

Invitation: Finnish Team Blitz Championship 2023

Dates and venue

5.–6.8.2023

Seinäjoen Urheilutalo, Kirkkokatu 15, Seinäjoki, Finland

General information

The tournament is an open team tournament for all chess enthusiasts. Each team consists of four players. Reserve players are not allowed.

On Saturday, the teams are split to qualifying pools based on their rating average/last year's standings. Based on the results of the qualifying pools, teams are split to final pools for Sunday. Total number of games during each day is around 20–25 games for all teams.

Time control is 5 minutes without any increment.

All teams participate in the general competition and may achieve cash or other prizes.

However, only a team representing a Finnish chess club may win Finnish Championship medals. In these teams, only one foreign player is allowed.

The tournament **is not FIDE rated**. The rules are slightly modified compared to the FIDE Laws of Chess. The first illegal move loses the game.

Website: blix2023.blogspot.com

In case you have any issues or questions, don't hesitate to contact us:

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Registration and payment

Phase 1: (Names and number of the teams + payment of the participation fee)

The team shall be registered latest on 30th of June 2023 by using the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/a2jrtYYT1KmcMj5C6>

Line-ups will be sent in phase 2.

Participation fee

Participation fee for each team is 100 €.

Participation fee shall be paid latest on 30th of June 2023 to the bank account of the organiser.

Payee: Seinäjoen Shakkikerho ry

Account number (IBAN): **FI26 5419 0120 4477 96**

BIC/SWIFT: OKOYFIHH.

Please write the name of the team to the payment message field.

Phase 2: (line-ups)

The line-up of the team shall be sent latest on 21st of July by using the following Google Form:
<https://forms.gle/bo1UqpbkjCFzZGcj7>

Schedule

Sat 5th of August

10:00–12:00 Confirmation of participation and line-up, licence check and delivery of the clocks

13:45 Opening ceremony

14:00 Qualifying competition

There will be a few breaks during the qualifying competition.

Sun 6th of August

10:00 Final competition

16:30 Award ceremony

Lunch

There will be soup available at the playing venue on both days (*Saturday: minced beef soup; Sunday: chicken soup*). It is possible to buy the lunch tickets during the registration process for 8,50 €/day. At the playing venue, the price for the soup is 10 €/day.

Accommodation

Accommodation offers:

Scandic Seinäjoki: Kauppakatu 10, Seinäjoki

Standard room for one person (including breakfast): 109 €/night

Standard room for two persons (including breakfast): 129 €/night

Reservations: <https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/seinajoki/scandic-seinajoki>

Use booking code **BSHA040823** to get the special price.

Sokos Hotel:

Sokos Hotel Vaakuna: Kauppatori 3, Seinäjoki

Sokos Hotel Lakeus: Torikatu 2, Seinäjoki

Standard room for one person (including breakfast): 115 €/night

Standard room for two persons (including breakfast): 135 €/night

Reservations: Through the organizer by using the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/a2jrtYYT1KmcMj5C6>

Payments for accommodation in Sokos Hotels will be paid to the organizer's bank account:

Payee: Seinäjoen Shakkikerho ry

Account number (IBAN): FI26 5419 0120 4477 96

BIC/SWIFT: OKOYFIHH

Other

The playing venue is located around 1 km from the Seinäjoki railway station. Train schedules and tickets are available online: <https://www.vr.fi/en>.

There will also be parking space available close to the playing venue.

Information about Seinäjoki: <https://visitseinajoki.fi/en/>

Each team shall bring two digital chess clocks (preferably DGT) to the tournament. In case you don't bring the clocks, you have to pay a compensation fee of 20 €/clock to the organizer.

All players shall have a valid playing licence before the start of the tournament. Also, other necessary payments shall be paid in advance. See: <https://www.shakkiliitto.fi/membership-fees-and-other-payments/>

Due to the current policy of the Finnish Chess Federation, players representing Russian or Belarusian Chess Federation are not allowed to participate in the competition. Participation under the FIDE flag is possible. Minors are exempted from this rule.

Prizes

Best three teams in the Championship pool will receive a cash prize.

In addition, the following prizes will be distributed:

Best player on each board in the Championship pool

Best team in Final pool 1

Best ladies' team

Best Senior team (total age min. 260 years)

Best Veteran team (total age min. 200 years)

Best Junior team (total age max. 80 years)

Databros-cup

Databros-cup is an open cup tournament played during the weekend. The cup is sponsored by Databros.

Schedule:

Registration: Sat 5th of August at 11:15–11:45

Rounds 1 and 2: Sat 5th of August at 12:00

Rest of the cup will be played on Saturday after the qualifying pools.

Participation fee:

Round 1: 3 €

In case you drop out or wish to join the cup later on, you can buy yourself in:

Round 2: 5 €

Round 3: 10 €

Payments only in cash.

Prizes:

Best four players will receive a cash prize.