

International Deaf Chess Tournament „Paul Keres 110 Open“

Pärnu, Estonia | 28–30 August 2026

Main Organizer: Estonian Deaf Sports Union (EDSU)

Venue: Hotel Pärnu, Rüütli 44, 80010 Pärnu, Estonia

Event Organization

- Tournament organizer: Janis Golubenkov
- Chief Arbiter: Askold Nassar
- Estonian Deaf Sports Union: Ilvi Vare

Aim of the Tournament

To celebrate the 110th anniversary of Estonian chess grandmaster Paul Keres and to promote international chess and equal sporting opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing players.

Participants

- Open to all international deaf and hard-of-hearing chess players
- Male and female players
- Juniors (boys and girls) from 12 years old
- Seniors from 60 years old
- Minimum group size is 6 participants; if fewer, players will be merged into the adult (main category) classification

Competition Format

Individual Rapid	9 rounds	10 min + 2 sec
Mixed Team Rapid	5 rounds	25 min + 5 sec
Individual Blitz	15 rounds	3 min + 2 sec

- Maximum delay time: 15 minutes
- Tie-break: according to FIDE rules or Chief Arbiter decision

NB! The tournament system will be decided after registration closes and will depend on the number of participants.

The final decision will be made by the Chief Arbiter.

Entry Fees

- Full tournament: 50 € per participant
- One competition day: 20 € per participant
- Protest fee: 50 €

Catering

- Lunch will be available during competition days
- Lunch price: 20 € per day
- Full tournament (3 days) lunch package: 60 €

Bank Details

- Beneficiary: Estonian Deaf Sports Union (Eesti Kurtide Spordiliit)
- IBAN: EE912200001120071523
- SWIFT/BIC: HABAE2X
- Payment reference: Paul Keres + participant name

Ranking System

- Buchholz Cut 1 (without lowest result)
- Buchholz Cut 2 (without two lowest results)
- Direct encounter
- Number of games played with Black pieces
- Number of wins

Awards

Players placing 1st–3rd will receive prizes

Separate awards will be given to the best junior and senior

If there are fewer than 6 participants, only the best junior and senior will be awarded

Competition Schedule

28 August 2026 – Friday- (Individual Rapid)

10:00	Technical meeting
11:00	Opening ceremony and speeches
11:30–13:00	Rapid chess (rounds 1–5)
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:30	Rapid chess (rounds 6–9)
15:45	Awards ceremony
16:15	Excursion in Pärnu

29 August 2026 – Saturday- (Team Rapid)

10:00–11:00	Round 1
11:00–12:00	Round 2
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:00	Round 3
15:30–16:30	Round 4
16:30–17:30	Round 5
17:45	Awards ceremony

30 August 2026 – Sunday- (Blitz)

10:00–13:30	Blitz chess (15 rounds)
13:30	Lunch and cake
14:30	Closing ceremony and awards
15:00	Departure

Accommodation

- Hotel Pärnu, Rütli 44, 80010 Pärnu – <https://www.hotelparnu.com/>
- Participants arrange accommodation themselves (Booking.com, Airbnb or other platforms)
- Breakfast included accommodation is recommended

Registration and Contact

- Preliminary registration: 01.06.2026
- Name registration deadline: 31.07.2026
- Contact: Janis Golubenkov
- Information: www.kurtidespordiliit.ee

General Rules

All matters not specified in this regulations will be decided by the Chief Arbiter in cooperation with the organizer.