

Tournament
Riga Invites to Jurmala 2009



1. Place Tournament will be held in Baltic Beach Hotel, Juras street 23/25, Jurmala, Latvia.

2. Programme

Date	Time	Programme
19.08.09.	18:00	Invitational tournament (7x4 boards)
20.08.09.	11:00	Teams tournament (Round 1-3)
20.08.09.	18:00	Teams tournament (Round 4-6)
21.08.09.	11:00	Teams tournament (Round 7-9)
21.08.09.	18:00	Teams tournament (semi final + final)
21.08.09.	20:00	Banquet
22.08.09.	11:00	Session 1
22.08.09.	18:00	Session 2
23.08.09.	11:00	Session 3

3. Format The tournament consists from the Invitational tournament, Teams tournament and the Pairs tournament. The Invitational tournament is played by 20-24 pairs. All pairs are invited by the organizers.

In the **Invitational tournament** is played 7 rounds by 4 boards each. The result is scored by IMPs according to the average of the field. The highest and the smallest result do not count when counting average. If two pairs have equal number of IMPs, then in the higher ranking is the pair who:

- 1) has won the round which was played against the other pair;
- 2) has more IMPs against the top 5 pairs.

In the **Teams tournament** (max. 30 teams) teams are playing 9 rounds by Swiss system. After 9 rounds top 4 teams play semi-final (1st team picks the opponent for the semi-final) and the winners plays finals. All rounds are played 8 boards by round, semi-finals and finals are played 12 boards by round, the scoring is by IMPs and IMPs are converted in Victory points. The teams in Round Robin take places according to the VPs. If two or more teams have equal VP, then higher place takes the team who has better criteria:

- 1) their mach by IMPs;
- 2) total IMPs (+/-);
- 3) if 1) un 2) are the same, then the teams play 4 boards, and winning with 1 IMP is enough.

In the **Pairs tournament** (max.60 pairs) are played 3 sessions by 24 boards each. Players play 2 boards against opponents in one round. Scoring is by mach points.

4. Prizes First 3 places in the Invitational tournament receive medals and souvenirs. First 3 places in the Teams tournament receive medals and cash prizes. In the Pairs tournament first 3 places receive medals; cash prizes receive 10% of the field. Total amount of cash prizes – 50%.

5. Entrance Fees Entrance fee for the Teams tournament is EUR 100 from the team. Entrance fee for the Pairs tournament is EUR 70 from the pair.

6. Convention cards and Systems Every pair must have fulfilled convention card.

The HUM systems are not allowed.

WBF alerting policy. Conventional bids and bids with special meaning should be alerted.

7. Contacts For all the information and registration for the tournament please contact Maija Romanovska, e-mail: majja-r@mail.com phone: +371 26427170, For hotel booking please contact Elina Purviske, phone: +371 67228428, e-mail: elina.purviske@btgroup.lv.