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Dear friends of sports and karate,

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

In the past we have successfully organized and attract large number of participants – both European and World Champions, from around 20 counties. This year we aim for more participants and a truly unforgettable event here in Riga.

Thank You very much in advance for your participation in the Latvia Open 2016 and for supporting the tournament.

Best regards,

Leonid Vasiljev (President of Latvian Karate Federation)

Maksim Ivanchikov (Baltic Karate club president and Head coach Team Latvia)

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 14-15v.:

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 are from sponsors - medals and diplomas!

Seniors +18y.:

Male: KATA; -67kg, -75kg, -84kg, +84kg. 1st place - 200 euro Female: KATA; -55kg, -61kg, -68kg, +68kg. 1st place - 100 euro Male: OPEN. 1st place - 1000 euro, 2nd - 500 euro, two 3rd - 250 euro Female: OPEN. 1st place - 500 euro, 2nd - 250 euro, two 3rd - 100 euro

Team Kumite (3+1)

- +18 Seniors Male 1st place 600 euro. +16 Seniors Female 1st place - 300 euro.
- Best of the Best "Latvia OPEN 2016" Team 1 st place 1000 euro.

Participation Fees: Individual categories 25 euro, team 40 euro Rules: Kata 10-13 only 3 kata allowed, 14+ WKF rules! Kumite WKF rules for all.

Competition Venue ARENA RIGA

It is the largest stadium in Riga with 15 000 spectators places. Arena Riga is located 2.5 km from old town.

Some facts about arena:

construction of "Arena Riga" from May 2004 to February 1, 2006; arena opening February 15, 2006; height of the building 24 meters; length of the building 140 meters; total area 22 568 square meters; carrying capacity of the roof 60 tons, more information: www.arenariga.com

Address: Skanstes street 21, Riga, Latvia

Registration of Delegation

The deadline of registration is 12 th November 2016. All the entries please send by e-mail: karate®karate.lv

Registration / accreditation and weight in of all athletes, coaches, referees will be in Headquarter Hotel which will be announced soon!

Competing country must get national flag (size: 1*2 m)! Judges and referees please welcome!!! Hotels and Transfer is possible order also by: mail: mi@karate.lv or by phone: +3712 025 72 77

Information about Latvia

Latvia is situated on the eastern shore of the Baltic sea, sharing borders with Lithuania to the south, Estonia to the north, Russia to the east and Belarus to the southeast. For travellers, the best thing about Latvia is that it is so compact. It's 500 km of sandy beaches, which are easily reachable from historical towns, where medieval Hanseatic foundations support baroque and art nouveau buildings.... More info: www.latvia.travel/en

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.

Weather: In November in Latvia is winter time and weather is about 0-5°C

Visa: Citizens of EU 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 and Lichtenstein, Norway, Croatia.

For others countries require a visa even for a period less than 90 days.

Time: GMT +2 hours

Currency: EUR (euro)