

TALLINN CHESS FESTIVAL | REGULATIONS

1. PURPOSE

- a) Chess popularisation
- b) Introducing Tallinn as a chess friendly city and hometown of Paul Keres
- c) Determining the best players of the tournaments

2. TIME AND PLACE

The festival will take place on 5-7 September 2025 in Tallinn. The following events will take place as part of the festival:

- 05.09 Tallinn international U18 youth rapid tournament (P. Keres Chess House; Vene 29)
- 05.09 Malemaja Open in rapid chess (P. Keres Chess House; Vene 29)
- 06.09 III Nõmme Open in rapid chess (Nõmme Maja; Valdeku 13)
- 07.09 III TalTech Blitz (TalTech main assembly hall; Ehitajate tee 5)
- 07.09 Match "World vs Baltics" (Tallinn Town Hall, Raekoja plats 1) – [regulations page 5](#)

3. SCHEDULE

5 September

Tallinn international youth tournament

15.15-15.45	Registration check
16.00	I-VII round
20.00	Closing ceremony

Malemaja Open

16.45-17.15	Registration check
17.30	I-VIII round
21.00	Closing ceremony

6 September – III Nõmme Open

10.00-10.35	Registration check
10.50	Opening ceremony
11.00	I-V round
14.00-15.30	Lunch
15.30	VI-IX round
18.00	Closing ceremony

7 September

III TalTech Blitz

10.15-10.45	Registration check
11.00	Opening ceremony
11.15	I-VIII round
...	Lunch 45min
14.00	IX-XV round
16.00	Closing ceremony

Match "World vs Baltics"

17.30	Opening ceremony
17.45	I round
18.00	Jaan Ehilvest's simul in Town Hall
19.30	II round
21.00	Mayor's speech, closing ceremony

NB! The schedule might change over the course of the festival.

4. REGISTRATION

The player is registered to the tournament once the participation fee has been paid to the bank account of the organiser. Deadline for pre-registration 2 September.

- Beneficiary: Treeningpartner/Pühajärve maleklubi
- Bank account number: EE662200221078283489
- Explanation: participant's first and last name, birth year, name(s) of tournament(s)

Participation fees:

Tallinn international youth tournament (born 2007 or later): 15 EUR

Malemaja Open: 20 EUR

- IM/WIM; youth players (born 2007 or later); seniors (born 1960 or earlier): 10 EUR
- GM/WGM: free
- **NB!** Entry is limited to the first **50** who pay the entry fee plus 20 invited players.

III Nõmme Open: 30 EUR

- IM/WIM; youth players (born 2007 or later); seniors (born 1960 or earlier): 20 EUR
- GM/WGM: free

III TalTech Blitz: 30 EUR

- IM/WIM; youth players (born 2007 or later); seniors (born 1960 or earlier), TalTech students and employees: 20 EUR
- GM/WGM: free

5. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND TIE-BREAK REGULATIONS

The festival will be organised according to the FIDE Laws of Chess. All tournaments will be held in the Swiss system and will go into the calculation of FIDE ratings.

Tallinn international youth tournament (born 2007 or later):

- 7 rounds
- The tournament will be played as a single event. Rankings will be determined both in the overall standings and separately in the U8 (born 2017 or later), U10 (born 2015 or later), U12 (born 2013 or later), U14 (born 2011 or later), and U16 (born 2009 or later) age groups.
- Time control: 10 minutes per player + 3 extra seconds for each move

Malemaja Open:

- 8 rounds
- Time control: 8 minutes per player + 4 extra seconds for each move

III Nõmme Open:

- 9 rounds
- Time control: 10 minutes per player + 3 extra seconds for each move

III TalTech Blitz:

- 15 rounds
- Time control: 3 minutes per player + 2 extra seconds for each move

In case of equal points between two or more chess players, the tie-break will be as follows:

- a) results of direct encounters between the tied players
- b) reduced Buchholz-1 (sum of opponents' points excluding the weakest result)
- c) reduced Buchholz-2 (sum of opponents' points excluding the 2 weakest results)
- d) Buchholz (sum of opponents' points)
- e) highest number of games played with black
- f) highest number of games won

All disputes will be resolved by the chief arbiters of the tournaments.

6. PRIZES

• Tallinn international youth tournament

1 st place	200 EUR + cup
2 nd place	125 EUR + souvenir
3 rd place	75 EUR + souvenir
U8 / U10 / U12 / U14 / U16 best boy	souvenir
U8 / U10 / U12 / U14 / U16 best girl	souvenir

Raffle prizes (chess books, NIKE prizes etc!) The organiser will pay taxes on the prize money.

