

# **XXXII NATO Chess Championship**



**Tartu, Estonia  
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ESTONIAN DEFENCE FORCES

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Lt. Gen. Martin Herem  
Chief of Defence Estonian  
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## Dear NATO chess players

It is an honor and a pleasure to host the 32nd NATO Chess Championship in Estonia.

Estonians feel proud about their level of chess. Throughout history, Estonia has had several grand masters, Paul Keres the most famous one. As the Estonian Defence Forces are largely made up of reservists, we have twice had the Grand Masters even as part of the Defence Forces team and once won the individual tournament. Unfortunately, we do not have such a high-level player today in our team. Nevertheless, we will show our best and enjoy the game. And what we're

missing on the chessboard, we're trying to make up for in organising the competition.

I wish all the participants exciting battles on the square battlefield and memorable experience - even if they end in defeat. Besides, losing on a chessboard is not too bad. It could also be a way to make new and good friends. Therefore, let this be a change for our everyday service, where loss is not acceptable. I hope that you will enjoy Tartu, a «city of good thoughts», and make interesting «moves» in your free time from chess battles.

Lt. Col. Sławomir Kędzierski  
Chairperson of the International  
Military Chess Committee



## Welcome to Tartu!

Estonia despite its small geographic size and population has a very rich chess history including a team bronze at the 8th Chess Olympiad. Every chess player also knows that one of the strongest players never to become world champion was GM Paul Keres nicknamed «Paul the Second», Keres was also honoured by being depicted on the former Estonian 5 krooni banknote and the 2 Euro coin. In retrospect, it is not a coincidence that official preparations for Tartu-2022 started in 2016 – named by the World Chess Federation as the Year of Paul Keres.

At a time of ongoing Russian aggression and war in Ukraine, our presence here is further proof that the Alliance is united. I am absolutely convinced that NATO sports events

such as our championships bring a strategic message of solidarity and resilience. With our competitions each year in a different member country, we achieve better integration and understanding. Thus, we do our share, both at work and at play, to keep the Alliance in good shape.

Once again, approximately 100 of the strongest NATO chess players have gathered from 15 countries in order to compete for the main trophy «King Canute». It is especially rewarding to welcome newcomers to our community, and as 2022 is the FIDE 'Year of the Woman in Chess' I thank all of the female players for their contribution to NATO Chess events.

I hope all players will give their best in the spirit of fair competition over the 64 squares. Let the strongest win!



Tartu city



[www.visitestonia.com](http://www.visitestonia.com)

# Estonia

**E**stonia, officially the Republic of Estonia (Estonian. Eesti Vabariik), is a country in Northern Europe. It is bordered to the north by the Gulf of Finland, to the west by the Baltic Sea, to the south by Latvia (343 km), and to the east by the Russian Federation (338,6 km). The territory of Estonia covers 45,227 km<sup>2</sup> and is influenced by a temperate seasonal climate.

As Estonia has been an important transit center since the medieval ages the country's favorable geographic location, along with its developing infrastructure, offers good opportunities for all transport and logistics related activities.

Estonia is a democratic parliamentary republic and is divided into fifteen counties. The capital and largest city is Tallinn. With a population of only 1.4 million, Estonia is one of the least-populous members of the European Union. Estonia has been a member of the United Nations since 17 September 1991, of the European

Union since 1 May 2004 and of NATO since 29 March 2004.

Today's Estonia is a multinational country where, according to the 2000 census, altogether 109 languages are spoken. 83.4% of Estonian citizens speak Estonian as their mother tongue, 15.3% – Russian and 1% speak other languages. 83.6% of Estonian residents are Estonian citizens, 7.4% are citizens of other countries and 9% are «citizens with undetermined citizenship».

The culture of Estonia incorporates indigenous heritage, as represented by Estonian language from the Finno-Ugric languages and the sauna, with mainstream Nordic and European cultural aspects.

Historically the cuisine of Estonia has been heavily dependent on seasons and simple peasant food, which today is influenced by many countries. Today it includes many typical international foods. The most typical foods in Estonia are black bread, pork, potatoes and dairy products.

## Estonian Military Academy

The Estonian Military Academy is an institution of vocational training, developing on secondary education, for applied higher education and military research related to national defence.

EMA's mission:

To prepare commanders for the EDF and develop military science for the purpose of ensuring the sustainability of the EDF's leadership.

Key tasks: Provide Higher Education (Officers, BA and MA)  
Provide Vocational Military Education (NCO-s)  
Conduct continuity training (Military, Language, Medical etc. training)  
National Defence R&D development (Research, Terminology, support PhD studies)



