

6th PAUL KERES MEMORIAL FESTIVAL 2025

With the guaranteed prize fund of 16 000€

Location: Estonia Resort Hotel & Spa conference center, Pärnu <https://www.spaestonia.ee>

1) KERES CLASSIC OPEN A & B – 11. - 16. August 2025

System: Two separate tournaments: Classic Open A (FIDE rating 1800+) and Classic Open B (FIDE rating -1900). The organiser can allow exceptions. If a player qualifies for both events by rating, please add your choice during the registration. Both tournaments will have 9 rounds in Swiss system with the same schedule.

Schedule: **11.08** 12-14.30 registration 16.00 I round **14.08** 16.00 VI round
12.08 10.00 II round 16.00 III round **15.08** 10.00 VII round 16.00 VIII round
13.08 10.00 IV round 16.00 V round **16.08** 10.00 IX round 15.30 closing ceremony

Time control: 90 minutes for the game; 30 seconds added per move from move 1

Prizes: **Classic Open A:** I place - **2200€**, II place - **1500€**, III place - **1200€**, IV place - **900€**, V place - **700€**, VI place - **500€**
 Women: I place -**500€**, II place -**300€**, III place- **200€**; best Estonian player and Estonian woman -**200€** (in case does not already receive a main or women prize); 50+ -**175€**, **150**, **125**, women 50+ **150**, best rating (-2100) -**150€**, U20 **150**, best U18 and best G18 -**150€**

Classic Open B: I place - **500€**, II place - **350€**, III place - **200€**, IV place - **150€**; V place - **100€**

women: I place -**100€**, best 65+ ja 50+ - **100€**, best rating (1500; without rating) -**75€**, best youth and girls(U14, U10, U8) - **prize for the value of 75€ each**,

Extra: 10 high-rated and GM/WGM titled foreign players can be offered free accommodation from the organizers based on agreements made before the festival

2) KERES MEMORIAL BLITZ TOURNAMENT - 16. August 2025

System: 11 rounds Swiss system, FIDE-rated

Schedule: **16. August at 16.30, registration until 16.00**

Time control: 3 min for the game + 2 sec per move

Prizes: I place **350€**, II place **200€**, III place **150€**, IV place **100€**

Special prizes: women **100€**; 65+ and 50+ **75€**; U18 **50€**; Pärnu **50€**; Pärnu youth **50€**

Special awards: youth/girls/Pärnumaa (U16, U14, U12, U10)

3) KERES MEMORIAL RAPID TOURNAMENT - 17. August 2025

System: 7 rounds Swiss system, FIDE-rated

Schedule: **28. July at 10.30, registration until 10.15**

Time control: 15 min for the game + 3 sec per move

Prizes: I place **500€**, II place **350€**, III place **250€**, IV place **150€**

Special prizes: women **100€**; U20 **100**, U18 **75€**; G18 **75€**; 65+ and 50+ **100**, **75€**; 75+ **100**; Pärnu **75€**; Pärnu youth **75€**

Special awards: youth/girls/Pärnumaa (U16, U14, U12, U10)

INFORMATION

Registration and participation fees (the registration is confirmed after transferring the fee):

	CLASSIC OPEN	RAPID	BLITZ	CLASSIC + RAPID + BLITZ
until 31.05	65€ ; U18 & 65+ 50€	25€ ; U18 & 65+ 20€	15€ ; U18 & 65+ 10€	90€ ; U18 & 65+ 70€
1.06 - 14.07	70€ ; U18 & 65+ 55€	30€ ; U18 & 65+ 25€	20€ ; U18 & 65+ 15€	105€ ; U18 & 65+ 85€
from 15.07	80€ ; U18 & 65+ 65€	40€ ; U18 & 65+ 30€	30€ ; U18 & 65+ 20€	125€ ; U18 & 65+ 100€

NB! GM above 2450 and WGM above 2250 free participation if registered before 14.07

Tie-breaks: 1) Median Bucholtz (-1 weakest); 2) Median Bucholtz (-2 weakest); 3) more wins with Black pieces

Sharing prizes: Classic Opens' monetary prizes - Horti system; rapid and blitz – prizes are not shared; every player can receive one prize per competition; special prizes awarded if there are at least 5 players in the group; the taxes will be withheld according to Estonian law.

Classical (A+B), rapid and blitz prize funds will be guaranteed in case of at least 100 participants

Bank details: Tallinn Chess Club account for transferring the fees: Tallinna Maleklubi: EE471010220237169225, SEB Bank

Accommodation: The organizers are offering accommodation with breakfast (11.-17.08; 6 nights). To confirm the accommodation, 30% prepayment is needed.

- ESTONIA Resort Hotel & Spa (<https://www.spaestonia.ee/resort/>), accommodation through the organizers until May 15th double room **840€** (single: -10€ per night), after that participants can book the accommodation directly using the 10% discount code given by the organizers;
- ESTONIA Medical Spa & Hotel (<https://www.spaestonia.ee/medical/>) until May 15th double room - **720€**, May 16th - June 30th - **810€** (single: -10€ per night);
- Rannastaadion Hostel (<https://spordikeskus.parnu.ee/teenused/rannastaadioni-hostel/>) until May 15th double - **480€**, May 16th - June 30th - **540€**, from July 1 - **588€**. Single: -10%. Triple room accordingly **630€**, **720€** and **810€**

Transport: Resort town Pärnu is located 135 km from the airport of Tallinn and 190 km from the airport of Riga. From both airports there are direct LuxExpress busses to Pärnu (<https://luxexpress.eu/en/>)

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