• Malemaja Open

1 st place	400 EUR
2 nd place	250 EUR
3 rd place	150 EUR
Best Tallinn player	75 EUR
Best female player	75 EUR
Best non-GM/IM	50 EUR
Best senior player (born 1960 or earlier)	50 EUR
Best player FIDE ELO ≤ 2000	souvenir
Best player FIDE ELO ≤ 1700	souvenir

RAFFLE PRIZES! A player may receive multiple prizes. The organiser will pay taxes on the prize money.

• III Nõmme Open

1 st place	700 EUR + cup
2 nd place	500 EUR
3 rd place	350 EUR
4 th place	250 EUR
5 th place	200 EUR
6 th place	150 EUR
Best Estonian player	100 EUR
Best female player	100 EUR
Best non-GM/IM	100 EUR
Best senior player (born 1970 or earlier)	50 EUR
Best senior player (born 1960 or earlier)	50 EUR
Best youth player (born 2007 or later)	50 EUR
Best player FIDE ELO ≤ 2000	50 EUR

Best player FIDE ELO ≤ 1700	50 EUR
Best Nõmme player	50 EUR
Best girl player (born 2007 or later)	souvenir
Best youth player (born 2011 or later)	souvenir
Best girl player (born 2011 or later)	souvenir
Best youth player (born 2015 or later)	souvenir

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- **III TalTech Blitz**

1 st place	1000 EUR + cup
2 nd place	600 EUR
3 rd place	400 EUR
4 th place	300 EUR
5 th place	200 EUR
6 th place	150 EUR
Best Estonian player	100 EUR
Best female player	100 EUR
Best non-GM/IM	100 EUR
Best university student (international)	100 EUR
Best youth player (born 2007 or later)	75 EUR
Best senior player (born 1970 or earlier)	75 EUR
Best senior player (born 1960 or earlier)	50 EUR
Best player FIDE ELO ≤ 2000	50 EUR
Best player FIDE ELO ≤ 1700	50 EUR
Best girl player (born 2007 or later)	souvenir
Best TalTech student	souvenir

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7. ORGANISATION

Tallinn Chess Festival is organised by Treeningpartner/Pühajärve Chess Club in cooperation with Estonian Chess Federation, Tallinn University of Technology, Nõmme District Administration and other sponsors.

Chief Arbiters:

- Youth tournament – FA Markus Hansson
- Malemaja Open – FA Markus Hansson
- III Nõmme Open – FA Askold Nassar
- III TalTech Blitz – FA Tarmo Tuul
- Media / additional information – Triin Narva (triin@maleliit.ee)
- Chief Organiser – Urmas Randma (+372 5158656; urmas.randma@hotmail.com)
- Festival's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tallinnamalefestival>

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MATCH „WORLD vs BALTICS“ | REGULATIONS

1. TIME AND PLACE

The match will take place on 7 September 2025, starting at 17.30 at Tallinn Town Hall (Raekoja plats 1). The first round of the match begins at 17.45 and the second round at 19.30.

At 18.00, GM Jaan Ehvest will give a simul at the Town Hall for entrepreneurs and public figures. The festival closing, including thanks to participants and sponsors and a speech by the mayor, will take place at 21.00.

2. PARTICIPANTS

The match will be played on 14 boards. The two teams facing each other are: **Baltics** (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania; captain Triin Narva) and **World** (all other countries; captain Daniel Fridman). The teams are composed of:

- **11 players** based on the combined results of 06.09 Nõmme Open and 07.09 TalTech Blitz*
 - 5 best men
 - 3 best women
 - Best non-GM/IM
 - Best man (born 1960 or earlier)
 - Best woman (born 1960 or earlier)
- **3 players** based on the standings of the 05.09 Tallinn International Youth Tournament
 - Best boy (born 2007 or later)
 - Best girl (born 2007 or later)
 - Best youth player (born 2011 or later)

* The combined results of the Nõmme Open and TalTech Blitz are calculated by adding the placement points from both tournaments (1st place – 0 points; 2nd place – 2 points; 3rd place – 3 points, etc.). The lower the total points, the better the ranking. In case of a tie, the order is determined based on the standings of TalTech Blitz.

3. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND PRIZES

The match will be played under FIDE rules in two rounds, with a time control of 30 minutes per player + 3 seconds increment per move. Team rankings are determined by the total **game points**. In case of a tie, the ranking is decided in the following order: result on Board 1, result on Women's Board 1, result on Board 2, and so on.

Each member of the winning team will receive **€150**, and each member of the second-placed team will receive **€75**.

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- Chief Arbiter – FA Markus Hansson
- Main Sponsor – Ken Koort
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