

II TARTU CHESS FESTIVAL | REGULATIONS

1. PURPOSE

- a) Chess popularisation
- b) Promoting chess among children and youth in Tartu
- c) Showcasing Tartu through chess tournaments
- d) Commemoration of Toomas Virro
- e) Determining the best players of Tartu Chess Festival

2. TIME AND PLACE

The festival will take place on 26-27 April 2025 in the Tartu [Comb Factory](#) event centre's production building (Teguri 28a, 50107, Tartu). The following events will be organised as part of the Tartu Chess Festival:

- 26.04: II Alexela international U12 children's tournament
- 26.-27.04: II Tartu Open | Toomas Virro memorial in rapid chess
- 27.04: II Estiko international blitz tournament



3. SCHEDULE

26 April

11.00-12.00	Registration, attendance check of pre-registered participants
12.15	Festival opening ceremony II Alexela U12 children's tournament (7 rounds) II Tartu Open rapid tournament rounds 1-7
18.00	Children's tournament closing ceremony
20.00	A lively concert (at Sakala Convent House, Veski 69, Tartu). Free for rapid tournament participants!

27 April

10.30	II Tartu Open rapid tournament rounds 8-11
15.00	II Estiko Blitz (9 rounds)
~ 15 min after the blitz ends	Closing ceremony of rapid and blitz

NB! The schedule may slightly change during the festival.

4. REGISTRATION

The player is registered for the tournament once the participation fee has been paid to the bank account of the organiser. Deadline for pre-registration is 23 April.

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

Participation fees:

II Alexela U12 children's tournament (born 2013 or later): 10 EUR

Tartu Open | Toomas Virro memorial in rapid chess: 40 EUR

- IM/WIM; youth players (born 2007 or later); senior players (born 1960 or earlier); Tartu and Tartumaa players: 25 EUR
- GM/WGM: free

II Estiko Blitz: 20 EUR

- IM/WIM; youth players (born 2007 or later); senior players (born 1960 or earlier); Tartu and Tartumaa players: 10 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.

II Alexela U12 children's tournament:

- 7 rounds
- The tournament will be played as a single event, but the rankings will be determined separately in the U8 (born in 2017 or later), U10 (born in 2015 or later), and U12 (born in 2013 or later) age categories.
- Time control: 12 minutes per player + 3 extra seconds for each move

II Tartu Open | Toomas Virro memorial in rapid chess:

- 11 rounds
- Time control: 12 minutes per player + 3 extra seconds for each move

II Estiko Blitz:

- 9 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

All disputes will be resolved by the chief arbiter of the tournament.

6. PRIZES

- **II Alexela children's tournament**

In each age category (U8, U10, U12), rankings will be determined separately: the top three will receive a souvenir as a prize, the winner will receive a trophy, and the best girl will receive a souvenir. Additionally, there will be lottery prizes!

- **II Tartu Open | Toomas Virro memorial**

1. place	1200 EUR + trophy
2. place	800 EUR
3. place	600 EUR
4. place	400 EUR
5. place	300 EUR
6. place	250 EUR
7. place	200 EUR
8. place	150 EUR
Best Estonian player	150 EUR
Best female player	150 EUR
Best IM	100 EUR
Best non-GM/IM	100 EUR
Best Tartu/Tartumaa player	100 EUR
Best senior player (born 1975 or earlier)	100 EUR
Best senior player (born 1960 or earlier)	75 EUR
Best youth player (born 2007 or later)	75 EUR
Best youth player (born 2011 or later)	50 EUR
Best Tartu/Tartumaa senior player (born 1960 or earlier)	Nike souvenir
Best Tartu/Tartumaa youth player (born 2007 or later)	Nike souvenir
Best Tartu/Tartumaa youth player (born 2011 or later)	Nike souvenir
Best player with FIDE ELO ≤ 2000	50 EUR
Best player with FIDE ELO ≤ 1700	Nike souvenir

NB! Participants of the rapid tournament will receive a FREE TICKET to the Saturday evening concert!

- **II Estiko Blitz**

1. place	500 EUR + trophy
2. place	350 EUR
3. place	250 EUR
4. place	200 EUR
Best Estonian player	100 EUR
Best female player	100 EUR
Best non-GM/IM	75 EUR
Best Tartu/Tartumaa player	50 EUR
Best senior player (born 1960 or earlier)	50 EUR
Best youth player (born 2007 or later)	50 EUR
Best Tartu/Tartumaa youth player (born 2007 or later)	Nike souvenir
Best player with FIDE ELO ≤ 2000	50 EUR
Best player with FIDE ELO ≤ 1700	Nike souvenir

In addition, many lottery and surprise prizes! A player may receive multiple prizes. The tournament organiser will pay taxes on the prize money.



7. ORGANISATION

The Tartu Chess Festival is organised by Treeningpartner/Pühajärve Chess Club in cooperation with Alexela, Estiko, Dorpat Hotel, Sportland, Swedbank, Tartu Kalev, the Estonian Chess Federation, and other sponsors.

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