

# LATVIA OPEN



**KARATE INTO THE OLYMPICS**



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**RIGA**



*Dear Friends of sports and karate,*

*Welcome to the Latvia Open 2016, on of the best an biggest tournaments in Latvia, Baltic and Nordic countries, which is organized by the Latvian Karate Federation and Baltic Karate Club.*

*In Our Tournaments participated more than 800 athletes from Latvia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Iceland, Norway. Many of the best world athletes were competed in Latvia Open: George Tzanos, Rafael Aghaev, Stanislav Horuna, Dimitris Triantafyllis...*

*The competitions we organize provide youngsters with the opportunity to see the world's and European's best athletes in person, and this serves as an inspiration for them to become seriously involved in the sport of karate.*

*I wish to all athletes, coaches and assistants exciting and in every aspects successful competition and to the spectators at the sport hall and at home much enjoyment from competition.*

*Thank You very much in advance for your participants in the Latvia Open 2016 and for supporting the tournament. We look forward to welcoming you in Latvia.*

*Best regards,*

*Leonid Vasiljev*

*President of Latvian Karate Federation*

*Maksim Ivancikov*

*Baltic Karate club president and Head coach Team Latvia*

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# LATVIA OPEN 2016

## Categories:

### **Kids 10-11y.**

Male: KATA; -40kg, -45 kg, -50 kg, -55 kg, +55 kg, OPEN

Female : KATA; -42 kg, -47 kg, +47 kg, OPEN

### **Youth 12-13y**

Male: KATA; -40kg, -45 kg, -50 kg, -55 kg, +55 kg, OPEN

Female : KATA; -42 kg, -47 kg, +47 kg, OPEN

### **Cadets 14-15y.**

Male: KATA, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg, OPEN.

Female: KATA, -47kg, -54kg, +54kg, OPEN.

### **Juniors 16-17y.**

Male : KATA, -55kg, -61kg, -68kg, -76kg, +76kg, OPEN.

Female: KATA, -48kg, -53kg, -59kg, +59kg, OPEN.

*All Youth, Cadets and Kids prizes from sponsors, medals and diploma!*

### **Seniors +18y.**

Male: KATA, -67kg, -75kg, -84kg, +84kg.

Female : KATA, -55kg, -61kg, -68kg, +68kg.

Male: OPEN.

Female: OPEN.

### **Team Kumite (3) +18y.**

Seniors Male

Seniors Female

**Best of the Best "Latvia OPEN 2016" Team**

## **Participation Fees:**

Individual categories 25 Euro

Team 40 Euro

## **Rules:**

Kata and Kumite WKF rules all

## **Competition Venue**

### **Arena Riga**

It is largest stadium in Riga with around 15 000 seats.

Arena Riga is located 2,5 km from Old Town and can be easily reached by public transport, taxi, located nice walking distance away from all the main attractions in Riga.

Some facts of arena: “Arena Riga” May 2004 to February 1, 2006; was constructed and opened an February 15, 2006. <http://www.arenariga.com/>

Adress: Skanstes street 21, Riga, Latvia



# Registration of Delegation

The deadline of registration is 12 November 2016. All the registration applications please send by e-mail to [karate@karate.lv](mailto:karate@karate.lv).

Registration/accreditation as well as weighting of all athletes will be in Tournament Headquarter Hotel (Elizabetes Street 101, Mercur Riga Hotel)

Main registration 17.00- 21.00 (18.11.2016)

**8.00-9.00 in Arena Riga, Skanstes Street 21(19.11.2016)-Limited!!!**

**All questions Maxim Ivanchikov (Eng. Lat. Rus)**

**Tel. +37120257277**

**For Quality and good organisation we have limited participants in our tournament not more 600 competitors!**

Each delegation must have a national flag!

# Hotels

## **Mercure Riga Hotel 4\*(Headquarter)**

The Tournament Hotel is situated in the centrum of Riga! Mercure Hotel 4\*. Very comfortable and easy to get to Mercure Riga from Riga airport, Bus-station or train station. Very near is Old city, most famous Restaurants, Café and shops. Every sightseeings of Riga is close the Hotel. Near the Hotel you can find comfortable and fair-prices parking lots.

All 143 rooms are on-smoking and have free WiFi access, 24-hour room service, LED FHD TV with international channels, hair dryer, safe, minibar, complimentary toiletries, and tea and coffee making facilities.



We have managed to get particularly good rates for the Tournament Hotel. Applicable rates are as follows:

**1 Double Room: 60 euro (per room) with Breakfast included**

**1 Single Room: 50 euro (per room) with Breakfast included**



## **Hotel Ibis Riga 3\***

Is situated in Riga Centrum near Tournament Hotel!  
This hotel is Completely New building, in 2016  
built.



### **Riga, Marijas streets 5!**

All the rooms you can order by special prices only  
or Latvian Open Participants

**1 Double Room: 50 euro (per room) with Breakfast included**

**1 Single Room: 40 euro (per room) with Breakfast included**

**Please make your travel arrangements by mail: [mi@karate.lv](mailto:mi@karate.lv)**

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# About Riga

Is more than 800 years old and with a blend of a medieval Centre and a modern city. Mixed together so perfectly that it fits every taste, with an enchanting and irresistible charm of old times. We invite you to come and see for yourself. Today's Riga, the largest city in the Baltic States, is a vibrant, fast-evolving modern city that has a lot to offer. Music plays an important role in the everyday life so when you want to relax. Riga has so much to offer from music festivals, concerts, folk music to hot night spots. **18. November in all Latvia is Holiday – Latvia Independence day, many tourists will come this time, evening time you can watch wonderful fireworks in Riga centrum!**



## Weather

In November in Latvia is winter time and weather is about 0-5C, but you can expect also wild autumn weather.

## Visa

Citizens of EU and European Economical zone and Switzerland are free to enter Latvia: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Croatia. For others countries might be required a visa.

## **Security**

Eager to shed its post-Soviet image, the city of Riga has done much to design itself as a fun yet safe destination for its guests.

Security-related complaints are rare – this is achieved by unobtrusive police in all major points of interest and frequent street patrols in other places. Visitors may roam the streets without concern both day and night.

## **Travel**

Transportation is another aspect that has been under constant development ever since the city was node of commerce in the age of sail.

The Riga International Airport (RIX) is located just 10 kilometers away from the city center and connects to all major European destinations and hubs as well as a number of more distant cities. There are 19 airlines with direct flights to and from RIX, the major ones being: AirBaltic, Lufthansa, Norwegian Air Shuttle, Ryanair, Turkish Airlines, Wizzair.

RIX is located at a distance of a comfortable 15-min taxi ride from the centers, priced 12-20 euro.

Alternatively, the city boasts a dense public transportation network with fares depending on the ticket type, usually costing ~ 1.50euro per trip, including a connection to the airport, as well as multiple reputable taxi companies with fares of ~ 0.70-1.50 euro/km taking the passenger just about anywhere. Further trips are made possible by the comprehensive national train and bus network.

GMT +2 hours

Currency: euro

# Our Tournament Overview

