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36th NATO Chess Championship

Jūrmala/Latvia

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To: See Distribution List
Subject: 36th NATO Chess Championship
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On behalf of the Latvian National Armed Forces, I have the honor to invite a delegation representing your country to participate at the 36th NATO Chess Championship, which will be held in Jūrmala, Latvia from the 11th to 17th October 2026.

We sincerely hope that your participation will be possible at the 36th NATO Chess Championship. We are confident that your participation will not only enhance the competition but also strengthen our alliance.

Sincerely yours,
Chief of Latvian National Armed Forces
Joint Headquarters

Major General
GEORGS KERLINS

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A. GENERAL PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE	DRESS CODE
Sunday, 11 October	All day	Arrival of delegations	Riga International airport (RIX) Baltic Beach hotel	Civilian
	18.00-20.00	Dinner	Hall "Pērle"	
	20.00	Team Captains Meeting	Hall "Majori"	
Monday, 12 October	7.30-8.30	Breakfast	Hall "Pērle"	Civilian
	10.00-10.30	Opening ceremony	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	Class A uniform
	12.00-14.00	Lunch	Hall "Pērle"	Civilian
	14.30-18.30	Round 1	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	Class A uniform
	18.30-20.00	Dinner	Hall "Pērle"	Civilian
Tuesday, 13 October	7.30-8.30	Breakfast	Hall "Pērle"	Civilian
	8.30-12.30	Round 2	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	
	12.30-14.00	Lunch	Hall "Pērle"	
	14.30-18.30	Round 3	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	
	18.30-20.00	Dinner	Hall "Pērle"	
Wednesday, 14 October	7.30-8.30	Breakfast	Hall "Pērle"	Civilian
	8.30-12.30	Round 4	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	
	12.30-14.00	Lunch	Hall "Pērle"	
	14.30-18.30	Cultural activity	Riga	
	18.30-20.00	Dinner	Hall "Pērle"	
Thursday, 15 October	7.30-8.30	Breakfast	Hall "Pērle"	Civilian
	8.30-12.30	Round 5	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	
	12.30-14.00	Lunch	Hall "Pērle"	
	14.30-18.30	Round 6	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	
	18.30-20.00	Dinner	Hall "Pērle"	
	20.30-21.30	IMCC Meeting	Hall "Majori"	Class A uniform
Friday, 16 October	7.30-8.30	Breakfast	Hall "Pērle"	Civilian
	8.30-12.30	Round 7	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	
	12.30-14.00	Lunch	Hall "Pērle"	
	14.30-17.30	Blitz tournament	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	Class A uniform
	19.30-20.00	Awarding ceremony	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	
	20.00	Gala Dinner Closing ceremony	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	
Saturday, 17 October	7.30-8.30	Breakfast	Hall "Pērle"	Civilian
	till 12.00	Check out	BBH	
	All day	Departure of delegations	BBH	



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GUEST'S PROGRAM

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>PLACE</i>	<i>DRESS CODE</i>
Tuesday, 13 October	10.00-12.00	Cultural activity	Bread bakery "Lāči"	Civilian
Wednesday, 14 October	14.30-18.30	Cultural activity	National Library of Latvia Monument to Mihails Tāls Visiting Riga Old City	Civilian
Thursday, 15 October	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00	Cultural activity	Great Kemerī Bog Boardwalk Via Jūrmala Outlet Village	Civilian
Friday, 16 October	19.30-20.00 20.00	Awarding ceremony Gala Dinner Closing ceremony	Hall "Jūra Jūrmala" Hall "Jūra Jūrmala"	Class A uniform Class A uniform

B. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

- Chief of Mission – 1
- Team Captain – 1
- Chess Players (Male of Female) – up to 6
- **Total – up to 8**
- Life Time Members – up to 3

C. ACCOMMODATION/COSTS/CONDITION OF STAY

- The Championship as well as the accommodation will take a place at the "Baltic Beach Hotel & SPA" in Jūrmala (5 stars). Detailed information can be found on the hotel's website: <https://www.balticbeach.lv/>
- Single, Twin, and Triple rooms are available on a limited basis. To secure your preferred accommodation type, we kindly encourage you to complete the registration form at your earliest convenience. Prices include participation fees, full board and the possibility of accessing the spa. Full board and lodging will be paid by the participants. After filling out the final entry, participants must indicate what kind of rooms they wish to stay in. Event participation and hotel reservations are secured upon advance payment made within 2 weeks after completing the registration form and receiving the guarantee invoice. All covered from October 11(from 12.00 o'clock) to October 17 (till 12.00 o'clock).
- **Prices are for 6 nights (package). Single room: 690 EUR, double room: 1200 EUR (600 EUR/person), triple room: 1680 EUR (560/person).**



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- The gala dinner for non-players (spouses, children, etc.) costs 75 EUR per person. Children up to 5 years old free of charge.
- Detailed information in the following Pre-arrival file from hotel (Annex 3).

D. TRANSPORTATION

- The cost of travel to and return from Latvia will be the responsibility of the participating country.
- The organizer will ensure the free transport to and from Riga International Airport (RIX).

