14-20
December





Riga Christmas Chess Festival 2026

IM & WIM norm RR

01 Tournament system: 10 participants, Round-Robin system, 9 rounds.

02 Time control: 90 for the whole game + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

03 Tie-Breaks:
1. Sonnebron - Berger
2. Direct encounter
3. Number of wins

Date	Round	Time
14/12/2026	Opening Ceremony	14:30
14/12/2026	Round 1	15:00
15/12/2026	Round 2	10:00
15/12/2026	Round 3	16:30
16/12/2026	Round 4	10:00
16/12/2026	Round 5	16:30
17/12/2026	Round 6	10:00
17/12/2026	Round 7	16:30
18/12/2026	Round 8	10:00
18/12/2026	Round 9	16:00
18/12/2026	Closing Ceremony	21:30

Organisers

The organiser - Armenian association "Havatk", Latvian Chess Federation
Venue: Pauls Stradins Museum of the History of Medicine

Registration

Players must register for the tournament by 06/12/2026 via email rigachristmaschessfestival@gmail.com

Link to the registration:

https://forms.gle/2zdG5QwZqH7h34D19

In case of any questions contact via official email or +37126853710

Schedule for Rapid and Blitz

Date	Round	Time
RAPID		
19/12/2026	Registration	13:00
19/12/2026	Round 1 - 4	14:00 - 16:20
19/12/2026	Round 5-8	16:35-19:00
19/12/2026	Awarding ceremony	19:20
BLITZ		
20/12/2026	Registration	12:00
20/12/2026	Round 1-6	13:00-14:30
20/12/2026	Round 7-11	14:45-16:00
20/12/2026	Awarding ceremony	16:20

Participation Fees

IM tournament	
Rating	Fee
ELO > 2351	150 EUR
ELO 2300 - 2350	200 EUR
ELO 2250 - 2299	250 EUR
ELO 2200 - 2249	300 EUR
ELO < 2200	400 EUR

WIM tournament	
Rating	Fee
ELO > 2151	120 EUR
ELO 2100-2150	150 EUR
ELO 2050-2099	180 EUR
ELO 2000-2049	210 EUR
ELO 1950-1999	240 EUR
ELO < 1950	300 EUR

RAPID	
	Fee
GM/IM/WGM	Free
S50;S65	20 EUR
Regular	25 EUR

BLITZ	
	Fee
GM/IM/WGM	Free
S50;S65	15 EUR
Regular	20 EUR

Additional information

We would like to inform you that this festival is a public event, and its progress may be reflected in the media by recording your participation in this event. Photography and filming may be done during the event to inform the public per Article 6, paragraph 1, subparagraph e) of the General Data Protection Regulation. The health condition of the participants in the competition is the responsibility of the participants themselves or their commanding organizations. The organizers reserve the right not to admit players to the tournament without giving a reason. In such a case, the organizers are obliged to inform the participant about such a decision as soon as possible after receiving the player's application. The organizers reserve the right to change the regulations if necessary if it does not unreasonably affect the interests of the participants.

The organisers reserve the right to make necessary changes to the regulations until the start of the competition.