



Evelin Lestali 22nd Memorial 19–20 September 2026 in Tartu

Guidelines

Objective

To organize the 21st E. Lestali Memorial Table Tennis Tournament in Tartu in order to preserve the memory of our most successful coach of all time, Evelin Lestali, and to introduce the achievements of the long-time coach and top-level player to younger athletes and the wider public. To promote table tennis in Tartu. As part of the 22nd E. Lestali Memorial, an Estonian Children's Grand Prix series tournament will also be held.

Venue and Time

The competitions will take place on 19–20 September 2026 in Tartu, Turu Street 8.

- 19 September 2026 – children's competitions starting at 11:00
- 20 September 2026 – all classes starting at 11:00

Participation and Registration

Children's GP on Saturday, 19 September

Registration until 16 September via email: aleksandr.kirpu@tammegymnaasium.ee based on the registration form.

All children of the appropriate age are eligible to participate. The participation fee is 20 EUR and must be paid to the organizer based on pre-registration. The organizer reserves the right to allow children to compete without payment of the registration fee. Confirmation of participation at the venue takes place from 10:00 to 10:40.

E. Lestla Memorial on Sunday, 20 September

Registration at the competition venue from 10:00 to 10:45.

Participation fee:

- 20 EUR for adults
- 15 EUR for students

Payment is to be made in cash at the venue.

Competition Classes

Saturday, 19 September

As part of the E. Lestla Memorial competitions, the first competition day will host a Children's GP stage, where the best players in five age categories will be determined.

The competition will be held in the following age groups:

- Children born in 2018 or later – U9
- Children born in 2016–2017 – U11
- Children born in 2014–2015 – U13
- Children born in 2012–2013 – U15
- Children born in 2010–2011 – U17

Sunday, 20 September

Matches will be played in three categories:

Licensed Men's and Women's Main Competition Class

All licensed players may participate in the main draw. Women and men compete together in one draw. For seeding purposes, women's ranking positions are multiplied by a coefficient of 4.5.

Licensed Men's and Women's "People's League" Class

Men ranked 400+ and women ranked 85+ may participate in this strength group. For seeding purposes, women's ranking positions are multiplied by a coefficient of 4.5.

Unlicensed Men's and Women's Competition Class

All players who do not hold an ELTL license on the morning of the competition day may participate. ELTL rating points and weighting, if available, are taken into account for seeding. For seeding purposes, women's ranking positions are multiplied by a coefficient of 4.5.

The rankings published by ELTL immediately before the competition will be used. Matches are generally played according to ITTF rules using a double-elimination system with all placements determined, best-of-five games (hall dimensions and lighting do not comply with ITTF regulations). Third place will be determined through the consolation bracket. Players will be seeded according to the valid rankings. In the case of foreign players, the chief referee will decide the placement in the tournament draw.

Awards

Children's GP

Competitors placing 1st–3rd will be awarded a medal, diploma, and commemorative gift.

E. Lestla XVII Memorial

Awards with medals and prizes will be given to:

- The top 3 male and female juniors (born 2008 and younger)
- The top 3 adults
- The top 3 veterans aged 40+ (born 1986 or earlier)
- The top 3 veterans aged 60+ (born 1966 or earlier)

Rein Lindmäe and Ülle Hüva will provide trophies for the best male and best female player in the main draw.

In the People's League and unlicensed class, the top three players will receive medals and prizes.

Accommodation

Accommodation options:

- [Hotel Dorpat](#)
- [Hotel Tartu](#)

General Information

Any issues arising during the competition will be resolved on site by the organizers. Each competitor is personally responsible for their own health condition.