

**“VALGE DAAM” CHESS FESTIVAL rapid and blitz chess tournament 23.
–25.08.2019**

ORGANIZERS

Eesti Maleselts MTÜ is organizing the Valge Daam chess festival together with the city of Haapsalu.

TIME & VENUE

The competition will be held from 23rd to 25th of August 2019 in Haapsalu, at the Haapsalu cultural centre, Posti 3, Haapsalu, 90502.

SCHEDULE

23.08.2019

16.00 – 16.50 Arrival and registration of participants

16.50 – 17.00 Opening Ceremony

17.00 – 22.00 Rapid tournament 9 rounds

24.08.2019

09.30 – 10.00 Registration for blitz tournament

10.00 – 13.00 Blitz tournament

13.00 – 13.30 Award ceremony

16.00 – 20.00 Super-tournament I - VI round

25.08.2019

11.00 – 15.30 Super-tournament VII - XIII round

16.00 Awards Ceremony

SYSTEM AND TIME CONTROL

Open rapid tournament will be organized in 9-round Swiss system, in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. The time control will be 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment. No zero tolerance will be used. First 4 places will qualify for a Super-tournament.

Blitz tournament will be organized in a 14-round Swiss system with 7 double rounds. Time control will be 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment..

Super-tournament will be held in a round robin system with 13 rounds. Time control will be 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment. First 4 places of Open rapid tournament will qualify for a Super-tournament.

REGISTRATION

The competition is open to all players. Please pre-register through email haapsaluchessfestival@gmail.com by August 22, 2019, because there is a limit of up to 100 players. Participation fee can be paid in the tournament venue.

PARTICIPATION FEE

Blitz tournament

Participation for blitz is 10 euros; GM's are free.

Rapid tournament

Participation for rapid is 15 euros, 10 euros for seniors and young players (born 2001 or earlier); GM's are 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 no less than 2500 euros. The organizers have the right to change the prize pool, this is the current estimate.

Blitz tournament Prizes:

- I place 100 euros
- II place 75 euros
- III place 50 euros
- IV place 30 euros

Blitz tournament Special Prizes:

- Best woman - 30 euros
- Best young player - 30 euros
- Best senior player - 30 euros

Rapid Tournament prizes:

- I - IV place - 200 euros and advancement to super-tournament

Special Prizes:

- Best woman - 50 euros
- Best young player - 50 euros
- Best senior player - 50 euros

Super Tournament Prizes:

I place - 700 euros + trophy

II place - 500 euros

III place - 400 euros

IV place - 300 euros

V place - 200 euros

VI place - 100 euros

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

ACCOMMODATION

Organizers are trying their best to find accommodation for the best price. Mention that while pre-registering on email haapsaluchessfestival@gmail.com.

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