

SHAKKILINNA

YOUNG MASTERS 2026 6TH SEASON

Organizers:

Shakkilinna and Tampere-Shakki

Format:

Qualifiers: 8 online tournaments (Instructions will be sent via email to registered participants)

Finalists: 24 players (TOP 3 from each qualifier)

Final: A SELO and ELO-rated tournament played in Tampere

Time Control:

5 min + 10 sec/move in both the qualifiers and the final tournament.

Five rounds will be played in the final tournament.

The qualifiers may have a different number of rounds depending on participant numbers.

Schedule:

Qualifiers: Sept 6; Sept 27; Oct 4; Oct 17; Nov 15; Nov 29; Dec 12; and Dec 13

Qualifiers start: At 3:00 PM. Final tournament: Dec 20 at Shakkilinna in Tampere (Sarvijaakonkatu 24 L2).

Final Tournament Schedule:

Registration confirmation: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Round 1: 12:00 PM, Round 2: 1:00 PM, Round 3: 3:00 PM,

Round 4: 4:00 PM, Round 5: 5:00 PM. Prize-giving: approx. 6:00 PM.

Qualifier Prizes:

Based on the cumulative points earned in the qualifier tournaments, the top three players per age group who do not qualify for the final tournament will be awarded.

There are seven age groups: 18–20, 16–17, 14–15, 12–13, 10–11, 8–9, and under 8 years old.

Final Tournament Prizes:

The name of the winner of the Tampere final tournament will be engraved on the Shakkilinna Young Masters championship trophy, which is displayed in a place of honor at Shakkilinna. The winner will also receive a smaller version of the festive Shakkilinna Young Masters trophy. The top three players will receive medals and cash prizes (1st: €100, 2nd: €60, 3rd: €40). In addition, medals will be awarded to:

- The three youngest players to reach the final
- The three players with the lowest SELO rating to reach the final
- The three best performances (performance rating minus SELO rating)

Furthermore, all players who qualify for the final tournament will gain participation rights to Mika Karttunen's upcoming online simul events.

Entry Fees and Registration:

Entry fee: €25 /player. Registration form:

<https://forms.gle/MZE9VYTk5UyDroWj9>

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NOTE: You can register until the final qualifier on Dec 13.