



**INTERNATIONAL
DRAUGHTS TOURNAMENT**

**FMJD
WORLD CUP***
RIGA OPEN
2026**

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Objectives and organizers of the tournament

The organization of the World Cup International (10x10) draughts Riga Open 2026 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 **5th to 10th of July 2026** 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, 4th July

Arrival day

Sunday, 5th July

09:00am – 11:00am registration of participants

12:00 – Opening ceremony

3:00pm – 1 round

Monday, 6th July

09:30am – 2 round

03:00pm - 3 round

Tuesday, 7th July

09:30am – 4 round

03:00pm - 5 round

Wednesday, 8th July

09:30am – 6 round

Thursday, 9th July

09:30am – 7 round

3:00pm – 8 round

Friday, 10th July

09:30am – 9 round

2:30pm - 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 FMJD Solkoff truncated system in 9 rounds (full details of the tie breaking decisions are in [FMJD Annex 18, Article 1](#)). Official FMJD software Draughts Arbiter will be used. All FMJD rules are to be applied.

Time control per game: 60 minutes + 30 seconds per each move until the end of the game. The results of the tournament will be included in the calculation (60%) 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 (born 2008 and later) 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. Prize money of 6000 Euro will be divided between open and women (with awards for top 8 players in open category with the minimum amount of 4700 Euro and awards for top 3 players of women category with the minimum amount of 1300 Euro distributed as per [FMJD Annex 18 Appendix A](#)).

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 15 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 50, 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: Standard single – 110 euro per night, Standard double – 120 euro per night, (buffet breakfast, WIFI, VAT included). Number of rooms is limited and it is recommended to book rooms early.

Reservation is to be made by participants themselves by using special [LINK](#).

Reservation with this special price offer will be available by use of above-mentioned link until 29th of May and prices will be applied if the special code - **DAMBR26** – 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. Information on how to travel from/to Riga International airport is available on website of the tournament: <https://rigaopen.lv>.

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.

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