



REGULATIONS

of VIII Vilnius International Children and Youth Chess Festival **BALTIJOS KELIAS (THE BALTIC WAY)** for the Prizes of the International Chess School

Organizer: Public establishment "Tarptautinis informacijos sklaidos centras"

Purpose of the festival: Competitions shall be held in order to:

- to promote chess sport among schoolchildren;
- to foster schoolchildren's occupation, interest in logic games;
- to educate intellect, tenacity and responsibility for decisions;
- to develop the excellence of children and youth in chess-playing.

Time and venue: Rapid Chess tournaments will be held in Vilnius at the conference hall of the Crowne Plaza Vilnius, M. K. Čiurlionio Street 84, Vilnius, on 5 – 6 October 2024.

PROGRAM OF THE FESTIVAL

5 October 2024

Registration 9.00 - 10.45
Round 1 11.00 – 12.30
Round 2 12.30 – 14.00
Dinner Time Out 14.00 – 15.00
Round 3 15.00 – 16.30
Round 4 16.30 – 18.00
Round 5 18.00 – 19.30

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Round 6 10.00 – 11.30
Round 7 11.30 – 13.00
Dinner Time Out 13.00 – 14.00
Round 8 14.00 – 15.30
Round 9 15.30 – 17.00
Closing ceremony 17.30

The World's 13th chess champion, founder of the KASPAROV CHESS FOUNDATION Garry Kasparov will attend the closing ceremony of the tournament.

System of the festival, participants and time control: four separate tournaments shall be held for children and youth in the following age groups:

- A Group: born in 2010 or later;**
- B Group: born in 2012 or later;**
- C Group: born in 2014 or later;**
- D Group: born in 2016 or later.**

The tournaments shall be played according to Swiss system in 9 rounds, time control – 25 min. for participant to finish a game, with increment of 10 sec. after each move. First round shall be started at 11:00 on 5 October 2024, FIDE Rapid Chess rules shall apply; results of tournaments shall be presented for rating calculations.

Entry fee: 25 EUR for participant.

Young chess players from various cities and countries are welcome to participate.

Awards for winners and prizemen: participants, who take 1-3 places in each age group (among boys and girls) shall be awarded with medals, diplomas and valuable prizes; winners shall be awarded with cups.

Registration in advance: we kindly ask you to register until 1 October 2024 via the following email address: balticway.chess@gmail.com specifying participant's name, surname, date of birth, FIDE ID code, Rpd rating (if applicable), and e-mail address.

Arrival to the tournament on 4 October 2024.

Recommendations for accommodation in Vilnius:

1. Ratonda Centrum Hotels, address: A. Rotundo g.1, Vilnius. email: ratonda@centrumhotels.com
2. Grata by Centrum Hotels, address: Vytenio g.9, Vilnius. email: hotel@gratahotel.com

For booking you need to indicate that you are participants of the chess tournament Baltic Way 2024 and get a special price from hotel.

Chief Arbiter of the Festival – **IA Arvydas Baltrūnas (Panevėžys)**

Secretary of the Festival – **FA Vaidas Radzickas (Vilnius).**