## General program

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>June 26</b>	All Day	Delegations Arrival
	19.00- 21.00	Dinner (Take away)
	20.00	Preliminary Meeting
<b>June 27</b>	18.00- 23.00	Ice-breaking
	07.00- 08.00	Breakfast
<b>June 27</b>	8.30	Departure to Opening Ceremony
	09.30- 10.00	Opening Ceremony
	10.00- 11.30	Guided tour in groups
	12.00- 13.30	Lunch
	14.00- 18.00	Chess Championship Round 1
	17.30- 19.00	Dinner
<b>June 28</b>	06.30- 08.00	Breakfast
	08.00- 12.00	Chess Championship Round 2
	12.00- 13.30	Lunch
	14.00- 18.00	Chess Championship Round 3
<b>June 29</b>	17.30- 19.00	Dinner
	06.30- 08.00	Breakfast
	08.00- 12.00	Chess Championship Round 4
<b>June 30</b>	12.00- 13.00	Lunch
	13.00- 17.30	Cultural Activity
	19.00- 21.00	Dinner
	06.30- 08.00	Breakfast
	08.00- 12.00	Chess Championship Round 5
<b>June 30</b>	12.00- 13.30	Lunch
	14.00- 18.00	Chess Championship Round 6
	17.30- 19.00	Dinner
	20.00	IMCC Meeting
<b>July 1</b>	06.30- 08.00	Breakfast
	08.00- 12.00	Chess Championship Round 7
	12.00- 13.30	Lunch
	14.00- 17.00	Blitz tournament
<b>July 1</b>	19.00	Award Ceremony and Dinner
	<b>July 2</b>	Breakfast (take away)
All Day		Delegations Departure

<b>Place</b>	<b>Dress code</b>
Tallinn Airport	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Room no K201	Civilian
Cadet Casino	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
In front of the Military Academy	Class A uniform or Business Suit
Estonian National Museum	Class A uniform or Business Suit
Estonian National Museum	Class A uniform or Business Suit
Dining Hall	Civilian
Assembly Hall	Class A uniform or Business Suit
Dining Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Assembly Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Assembly Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Assembly Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Trip to local villages near Lake Peipus	Civilian
Gunpowder Cellar	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Assembly Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Assembly Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Room no K201	Class A uniform or Business Suit
Dining Hall	Civilian
Assembly Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Hall no B200	Civilian
Assembly Hall	Class A uniform or Business Suit
Dining Hall	Civilian

## Spouses program

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>June 26</b>	All Day	Delegations Arrival
	19.00-21.00	Dinner
	18.00-23.00	Ice-breaking
<b>June 27</b>	07.00-08.00	Breakfast
	08.30	Departure to Opening Ceremony
	09.30-10.00	Opening Ceremony
	10.00-11.30	Estonian National Museum tour
	12.00-13.30	Lunch
	14.00-17.30	Free Time (no organized activity)
	17.30-19.00	Dinner
<b>June 28</b>	06.30-08.00	Breakfast
	09.00-17.30	Cultural Activity
	17.30-19.00	Dinner
<b>June 29</b>	06.30-08.00	Breakfast
	09.30-12.00	Cultural Activity
	12.00-13.00	Lunch
	13.00-17.30	Cultural Activity
	19.00-21.00	Dinner
<b>June 30</b>	06.30-08.00	Breakfast
	08.00-17.00	Cultural Activity
	17.30-19.00	Dinner
<b>July 1</b>	06.30-08.00	Breakfast
	09.30-12.15	Cultural Activity
	12.30-13.30	Lunch
	14.00-17.00	Blitz tournament
	19.00	Award Ceremony and Dinner
<b>July 2</b>		Breakfast (take away)
	All Day	Delegations Departure

<b>Place</b>	<b>Dress code</b>
Tallinn Airport	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Cadet Casino	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
In front of the Military Academy	Class A uniform or cocktail dress
Estonian National Museum	Class A uniform or cocktail dress
Estonian National Museum	Class A uniform or cocktail dress
Dining Hall	Civilian
Tartu Old Town	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Trip to Southeast of Estonia	Sporty
Dining Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Tartu	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Trip to local villages near Lake Peipus	Civilian
Gunpowder Cellar	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Visiting Setomaa	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
AHHAA science centre in Tartu	Civilian
Dining Hall	Civilian
Hall no B200	Civilian
Assembly Hall	Class A uniform or evening dress
Dining Hall	Civilian

# Information

## **Welcome Desk**

Welcome desk is located in the ground floor of the main building and will be open from June 25 at 16.00 till June 26 at 22.00.

Accreditation of the competitors will take place at the welcome desk, where all participants will receive an ID card, a «welcome bag», information material about the competition and information about the accommodation.

## **Competition Area (Assembly Hall)**

The competition centre is located on the first floor of the Defence Academy main building. Competition area consist 55 DGT Electronic chessboards.

Coffee/tea/water are served in the corridor outside of the competition room.

## **Blitz Tournament Area**

The Blitz Tournament will be held on the first floor of the accommodation building B-wing, Rooms B200-204. Blitz tournament will be held in regular chessboards.

## **Organizing Committee Office**

Organizing Committee Office is located in the main building on the first floor in the Meeting room K201 and serves daily from 26th of June to 01st of July from 07.30 to 19.00.

Organizing Committee Office provides all necessary information concerning the time schedule, daily program, transportation information etc.

Every country has its own letterbox in the in front of the Competition Area in the corridor, where they can pick up distributed materials.

## **Game Analyse Room**

Game analyse room is located on the first floor of the accommodation building B-wing Room B200. Analyse room will be open from June from 27 18.00 to the June 30 22.00.