POINTS OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- By road: “Baltic Beach Hotel & SPA”, Jūras street 23/25, Jūrmala, LV-2015, Latvia
- By plane: Riga International Airport (RIX)

E. MEDICAL CARE

- Medical emergencies (first aid) will be the responsibility of the National Armed Forces of Latvia. National Armed Forces of Latvia will provide medical support for all scheduled competitions. National Armed Forces of Latvia will not be responsible for any advanced medical expenses, to include hospital stays, surgical procedures, and/or other medical care beyond first aid. All participants must travel with their own inherent medical coverage. Special medical treatment is under the responsibility of the participating nations.

F. REGULATIONS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- The competition will be governed by the following regulations of FIDE Laws of Chess and the Rules and Regulations of NATO Chess.

G. CUSTOM AND VISA PROCEDURES

- Information concerning passports, visas can be obtained from the Latvian Embassy in your country.

H. WEATHER CONDITIONS

- The average of temperatures for October in Latvia are 4-10 °C. The possibility of rain is high.

I. REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- Preliminary agreement: *June 1, 2026.*
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J. UNIFORM/DRESS

- Military uniform Class A is required for all participants during the opening and closing ceremonies. Cocktail dress/business suit for the civilian guests.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

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Latvian NAF Sports Club

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ANNEX 1 - PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT

To be returned before June 1, 2026

To: *Organizing Committee*
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NATION:

YES

NO

PARTICIPATION:

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TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

	Officials	Players	LTM	Guests	Totals
Men					
Women					
Total					

MEANS OF TRANSPORT:

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: _____

Your Contact	Rank/Name	
	Phone	
	E-Mail	



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ANNEX 2 - FINAL AGREEMENT

To be returned before August 24, 2026

*To: Organizing Committee
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NATION:

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

	PLACE	DATE	FLIGHT NR. CAR NR.	TIME
ARRIVAL				
DEPARTURE				

Your Contact	Rank/Name	
	Phone	
	E-Mail	



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COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

FINAL AGREEMENT							
	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY}	Passport/ID Card Number	Chess Player (YES/NO)	NATO TEAM (YES/NO)	FIDE - ID
Chief of Mission							
Team Captain							
Player 1							
Player 2							
Player 3							
Player 4							
Player 5							
Player 6							



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LTM 1							
LTM 2							
LTM 3							
GUEST							
Guest 1					Whose Spouse or Guest?		
Guest 2							
Guest 3							



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HOTEL REGISTRATION

Nr.	Name/-s	Single	Twin	Triple
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

PS! Event participation and hotel reservations are secured upon advance payment made within 2 weeks after completing the registration form and receiving the guarantee invoice.

Your Contact	Rank/Name
	Phone
	E-Mail

Annex3



Dear Guests,

Let us thank you once again for booking Baltic Beach Hotel& SPA.

Please find below general information regarding Check – in / Check – our process, options of the guarantee deposit, water relaxation area Sea Wellness access as well as information about breakfast and car parking.

- **Check in/Check out:**

Arrival at any time

from 15:00

Check out the next day

till 12:00

- **Car Parking:**

24 h parking if hotel room is booked, based on availability

15 EUR / night

It is possible to park on nearest streets as well – Jurmala city parking is free all year round. Please note that the city charges an entry fee 5 EUR per day.

Please find more information about Jurmala city fee here <https://visitjurmala.lv/en/buy-an-entry-pass/>

- **Guarantee Deposit:**

We kindly remind that the guarantee deposit of EUR 50 will be reserved from guest Credit Card upon their check in for your convenience while setting possible orders in SPA or restaurants during your stay with us. Amount will be released automatically during check – out process in case none of the hotel services would be used during the stay. It will be possible to settle used hotel services with this deposit as well, if there would be any.

- **“SEA Wellness” SPA visit**

2h Sea Wellness water relaxation area visit is included in accommodation price (2h per every night booked).

Sea Wellness is located on the 2nd floor of our SPA center.

We recommend guest to pre-book their visit via the phone 37167771442 or by pressing button “SPA” on their in-room hotel telephone.

Please find time – slots of Sea Wellness access below:

Annex3

1.SEANSS	8.00 – 8.55
2.SEANSS	9.00 – 10.55
3.SEANSS	11.00 – 12.55
4.SEANSS	13.00 – 14.55
5.SEANSS	15.00 – 16.55
6.SEANSS	17.00 – 18.55
7.SEANSS	19.00 – 21.00



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- Hotel has one of the largest **Medical SPA center** in Northern Europe so you are more than welcome to use various SPA treatments during your stay. Please find SPA menu and contact information for pre-booking here: <https://www.balticbeach.lv/en/spa>
- Modern and professional **sports complex** is designed to meet the needs of both beginners as well as sports enthusiasts – 2 h visit every day is included in accommodation price. No prebooking is needed. Gym is located on the 2nd floor of our SPA center. More information: <https://www.balticbeach.lv/en/fitness/gym>

Look forward to welcome you in Baltic Beach Hotel!

Kindest Regards,
Baltic Beach Hotel& SPA team!