

The Estonian Rapid

The inaugural Estonian Rapid will be held at the Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Thorndon in Wellington on Saturday 25th November 2023.

The Wellington Chess Club is organising the event. The contact person is Bill Forster, email billforsternz@gmail.com, phone +64 21 357371. Up to date information about the event will be available on the [Wellington Chess Club website](#) and on the [NZCF Calendar](#).

A note about the name: The name is just a little bit of whimsy. One day perhaps we will have an Open Rapid in Wellington as popular as the Latvian Rapid in Auckland. It also serves to tip the hat to New Zealand's own Mr Chess, the late IM Ortvin Sarapu, 20 times New Zealand champion.

Details

Date:	25 November 2023, players meeting 9:15am, first round 9:30am
Venue	Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington
Format:	Single 6 Round Swiss tournament
Round times (approx):	9:30am, 10:40am, 11:50am, (break), 2pm, 3:10pm 4:20pm
Time Control:	25 + 5
Ratings:	NZCF Rated
Eligibility:	Open to all players
Entry Fee:	Adult \$40, Junior (born 2003 or later) \$30
Prizes:	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd and a junior prize. Other prizes are possible depending on entries
Prize fund:	Determined by entries
Parking:	Some parking available on site. Street parking is not free or as plentiful as in outer suburbs, so come early or use public transport

To Enter

1. Pay the entry fee by internet to the club's bank account number 06 0582 0096726 00. Put your name under 'particulars' and 'Estonian' under 'reference'.

2. Follow up by sending an email titled "Estonian Rapid" with your name to billforsternz@gmail.com. When you get a confirming reply you are fully entered.

Please note that New Zealand players who participate in two or more NZCF rated tournaments in a year are required to be a member of an NZCF Affiliate or Associate Chess Club.