## **Medical service**

The Organizing Committee will be responsible for all first aid medical emergency responses. All other expenses arising from medical care for heavy surgery, examination and treatment will be borne by the participant nations. We recommend the purchase of travel insurance for medical contingencies.

Military Academys' medical centre is opened on weekdays (Mon-Fri) 8.00 until 16.00, we are located in Riia Street 12. If there are any emergencies or health problems on the weekends or outside working hours, we recommend calling 112 or go to Tartu University Hospital Emergency Department that is located Puusepa Street 8 (you can use Google maps for the address).

Military Academy medical centre contact numbers are +372 717 6248 or +372 5886 1169. Tap water in Estonia is drinkable.



## Catering

Breakfast	07.00–08.00 (Monday)	EMA Dining hall
	06.30–08.00(Tue–Fri)	EMA Dining hall
Lunch	12.00–13.30	EMA Dining hall
Dinner (except June 29 and July 1)	17.30–19.00	EMA Dining hall
Dinner (June 29)	19.00–21.00	Gunpowder Cellar
Banquet (July 1)	19.00	EMA Assembly Hall
Dinner* June 26	from 17.00	Welcome Desk
Breakfast* July 2	from 08.00	Welcome Desk

\* take away



## Money Exchange

The currency of Estonia is the euro.

Banking service and money exchange provided by the local banks, nearest bank is located in Tasku Shopping Centre (Turu 1, 51014 Tartu).

Banking hours in Tartu are weekdays from 9.00–17.00.

## Smoking

Smoking is not allowed indoors at EMA.

Please find the sign for the smoking places (EMA map).

## Identification card (ID card)

Each delegation member will receive an ID card entitling him or her to move around in the EMA territory and competition area. Use the ID card to open the doors. The ID card provides access to the accommodation building, canteen and competition center, as well as access to the EMA territory from the front door of the main building and from the gate next to the accommodation. In case of ID card breakage or loss, notify OC immediately. ID card shall be worn during the official events.



## Internet access

Wi-Fi is available on all floors of the accommodation building, the corresponding information can be found on the information board on the floor. Electricity in Estonia is 220 volts.



Southeast of Estonia

## Place and date of the ceremonies and dinners

June 26 at 18.00–23.00

### **Ice-Breaking**

Estonian Military Academy Cadet

Casino

Accommodation building B-wing on the basement floor (entering outside of the building)

Dress code: Civilian

### **Opening Ceremony and Official Photos**

Estonian National Museum

(Muuseumi tee 2, 60532 Tartu, Eesti)

<https://www.erm.ee/en>

Dress code: Class A uniform

### **Dinner**

Gunpowder Cellar (Püssirohukelder)

(Lossi 28, Tartu, 51003.)

Dress code: Civilian

<https://pyss.ee/>

July 1 at 19.00

### **Award Ceremony and Dinner**

Estonian Defence Academy Assembly

Hall

Dress code: Class A uniform

# Cultural Activity

**June 27 10.00–11.30**

(All NATOchess2022 participants)

## **Estonian National Museum Tour**

Guided tour

<https://www.erm.ee/en>

Guided Tour Groups.

1st The Netherlands, Denmark and Greece

2nd Canada, United States of America

3rd United Kingdom, Belgium and Slovenia

4th Lithuania, Latvia, Hungary and Norway

5th Germany and Poland

6th Estonia

**June 28 09.00–17.30**

(Spouse program)

## **Trip to Southeast of Estonia**

Visiting.

### **Meenikunno bog**

<https://www.visitestonia.com/en/hiking-trail-in-the-meenikunno-bog>

### **The Estonian Road Museum**

<https://www.maanteemuuseum.ee/en/story-museum>



### **Piusa Caves**

<https://www.visitestonia.com/en/piusa-caves-visitor-centre>

**A short trip on river Emajõgi** with The Barge «Jõmmu»

<https://www.visitestonia.com/en/the-jommu-barge>

**June 29 at 13.00–17.30**

(All NATOchess2022 participants)

A trip to Southeast of Estonia.

Visiting.



### **Alatskivi Castle**

<https://visittartu.com/alatskivi-castle>

### **The Onion Route**

<https://www.sibulatee.ee/en/about-the-onion-route/the-onion-route/>

### **Varnja**

<https://visittartu.com/varnja-old-believers-prayer-house-estonian-association-old-believers-congregations>

**June 30 08.00–17.00**

(Spouse program)

**Visiting Setomaa** <https://www.visitestonia.com/en/where-to-go/south-estonia/setomaa>

### **Lunch at Tsäimaja in Värška**

<https://www.visitestonia.com/en/cafe-tsaimea-in-the-varska-farm-museum>

**July 1 09.30–12.15**

(Spouse program)

### **Visiting AHHA science centre**

<https://ahhaa.ee/about-us>

# ESTONIAN MILITARY ACADEMY

RIA 12, TARTU

- 1 Welcome Desk (Ground Floor)
- 2 Assembly Hall (1st Floor)
- 3 Meetings and OC Office (K201)
- 4 Dining Hall (Downstairs)
- 5 Blitz Tournament and Game Analyze Room (B200)

