

# VI COOP SAAREMAA CHESS FESTIVAL I REGULATIONS

## PURPOSE

To popularise the game of chess in Saaremaa and elsewhere.  
To introduce Saaremaa and Kuressaare as a great tourist region.  
Determine the best blitz and rapid chess players of the festival.



## 1. TIME AND PLACE

VI Coop Saaremaa Chess Festival will take place on 29.05-01.06.2025 in Asa Spa Hotel Kuressaare, Estonia (Pargi 12, 93810).

## 2. SCHEDULE

### Simultaneous exhibition against a Grandmaster

29 May	18.00	Registration I attendance check of pre-registered participants
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### International blitz tournament

30 May	16.00-16.30	Registration I attendance check of pre-registered participants
	16.40	Festival opening ceremony
	16.45	I-XI round
	20.00	Awards ceremony

### International rapid tournament

31 May	10.00-10.30	Rapid registration I attendance check of pre-registered participants
	10.45	I-IV round
	15.30	V-VII round
	20.00	Festive reception in ASA hotel (free for the participants of the rapid)
1 June	10.30	VIII-XI round
	14.30	Closing ceremony

NB! The schedule may slightly change during the festival.

## 3. REGISTRATION

Pre-registration period would be until **26 May 2025**. Each interested player is required to pay full registration fee in order to participate. Registered players will be published in the Estonian Chess Federation [calendar plan](#).

A player who is not registered before the deadline will be allowed to play based on vacancy. Registration fees for players who register after 26 May 2025 will be doubled.

### Bank details: (for payments in EUR):

- Beneficiary's Account (SWEDBANK): EE662200221078283489
- Beneficiary: Treeningpartner/Pühajärve maleklubi
- Details: Saaremaa Chess Festival, rapid and/or blitz, participant's full name and birth year

#### 4. PARTICIPATION FEE

Blitz tournament: 25 EUR

- IM/WIM, youth (b. 2007 or later), seniors (b. 1960 or earlier), Saaremaa residents: 15 EUR

Rapid tournament: 50 EUR

- IM/WIM, youth (b. 2007 or later), seniors (b. 1960 or earlier), Saaremaa residents: 30 EUR

Both tournaments are **free** for GM / WGM titled players.

#### 5. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND TIE-BREAK REGULATIONS

The **blitz** tournament will be played in the Swiss system for 11 rounds. The time control is 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move starting move 1. A player can be late for the round up to 3 minutes.

The **rapid** tournament will be played in the Swiss system for 11 rounds. The time control is 12 minutes + 5 seconds per move starting move 1. A player can be late for the round up to 5 minutes.

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

The tournaments will be played according to FIDE Laws of Chess. All disputes will be resolved by the chief arbiter.

#### 6. PRIZES

##### *Blitz tournament*

1 <sup>st</sup> place	500 EUR + trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	350 EUR
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	250 EUR
4 <sup>th</sup> place	200 EUR
5 <sup>th</sup> place	150 EUR
best female player	100 EUR
best Estonian player	100 EUR
best non-GM/IM	100 EUR
best senior player (b. 1960 or earlier)	75 EUR
best youth player (b. 2007 or later)	75 EUR
best player with FIDE ELO under 2000	75 EUR
best player with FIDE ELO under 1700	NIKE souvenir
best Saaremaa player	NIKE souvenir
best Saaremaa youth player (b. 2007 or later)	NIKE souvenir

### *Rapid tournament*

1 <sup>st</sup> place	1500 EUR + trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	1000 EUR
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	800 EUR
4 <sup>th</sup> place	600 EUR
5 <sup>th</sup> place	400 EUR
6 <sup>th</sup> place	300 EUR
7 <sup>th</sup> place	250 EUR
8 <sup>th</sup> place	200 EUR
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> place	150 EUR
best female player	200 EUR
best Estonian player	200 EUR
best non-GM/IM	150 EUR
best senior player (b. 1975 or earlier)	150 EUR
best senior player (b. 1960 or earlier)	100 EUR
best youth player (b. 2007 or later)	100 EUR
best youth player (b. 2013 or later)	SPORTLAND souvenir
best player with FIDE ELO under 2000	100 EUR
best player with FIDE ELO under 1700	SPORTLAND souvenir
best unrated player	SPORTLAND souvenir
best Saaremaa player	SPORTLAND souvenir
best Saaremaa youth player (b. 2007 or later)	SPORTLAND souvenir

Additional lottery prizes and each player will receive a gift bag from COOP!

One player may receive multiple prizes. The prize money is transferred to the player's bank account right after the end of the tournament. The tournament organiser pays state taxes and the prizes shown above are reflected as a net amount. The prize fund may increase.

## **7. FESTIVAL ORGANIZATION**

The festival is organised by Treeningpartner/Pühajärve Chess Club and Coop Saaremaa together with the Culture and Sports Department of Saaremaa Municipality, Estonian Chess Federation, and sponsors.

Chief arbiter – FA Tarmo Tuul

LIVE – Kristjan Saard

Accommodation – [Asa Spa Hotel](#) (Urmas Pilt; [info@asaspa.ee](mailto:info@asaspa.ee))

Head of media – Marge Mägi

Communication / social media – Triin Narva ([triin@maleliit.ee](mailto:triin@maleliit.ee))

Chief organiser – Urmas Randma (+372 5158656; [urmas.randma@hotmail.com](mailto:urmas.randma@hotmail.com))

Tournament Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/saaremaamalefestival>

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*Welcome to Saaremaa!*