

27th Paul Keres Memorial

Tallinn, 12–14 January 2018

ORGANIZERS

Estonian Sports Association Kalev in cooperation with the Estonian Chess Federation.
The Cultural Endowment of Estonia, the Council of the Gambling Tax, the City of Tallinn and sponsors support organizing the competition.

PURPOSE

January 7, 2018 will be the 102th birth anniversary of chess grandmaster Paul Keres who was elected the Estonian Sportsman of the 20th Century. The competition celebrates the birth anniversary of one of the greatest chess players of all time. Paul Keres represented ESA Kalev at competitions and in January 1964 he was bestowed the title of honorary member. ESA Kalev is Estonia's oldest and largest sports organization, it keeps the memory of Paul Keres alive by organizing the Keres Memorial, this year for the 27th time.

In 2018, the Estonian Chess Federation will organize the “**ESTONIA 100**” chess tournament series, which will include at least 35 competitions. The total prize fund of the series will be over €10 000. Participating in at least 10 competitions is required to be eligible for the overall series prizes. The opening of the “ESTONIA100” chess tournament series will take place on 13 January 2018 with the 27th Paul Keres Memorial which will be one of the major international events of the series.

Additional information about the “ESTONIA100” series is available at the website of the Estonian Chess Federation: www.maleliit.ee

TIME & VENUE

The competition will be held from 12-14 January, 2018 in Tallinn, at the conference halls of the Original Sokos Hotell Viru. The hotel is located at Viru Väljak 4, Tallinn, Estonia. Website: <https://www.sokshotels.fi/en/tallinn/sokos-hotel-viru>

SCHEDULE

12 January 2018

16:00 – 21:00 Registration, arrival of foreign participants
18:00 – 21:00 Blitz tournament (registration for the blitz tournament will be until 17:30)

13 January 2018

09:00 – 10:30 Registration of participants
10:45 – 11:00 Opening Ceremony

11:00 – 12:00	1 st round	15:00 – 16:00	4 th round
12:00 – 13:00	2 nd round	16:00 – 17:00	5 th round
13:00 – 14:00	3 rd round	17:00 – 18:00	6 th round
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch break	18.00 – 19:00	7 th round

14 January 2018

10:00 – 11:00	8 th round	12:00 – 13:00	10 th round
11:00 – 12:00	9 th round	13:00 – 14:00	11 th round
14:30	Closing Ceremony		

SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The blitz tournament on 12 January 2018 will be organized in 9-round Swiss system, the rate of play will be 3 minutes for the entire game with an increment of 2 seconds starting from move one

The rapid tournament will be organized in 11-round Swiss system, the rate of play will be 15 minutes for the entire game with an increment of 5 seconds starting from move one.

The competitions will be held in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. No zero tolerance will be used. Organizers reserve the right to check the players in accordance with FIDE Anti-cheating guidelines.

The Chief Arbiter of the event is IA Sten Kasela.

REGISTRATION

The competition is open to all players who have registered by 8 January 2018, at the latest, and have paid the participation fee to the bank account of Estonian Sports Society Kalev by that date.

SEB Pank; Account number EE641010022002657005, SWIFT code EEUHEE2X;

Swedbank; Account number EE252200221001173980, SWIFT code HABAE2X;

LHV Pank; Account number EE247700771000738096, SWIFT code LHVBE22.

Recipient Name: Eesti Spordiselts Kalev (Estonian Sports Association Kalev)

Explanation: Keres 2018 and participant's name

The participation fee can also be paid earlier at the office of the Estonian Sports Association Kalev at the following address: Mustamäe tee 4, 2nd floor

PARTICIPATION FEE

Blitz tournament

Participation fee	– 10 euros;
	– 7 euros for seniors born 1958 or earlier and youth players born 2000 or later
GM/WGM	- free

27th international Paul Keres Memorial rapid tournament

rating less than 1799	– 40 euros;
1800 - 1999	– 35 euros;
2000 - 2299	– 30 euros;
2300 - 2500	– 25 euros;
GM/WGM	- free

There is a discount of 20% for seniors (born 1958 or earlier) and youth players (born 2000 or later). Estonian players have an additional discount of 10%. The discounts will apply if the players register before the deadline. The participation fee is based on the FIDE rapid rating as of 1 January 2018 (if a player does not have the rapid rating, FIDE standard rating will be used).

Players who register on 9 January 2018 or later will have to pay an extra €10 and the discounts will not be applicable. Players will be included in the list of participants after they have paid the participation fee, the list will be available online at <http://www.maleliit.ee/kalender/>.

TIE-BREAKS

- 1) M-Buchholtz with the lowest and highest opponent's scores discarded;
- 2) Buchholtz with the 2 lowest opponents' scores discarded ;
- 3) Direct Encounter.

Prizes will be split according to the Hort system.

PRIZES

The total prize fund of the competition will be 6000 euros

27th Paul Keres Memorial Rapid Tournament general prizes:

I place	- 1500 euros	VI place	- 200 euros
II place	- 1000 euros	7 th -8 th places	- 150 euros
III place	- 600 euros	9 th -10 th places	- 100 euros
IV place	- 400 euros	11 th -15 th places	- 50 euros
V place	- 300 euros		

27th Paul Keres Memorial Rapid Tournament special prizes

Estonian players:	I place– 125 euros; II place – 75 euros; III place – 50 euros;
Youth (born 2000 or later)	I place – 100 euros; II place – 60 euros; III place – 40 euros;
Girls (born 2000 or later)	I place – 100 euros; II place – 60 euros; III place – 40 euros;
Best woman:	I place– 100 euros;
Best senior):	I place – 100 euros;

Blitz tournament prizes:

I place	- 125 euros
II place	- 75 euros
III place	- 60 euros
IV place	- 50 euros

Blitz tournament special prizes:

Best woman:	I place – 30 euros;
Best youth player:	I place – 30 euros;
Best senior:	I place – 30 euros;

No player will be awarded more than one prize. Award money will be subject to Estonian taxes, 10% of income tax for non-residents .

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR GRANDMASTERS

The official hotel of the competition will be the Original Sokos Hotel Viru, Tallinn (<https://www.sokoshotels.fi/et/tallinn/sokos-hotel-viru>). A limited number of free accommodation options will be available for Grandmasters according to their FIDE rating, geographical diversity and registration time. Please contact Aleksander Tammert with regards to accommodation (keres@eestikalev.ee)

ACCOMMODATION

The organizers offer all participants who have registered on time, accommodation at discount price at the official hotel of the competition - Original Sokos Hotel Viru, Tallinn.

It is a comfortable and modern 4**** hotel. Accommodation requests should be sent to keres@eestikalev.ee together with the registration.

The rates for accommodation ordered through the organizer will be 65 euros per night in a single room and 41 euros per person per night in a double room (prices with breakfast included). These room rates will be available from 12 to 14 January 2018.

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