



Baltic Open Youth Championship 2026

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Objective and organizers of the tournament

The organization of the Baltic Youth Championship (10x10) draughts 2026 is led by the Latvia Draughts Federation (LSF) in close cooperation with Lithuanian Draughts Federation and Estonian Draughts Federation.

The tournament is hosted to facilitate the development of international draughts. As well as to strengthen the friendship between the draughts players from Baltic countries, Ukraine, and Poland.

2. Dates& location

The tournament will take place in Riga located Radisson Blu Daugava hotel Kugu street 24, Riga <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-riga-daugava> from the 28th to 30th August 2026

3. Schedule of the tournament

Thursday, 27 August

Arrival of participants

Friday, 28 August

11:00 – 11:45 registration of participants

12:00 – Opening ceremony

13:30 – 1st round

16:00 – 2nd round

Saturday, 29 August

09:00 – 3rd round

11:30 – 4th round

15:00 – 5th round

Sunday, 30 August

09:00 – 6th round

11:30 – 7th round

15:00 Closing ceremony

4. Participants

Representatives of Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Ukraine, and Poland may participate in this tournament if representative has made a payment of tournament participation fee.

Tournament will be held separately for girls and boys in following age groups U8, U10, U13, U16, U19, U26.

Average number of players per group is twenty players. Organizers reserve a right to merge groups if there is insufficient number of participants in some of the groups. Limit of players in one group is 5 players per country and Organizer country has a right to add more players if there is a smaller number of players from other countries in some of the groups.

5. Tournament playoff procedure

The tournament will be held in accordance with the rules of the World Draughts Federation according to the Swiss system in 7 rounds. Official FMJD software Draughts Arbiter will be used. All FMJD rules are valid.

Time control per game: 45 minutes + 15 seconds per 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. Participation fees

Tournament fee should be paid by bank transfer until July 31 at latest. After this date increased tournament fee is to be paid by bank transfer or by cash at least one hour before opening ceremony.

Beneficiary: Latvijas Dambretes federacija

Bank: Swedbank

Bank Address: Balasta dambis 15, Riga, Latvia

Swift Code: HABALV22

IBAN: LV49HABA0551047596259

Tournament participation standard fee is 20 EUR per player, after July 31 tournament participation fee will be 25 EUR.

7. Awards and prizes

The winners in each group will be awarded a cup, top three players in each group will be awarded medals and diplomas, as well as prizes.

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 20, which shall be returned to the protester if the protest is upheld.

9. Expenses of participants/accommodation

All expenses related to participation in the tournament are covered by participants themselves or by their federations.

Radisson Blu Daugava hotel (<https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-riga-daugava>) will provide special prices for tournament participants for their stay from the 27th to 30th August 2026, code BYOUTH to be mentioned while making a reservation. Price of single room is 105 EUR per night (breakfast, VAT, high-speed WiFi included), price of double room for two persons is 115 EUR per night (breakfast, VAT, high-speed WiFi included). Free cancellation until 22nd July, 15 % to pay if cancelled before 8th August, no-refund after 8th August.

Other accommodation facilities nearby are as follows:

- 1) Hotel Park Bellevue: <https://bellevue.lv/en/>;
- 2) Park Inn by Radisson Valdemara: <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/park-inn-riga-valdemara>;
- 3) Isalnde hotel: <https://islandehotel.lv/>;
- 4) Okhotel: <https://www.okhotel.lv/>
- 5) Hotel Two wheels: <https://www.2w.lv/collections/all>;
- 6) Justus hotel: <https://www.hoteljustus.lv/>
- 7) Rixwell Old Riga palace hotel: <https://www.rixwell.com/en/hotels/rixwell-old-riga-palace-hotel>;
- 8) Hotel Gutenbergs: <https://www.hotelgutenbergs.lv/rooms>.

10. Contacts

Applications for the tournament, including notification on payment of participation fee, must be submitted by the national federations to the Latvia Draughts Federation Vice President Mr. Raivis Paegle, valde@dambrete.lv by July 31, 2025.

Main Referee: Raivis Paegle, raivis.paegle@inbox.lv

11. Other regulations

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 will be published on webpage and Facebook profile of the LDF.