



XXXIV Keres Memorial Rapid Chess Tournament "REMEMBERING PAUL KERES" 17.–19.01.2025



ORGANIZERS

Estonian Sports Association Kalev is organizer of the 34th Keres Memorial Tournament. Organization of tournament is supported also by Estonian Chess Federation, Estonian Ministry of Culture, City of Tallinn and sponsors.

PURPOSE

January 7, 2025, is the 109th birthday of chess grandmaster Paul Keres who was named the Estonian Sportsman of the 20th Century. This tournament celebrates the birthday of one of the greatest chessplayers of all time. Paul Keres was member of Estonian Sports Association KALEV and honorary member since 1964. This tournament has been organized already 34th time to keep the memory of Paul Keres alive and bring more youth to the game of chess.

TIME & VENUE

The tournament will be held from 17th to 19th of January 2025 in Tallinn, at the Original Sokos Hotel Viru conference halls. Hotel is located at Viru Väljak 4, Tallinn, Estonia. For more information visit <https://www.sokshotels.fi/en/tallinn/sokos-hotel-viru>.

SCHEDULE

17.01.2025

16.00 – 17.45 Arrival and registration of participants

18.00 – 21.00 Blitz tournament

18.01.2025

09.00 – 10.30 Arrival and registration of participants, pairing

10.45 – 11.00 Opening Ceremony

11.00 – 12.00 I round

12.00 – 13.00 II round

13.00 – 14.00 III round

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 16.00 IV round

16.00 – 17.00 V round

17.00 – 18.00 VI round

18.00 – 19.00 VII round

19.01.2025

10.00 – 11.00 VIII round

11.00 – 12.00 IX round

12.00 – 13.00 X round

13.00 – 14.00 XI round

14.30 Awards Ceremony



KULTUURIMINISTEERIUM



VIKING LINE

SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The tournament will be played in 11-round Swiss system, in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. The rate of play will be 15+15 minutes for the entire game with an increment of 5 seconds starting from move one. Zero tolerance will not be used. Organizers reserve the right to check the players in accordance with FIDE Anti-cheating guidelines.

REGISTRATION

The tournament is open to all players who have registered and have paid the participation fee to the bank account of Estonian Sports Association Kalev.

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 2025 and the participant's name.

To register, send a letter to keres@eestikalev.ee and indicate which tournament you are participating in and add your FIDE-ID and date of birth.

NB! Participants will be registered by ORGANIZERS in tournament's list after the payment is confirmed.

Rapid tournament discounts apply on early registration and payment by January, 2:

- **20% discount** for seniors (born 1965 or earlier) and youth (born 2007 or later)

- **10% discount** for all other participants

Starting from January, 3 regular participation fees apply.

The participation fee is based on the FIDE rapid rating (if a player does not have the rapid rating, FIDE standard rating will be used).

NB! Blitz tournament does not have discounts on participation fees.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Blitz tournament

Participation fee 10 euros;

GM free;

No discounts apply.

Rapid tournament

Rating up to 1799 45 euros;

1800 – 1999 40 euros;

2000 – 2299 35 euros;

2300 – 2499 30 euros;

GM/WGM free.

TIE-BREAKS

1) M-Buchholtz with the lowest scoring opponent's score discarded;

2) Buchholtz with the 2 lowest scoring opponents' scores discarded;

3) Direct Encounter.

PRIZES

All players will compete for the general prize fund of 10 000 euros.



KULTUURIMINISTEERIUM



Tallinn

VIRU
ORIGINAL BY SOKOS HOTELS

Digistep



VIKING LINE

Blitz tournament Prizes:

I place	250 euros
II place	200 euros
III place	150 euros
IV place	100 euros

Blitz tournament Special Prizes:

Best Estonian player	I place 75 euros
Best Woman	I place 75 euros
Best Young player	I place 75 euros
Best Senior player	I place 75 euros

General Prizes:

I place	1800 euros
II place	1400 euros
III place	1000 euros
IV place	800 euros
V place	600 euros
VI place	400 euros
7 th – 8 th places	300 euros
9 th – 12 th places	250 euros
13 th – places	200 euros

Special Prizes:

Estonian Players	I place – 150 euros; II place – 100 euros; III place – 50 euros;
Boys (born 2007 or later)	I place – 150 euros; II place – 100 euros; III place – 50 euros;
Girls (born 2007 or later)	I place – 150 euros; II place – 100 euros; III place – 50 euros;
Women	I place – 150 euros;
Seniors (born 1965 or earlier)	I place – 150 euros.

No player will be awarded more than one general prize. Prizes will not be splitted. Award money is subject to Estonian income taxes, 10% of income tax for non-residents. Prizes will be paid no later than 31.01.2025.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR GRANDMASTERS

The official hotel of the tournament will be Original Sokos Hotel Viru, Tallinn (<https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/tallinn/sokos-hotel-viru>). There will be a limited number of a two-night accommodations provided free for Grandmasters according to their ratings, geographical diversity, and registration time. Inquiries about GM accommodations, please contact Aleksander Tammert (keres@eestikalev.ee)

ACCOMMODATION

The organizers offer to all participants who have registered on time accommodation at the official hotel of the tournament at discount price (4****Original Sokos Hotel Viru). Single room 89 EUR/night, double room 104 EUR/night with breakfast. Participants can book their hotel stays for tournament.

Please send accommodation requests by 10.01.2025 at: keres@eestikalev.ee and payments for accommodation by 14.01.2025. Note, extra days requirements are welcomed.

***Due to the COVID-19 situation, organizers give themselves the right to make changes to the tournament regulations.**

CONTACTS

Estonian Sports Association Kalev
Staadioni 3, 10132, Tallinn
e-mail: keres@eestikalev.ee
www.eestikalev.ee



KULTUURIMINISTEERIUM

