

TARTU CHESS FESTIVAL | REGULATIONS

1. PURPOSE

- a) Chess popularisation
- b) Determining the best players of Tartu Chess Festival
- c) Commemoration of Toomas Virro
- d) Introducing Tartu as the European capital of culture

2. TIME AND PLACE

The festival will take place on 26-28 April 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: Alexela international U12 children's tournament
- 26.04: Estiko international blitz tournament
- 27.-28.04: Tartu Open | Toomas Virro memorial in rapid chess



3. SCHEDULE

26 April

15.00-15.45	Registration, attendance check of pre-registered participants
16.00	Opening ceremony of the festival
16.20	Alexela U12 children's tournament Estiko Blitz
20.00	Closing ceremony

27 April

10.15-10.45	Registration, attendance check of pre-registered participants
11.00	Tartu Open Toomas Virro memorial opening ceremony
11.20	I-IV round
14.00	Lunch break
15.30	V-VII round
20.00	The concert by the rock band Vennaskond in memory of Toomas Virro (Sakala Convent House, Veski 69, Tartu). FREE for participants of the rapid tournament!

28 April

10.45	VIII-XI round
15.00	Closing ceremony

NB! The schedule may slightly change during the festival.



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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 22 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:

Alexela U12 children's tournament (born 2012 or later): 5 EUR

Estiko Blitz: 20 EUR

- IM/WIM; youth players (born 2006 or later); senior players (born 1959 or earlier); Tartu and Tartumaa players: 10 EUR
- GM/WGM: free

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

- IM/WIM; youth players (born 2006 or later); senior players (born 1959 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 both Estonian and FIDE ratings.

Alexela U12 children's tournament:

- 6-7 rounds (depending on the number of participants)
- The tournament will be played as a single event, but the rankings will be determined separately in the U8 (born in 2016 or later), U10 (born in 2014 or later), and U12 (born in 2012 or later) age groups, for both open and girls' categories.
- Time control: 10 minutes per player + 3 extra seconds for each move

Estiko Blitz:

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

Tartu Open | Toomas Virro memorial in rapid chess:

- 11 rounds
- Time control: 12 minutes per player + 3 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

- **Alexela children's tournament**

In each age group (U8, U10, U12), the ranking will be determined separately for both open and girls' categories: the top three will receive a souvenir, and the winner will receive a trophy. All players will receive a commemorative diploma, and many lottery prizes will also be distributed!

- **Estiko Blitz**

1. place	600 EUR + trophy
2. place	400 EUR + souvenir
3. place	300 EUR + souvenir
4. place	200 EUR
Best female player	100 EUR + souvenir
Best Estonian player	100 EUR + souvenir
Best Tartu/Tartumaa player	75 EUR + souvenir
Best non-GM/IM	75 EUR + souvenir
Best senior player (born 1959 or earlier)	50 EUR + souvenir
Best youth player (born 2006 or later)	50 EUR + souvenir
Best youth player (born 2010 or later)	souvenir
Best Tartu/Tartumaa youth player (born 2006 or later)	souvenir
Best player with FIDE ELO ≤ 2000	souvenir
Best player with FIDE ELO ≤ 1700	souvenir
Best unrated player	souvenir

- **Tartu Open | Toomas Virro memorial**

1. place	1200 EUR + trophy
2. place	800 EUR + souvenir
3. place	600 EUR + souvenir
4. place	400 EUR
5. place	300 EUR
6. place	200 EUR
7.-8. place	150 EUR
Best female player	150 EUR + souvenir
Best Estonian player	150 EUR + souvenir
Best non-GM/IM	100 EUR + souvenir
Best Tartu/Tartumaa player	75 EUR + souvenir
Best senior player (born 1959 or earlier)	75 EUR + souvenir
Best youth player (born 2006 or later)	75 EUR + souvenir
Best youth player (born 2010 or later)	souvenir
Best youth player (born 2014 or later)	souvenir
Best Tartu/Tartumaa youth player (born 2006 or later)	souvenir
Best player with FIDE ELO ≤ 2000	souvenir
Best player with FIDE ELO ≤ 1700	souvenir
Best unrated player	souvenir

Every rapid tournament participant will receive a diploma. Lottery prizes! Special prizes!

NB! Participants of the rapid tournament will receive a FREE TICKET to the Saturday evening concert by the band Vennaskond in memory of Toomas Virro!

A player can 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, the Estonian Chess Federation, and other sponsors.

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