



**SIGULDA
AIZRAUJ**



XV Sigulda District Open Rapid Chess Championship 3rd and 4th of October, 2026

REGULATIONS

Organizers:	The competition is organized and run by the Sigulda Chess Club in cooperation with the Sigulda District Council Sports Department and Latvian Chess Federation.
Place: 	Sigulda secondary school, K.Barona iela 10, Sigulda, Latvia. Map: https://ej.uz/Siguldas_vidusskola
Time:	3rd of October, 2026 (Saturday) from 13.00 until 19.15 4th of October, 2026 (Sunday) from 10.45 until 14.45.
Management:	Tournament director is Visvaldis Gercāns, e-mail: siguldachess@gmail.com , ph. +371 29277148.
Arbiters:	The Chief Arbiter is IA Alberts Cimiņš, mob.ph. +371 28804664.
System, time control:	11 rounds Swiss system, FIDE rules, FIDE rapid chess rating calculation. Time control 12 min/game + 5 sec/move. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the default time 12 minutes shall lose the game. Tournament is open for all chess lovers who have FIDE ID number. *
Registration and entry fee: 	Entry fee 20 EUR. Entry fee 15 EUR for participants by notice in advance until September 24th (17.00) Participation for Sigulda District inhabitants is free of charge. GM/IM/WGM/WIM no entry fee. To apply for the tournament, participants should fill the form: https://ej.uz/sigulda2026 . Organizers have rights to not include in the list of players participants who have applied after the 30.09.2026. Sending an application means that the player agrees that during the event participants may be photographed and filmed, as well as the fact that chess games are broadcasted live on the Internet. Entry fee can be paid at the competition site during the registration. Participants or their organizations can make entry fee payment until 30 th of September by bank transfer: <i>Biedrība Siguldas šaha klubs, A/S SEB banka, UNLALV2X, LV18UNLA0055000159825, reg.nr. 40008120148.</i>

Competition procedure: 	Saturday October 3		Sunday October 4	
	Registration	12.00 – 13.00	Round 8	10.45 – 11.26
	Round 1	13.15 – 13.50	Round 9	11.36 – 12.14
	Round 2	14.00 – 14.38	Round 10	12.24 – 13.02
	Round 3	14.48 – 15.26	Round 11	13.12 – 13.50
	Break	15.36 – 16.15	Break	13.50 – 14.25
	Round 4	16.15 – 17.00	Awards	14.30 – 14.40
	Round 5	17.00 – 17.38		
	Round 6	17.48 – 18.26		
	Round 7	18.36 – 19.14		
Awarding: 	Main prizes: Sigulda 15 th rapid chess championship: Competition prize fund is EUR 1000; 1 - 8 places prize EUR: 180, 150, 120, 100, 90, 80, 65, 50. The best woman, best young (born 2012 and younger), the best senior (born 1966 and older) and the best foreign federation player are awarded with a cash prize of EUR 20. One rating prize (20 EUR) for each group of 12 players from 12 th start rating. Best men of 60+, 70+, 80+ age groups, and women of 50+, 60+, 70+ age groups will get awards from farm "Pīlādži". Belonging to the age group is determined by the year of birth. Special prizes: Best Sigulda district chess players - first-third place: medals. Sigulda district best student – Uldis Deisons prize of EUR 20. Mifan Chess gift cards for youngest participant and winners of U10 and U12.			
Award conditions:	One tournament participant may receive no more than one prize from the main prizes section. Higher place in case of equal points is determined by: 1) improved Buchholz coefficient, 2) Buchholz coefficient, 3) RPT (Rating performance in tournament). Organizers will transfer prizes within 10 days after the tournament to first - eighth place winners' bank accounts if they represent Eurozone.			
Accommodation:	Accommodation: www.booking.com (Sigulda). It is advisable to make a reservation in advance. The organizers do not provide an accommodation booking.			
Additional information:	Sigulda secondary school is located 1000 m from Sigulda railway station and Sigulda bus station. Map: https://ej.uz/stacija_vidusskola * - According to the rules of the municipality, residents of the Russian Federation and Belarus cannot participate in the competition.			
Blitz tournament:	Milda Lauberte Memorial Blitz Open 2026 tournament will take place on 4 th October from 15.00 until 18.30.			
Supporters:	Sigulda District Council Farm "Pīlādži" Jāņa sēta, Ltd Uldis Deisons Sandra Kalniete Elk and Ruby Publishing House (www.elkandruby.com/)  			