INTERNATIONAL
DRAUGHTS TOURNAMENT

FMJD
WORLD CUP***
RIGA OPEN
2025

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Objectives and organizers of the tournament

The organization of the World Cup International (10x10) draughts Riga Open 2025 has been allotted by the FMJD to the Latvian Draughts Federation (LDF), https://www.dambrete.lv.
The tournament is hosted to facilitate the development of international draughts, as well as to strengthen the friendship between the draughts players from different countries.
The official website of the tournament: https://rigaopen.lv/

2. Dates&venue of the tournament

The tournament will take place in Riga, Latvia from the **6th to 12th of July 2025** in the conference hall of the Radisson Blu Daugava Hotel, hotel address Kuģu street 24, Riga. Website of the hotel: https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-riga-daugava

3. Schedule of the tournament

Saturday, 5th July
Arrival day
Sunday, 6th July
09:00am – 11:00am registration of participants
12:00 – Opening ceremony
3:00pm – 1 round
Monday, 7th July
09:30am – 2 round
Tuesday, 8th July
09:30am – 3 round
3:30pm - 4 round
Wednesday, 9th July
09:30am – 5 round
Thursday, 10th July
09:30am – 6 round
3:30pm – 7 round
Friday, 11th July
09:30am – 8 round
Saturday, 12th July
09:30am – 9 round
3:30pm - Closing ceremony

4. Participants

Representatives of FMJD Member states may participate in this tournament if representative has made a payment of tournament participation fee. Participation is prohibited for representatives and citizens of states whose FMJD membership is suspended. The organizers reserve the right to reject a potential participant if it is recognized from publicly available information that person in question has publicly supported the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

5. Tournament playout procedure

The tournament will be held in accordance with the rules of the World Draughts Federation according to the Swiss system in 9 rounds. Official FMJD software Draughts Arbiter will be used. All FMJD rules are valid.
Time control per game: 90 minutes for the first 45 moves. Then an additional 30 minutes + 30 seconds on each move until the end of the game. The results of the tournament will be included in the calculation of the FMJD rating system.

6. Applications, participation fees and hotel reservations

Applications for participation should be sent to Tournament Director Mr. Jevgenijs Matvejevs by 15th of June at latest by e-mail: jevgenijs.matvejevs@dambrete.lv. Applications after this date will not be guaranteed.

Tournament participation standard fee is 60 EUR. For young players under the age of 18 tournament participation fee is 40 EUR.

International grandmaster (GMI) with a rating 2300 points or above and international grandmaster women (GMIF) with a rating 2165 points and above are exempt from participation fee.

Tournament participation fee should be paid by bank transfer until 15th of June at latest. If payment will not be made until this date, then player will not be accepted for participation. Any questions should be directed to Tournament Director Mr. Jevgenijs Matvejevs.

Participation fee should be transferred to following bank account:

Beneficiary: Latvijas Dambretes federacija
Reg. Nr: 40008022773
Address: Lazdu street 32, Jelgava, LV-3002
Bank: SWEDBANK
Account: LV49HABA0551047596259
BIC/S.W.I.F.T: HABALV22

7. Awards and prize money

The top three participants in the women and open categories will receive medals and diplomas. The winners of the Riga Open will receive cups.
The guaranteed minimum prize money for the best players of the tournament is 6000 EUR. Full responsibility for the money prizes of the tournament and other obligations regarding the course of this tournament belongs to the Latvian Draughts Federation. Cash prizes will be paid to the winners by bank transfer within seven days after the end of the tournament.

8. Filing a protest

Protests must be submitted to the Main Referee in writing no later than 10 minutes after the end of the game. A protest shall be deemed to have been filed if the protester has paid a deposit of EUR 100, which shall be returned to the protester if the protest is upheld.

9. Expenses of participants and accommodation options

All expenses related to participation in the tournament are covered by participants themselves.
Organizers agreed with an official tournament hotel (Radisson Blue Daugava Hotel, Kuģu iela 24, Rīga. https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-riga-daugava) special accommodation prices for tournament participants. Accommodation offer is as follows: Superior single – 99 euro per night, Superior double – 109 euro per night (breakfast, WiFi, VAT included).
Reservation is to be made by participants themselves by using special LINK.
Reservation with special price offer will be available by use of above-mentioned link until 1st of June and prices will be applied if the special code - **DAMBR25** – will be indicated.
Participants are free to choose other options for their accommodation, for example, using other hotels or platforms such as Airbnb and Booking.com.

10. Contacts of organizers

Tournament Director: Mr. Jevgeņijs Matvejevs, phone no. (+371) 29614012, e-mail: jevgenijs.matvejevs@dambrete.lv.
Main Referee: (FMJD category) – Mr. Raivis Paegle, phone no. (+371) 26438871, e-mail: raivis.paegle@dambrete.lv.
Questions on visas: Mr. Vladislavs Vesperis, phone no. (+371) 26344090, e-mail: vladislavs.vesperis@dambrete.lv.

11. Miscellaneous

Any issues not covered by these rules will be decided by the Tournament Director in consultation with the Main Referee.
Participants will be photographed or filmed during the event, and photographs and audiovisual material may be made public.

THESE RULES&REGULATIONS ARE MEANWHILE AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO THIS TOURNAMENT

SUPPORTERS OF THE TOURNAMENT:

Latvijas Finieris

LDF Latvijas Dambretes Federācija