 min + 5 sec increment), rounds 4-8 (90 min + 30 sec increment)
Schedule	<p>June 17, 9-9.45 am: Registration 10 am: Round 1 11:15 am: Round 2 12:30 pm: Round 3 5 pm: Round 4</p>
	<p>June 18, 10 am: Round 5 5 pm: Round 6</p>
	<p>June 19, 9 am: Round 7 4 pm: Round 8 9 pm: Closing ceremony/ awards</p>
Entry fee	<p>70 EUR. No entry fee for GM, IM, WGM. Seniors above 65 years and local players from Cēsis - 40 EUR. Entry fee can be transferred in advance or paid in cash before the start of the first round.</p> <p>Participants or organizations can make the bank transfer before 17.06.2026. Beneficiary: Biedrība "Kaupo filma", reģ. Nr. 40008218040, Bank: Swedbank, account No: LV69HABA0551037662711, Address: Vesetas iela 8 – 21, Rīga, LV-1013. Please state the tournament you register for and the player's name.</p>
Prizes	<p>Total prize fund: 3780 EUR + non-cash prizes</p> <p>Winners: 1000/ 700/ 500/ 300/ 200/ 100/ 50/ 50 EUR</p> <p>3 best female, 3 best U14 (2012 and younger), 3 best U18 (2008 and younger), 3 best seniors (1961 and older) awarded with 100/ 70/ 50 EUR each. Best local player from Cēsis to be awarded with prizes provided by sponsors. Prizes are non-cumulative. Organizers will transfer the prize money to the account numbers of the winners to eurozone countries 7 days after the tournament.</p>
Scores and tie-breaks	In case of equal points, the places are determined by: 1. Improved Buchholz coefficient (discarding the worst result); 2. Buchholz coefficient; 3. (Sum of) Progressive Scores (PS)
Rating	FIDE rated
Laws of chess	<p>Any player arriving at the board more than 15 minutes (for rapid rounds) and 30 minutes (for classical rounds) after the start of the round will lose by forfeit, except in cases of force majeure.</p> <p>It is forbidden to enter the playing area with any electronic device such as a mobile phone or a smart watch.</p>
Declaration of consent	With your participation you agree that photographic and video material may be recorded and used for publicity
Other	Anyone with FIDE registration is eligible to participate. Registration is made by filling a registration form - https://ej.uz/chess2026 Information: +371 29244842, Jānis Vingris

SIGNET BANK Rapid+Blitz Biathlon

Chief Arbiter	FA Visvaldis Gercāns
Organizer	Jānis Vingris
Dates	June 20-21, 2026
Location	Maija park, Cēsis
Tournament type	27 games in 2 stages: - <u>Rapid stage</u> : 9 games - <u>Blitz stage</u> : 9 double rounds (18 games)
Time control	<u>Rapid</u> : 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move <u>Blitz</u> : 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move
Schedule	June 20, 9-9.45am: Registration 10am: start of rapid tournament 5pm: last round of rapid tournament June 21, 11am: start of blitz tournament 3pm: last round of blitz tournament 4pm: Closing Ceremony/ awards
Entry fee	40 EUR. No entry fee for GM, IM, WGM, WIM title holders. Seniors above 65 years - 30 EUR. Entry fee for playing in just one tournament (Rapid or Blitz) - 30 EUR.
Prizes	Total prize fund: 2220 EUR 500/ 300/ 200/ 150/ 100/ 70/ 50/ 50 EUR 3 best female, 3 U14 (2012 and younger), 3 U18 (2008 and younger), 3 seniors (1961 and older) awarded with 100/ 70/ 50 each. Best local player from Cēsis 30. Best ELO above 2200 - 50. Best ELO below 2200 - 30. Best ELO below 1900 - 30 EUR.
Scores and tie-breaks	<u>Rapid</u> : 1 point for a win; ½ point for a draw; 0 point for a loss <u>Blitz</u> : 1 point for a win; ½ point for a draw; 0 point for a loss Winners of the rapid+blitz biathlon are determined by summarizing standings in both tournaments. If results are equal, favor is to the player obtaining higher standing in the Rapid tournament. The following tie-break criteria are used: 1) Buchholz Cut 1 (without worst result), 2) Bucholz and 3) Rating performance
Rating	Each tournament is FIDE rated
Laws of chess	Any player arriving at the board more than 10 minutes after the start of the rapid round or 3 minutes after the start of blitz round will lose by forfeit, except in cases of force majeure
Declaration of consent	With your participation you agree that photographic and video material may be recorded and used for publicity
Other	Anyone with FIDE registration is eligible to participate. It is also possible to participate in one stage only, either rapid or blitz. Registration is made by filling registration form - https://ej.uz/chess2026 Information: +371 29244842, Jānis Vingris

BUGHOUSE

Main arbiter	FA Visvaldis Gercāns
Organizer	Jānis Vingris
Dates	June 21, 2026
Location	Maija park, Cēsis
Tournament type	Bughouse tournament for teams. 9 games, Swiss system
Time control	5+0
Schedule	June 21 5-5.45pm: registration 6pm Round 1 8pm Round 9 and closing ceremony/ awards
Entry fee	20 EUR for a team of two players. Entry fee can be transferred in advance or paid in cash before the start of the first round. Participants or organizations can make the bank transfer before 20.06.2026. Beneficiary: Biedrība "Kaupo filma", reģ. Nr. 40008218040, Bank: Swedbank, account No: LV69HABA0551037662711, Address: Vesetas iela 8 – 21, Rīga, LV-1013. Please state the tournament you register for and the player's name.
Prizes	Total prize fund: 400 EUR Winning teams: 150/ 100/ 70/ 50/ 30 EUR
Rating	Not FIDE rated
Laws of Bughouse	Players are not allowed to hide their off the board chess pieces from opponents. It's allowed to place the chess piece on board with a check but not with a checkmate. Partners are allowed to communicate throughout the game except for telling ahead the moves.
Declaration of consent	With your participation you agree that photographic and video material may be recorded and used for publicity.
Registration	Registration is made by filling registration form - https://ej.uz/chess2026 Information: +371 29244842, Jānis Vingris