



48TH NATIONAL SUB-JUNIOR (UNDER-15) & 39TH NATIONAL SUB- JUNIOR GIRLS (UNDER-15) CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS–2023

Event Code: 333449 / 333450 / MAH/ 2023

Date: 27th December to 4th January, 2024

Organized by:
Jalgaon District Chess Association

on behalf of
MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION

Under the aegis of
ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

Supported by
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India

Venue

“Anubhūti School”,

Shirsoli Road, Jalgaon. (Maharashtra)

Total Prize Fund: Rs. 9,00,000/-

1. Tournament Schedule:

System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. A total of eleven rounds shall be played.

Particulars	Date	Time
Arrival	26 December 2023	After 14.00 hrs.
Technical Meeting	27 December 2023	13.30 hrs.
Inauguration	27 December 2023	14.30 hrs.
Round – 1	27 December 2023	15.00 hrs.
Round – 2	28 December 2023	10.00 hrs.
Round – 3	28 December 2023	15.30 hrs.
Round – 4	29 December 2023	10.00 hrs.
Round – 5	30 December 2023	10.00 hrs.
Round – 6	31 December 2023	10.00 hrs.
Round – 7	31 December 2023	15.30 hrs.
Round – 8	01 January 2024	10.00 hrs.
Round – 9	02 January 2024	10.00 hrs.
Round – 10	03 January 2024	10.00 hrs.
Round – 11	04 January 2024	10.00 hrs.
Prize Distribution	04 January 2024	15.30 hrs.
Departure	04 January 2024	18.00 hrs.

- Age Limit:** Players should be born on or after 1.1.2008
- Age Proof:** Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his /her age. **Certificates from School will not be accepted.** Certificates should preferably be from the Panchayat, Municipality or Corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without date of birth certificates will not be allowed to participate. **The date of birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the player alone will be recognized and allowed to participate. No state association shall recommend any player who doesn't come under the above criteria.**

If any doubt arises about the claimed age of a player, the Tournament Committee has the right to refer the player during the championship for a due evaluation of age by competent medical experts. A player if declared over-age by such experts shall not continue in the championship and the matter shall be reported to AICF. Protest about the age of players may be made to the Chief Arbiter in writing along with a fee of Rs.5000/- per player. This will not be refunded. No protest about over age of a player will be entertained after second round of the championship.

Only Coach or Manager deputed by the participating State Chess Association can lodge such protests. The Tournament Committee has the right to decide the day, time and place for such medical evaluation of age. AICF / Organizers will have the right to refer any player to the medical evaluation of age at any time during the Championship. Players refusing to take the test as decided by the Tournament Committee shall be deemed to have failed the test and shall be disqualified from the Championship.

4. Prizes

The cash prizes will be awarded to first 20 players in each category amounting to Rs.4,50,000/- as given below:

In addition to following prize money structure our Sponsor M/s Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd wish to offer to chess players on securing certain points on the incremental basis.

Prizes	Open	Girls
1	90,000	90,000
2	70,000	70,000
3	58,000	58,000
4	45,000	45,000
5	38,000	38,000
6	25,000	25,000
7	22,000	22,000
8	18,000	18,000
9	14,000	14,000
10	10,000	10,000
11 to 20	6,000 each	6,000 each

5. Eligibility: Subject to age limit following players can participate:

- (a) Four players in each category from every affiliated State Association of AICF. If any Association fails to send its quota, the vacancies so caused will not be filled.
- (b) Top four players from 2022 National Sub-Junior (Under-15) Open & Girls Chess Championships (held in Delhi, November 2022) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories subject to age stipulation.
- (c) The top two players from 2022 National U-13 Open and Girls Championships (held in Pondicherry, December 2022) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.
- (d) The Champions from 2022 National Under-11 Open & Girls Chess Championships (held in Gurugram, October 2022 to November 2022) are eligible to participate as seeded player in their respective category.
- (e) World Champion in any over the board category from the year 2022 subject to age stipulation.
- (f) 2022 World No.2 & 3 Under-14 and Under-16 categories subject to age stipulation.
- (g) 2022 Asian U-16 top three rankers subject to age stipulation.
- (h) 2022 Asian Under-14 Champion.
- (i) The winner and runner up of 2022 National Sub Junior (U-15) Girls (Delhi) Championship are eligible to play in open section subject to age stipulation.
- (j) The winner of 2022 National Under-13 Girls (Pondicherry) Championship is eligible to play in the open section.
- (k) Current National Over the Board Champion.
- (l) All GMs/IMs are seeded in Open Section and all WGMs/WIMs are seeded in Girls Section subject to age stipulation.
- (m) Any other player who remits the prescribed Special Entry Fee of Rs.6,250/-. Such entries should come through the respective affiliated State Association.
- (n) Host Maharashtra Chess Association is entitled to fill two additional players in each category.
- (o) The AICF Secretary has a discretionary seat in each category in this Championship.
- (p) Two players in each category approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no State Association exists.
- (q) If the number of participants at the start of the championship is an odd number in a category, the host association can add one entry to make it even.

(r) Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in the championships.

(s) In addition to the above, three additional entries from the state which won Gold, two entries from the State which won the Silver and one additional entry from the State which won the Bronze in the National Sub-Junior (Under-15) Chess Championships 2022 shall be accepted.

Open: Tamil Nadu (Gold, & Bronze) 4, Telangana (Silver) 2.

Girls: Tamil Nadu (Gold) 3, Telangana (Silver) 2, Uttar Pradesh (Bronze) 1.

The entries from the State Associations shall be given only from the Rank list of their respective State Championships with proof and not to anybody else.

- 6. Dress Code:** As per AICF regulations on dress code for players participating in all the National championships, all State Associations should send their players including special/donor entry players with proper uniform (As regards special/donor entry players, the respective state chess associations may collect the cost of the uniform from the players). Players should at least wear uniform T Shirts/formal shirts (same colour and brand with the name of the State printed prominently at the back and the state chess emblem in the front left side). The name/logo of the sponsors can be permitted. Girls have also to be given appropriate uniform. The above rule will also be applicable to Special units. Players without proper uniform will not be permitted to take part in the championship. This will be strictly enforced.
- 7. Entries/Entry Fee:** All entries including special entries should come through the concerned State Association. The entry form should be sent together with attested copy of original date of birth certificate (Birth Certificates from Panchayat / Municipality / Corporation only accepted)

Entry Fee Structure

Ordinary entry: Rs.1,250/- (Rupees one thousand two hundred fifty only)

Special Entry: Rs. 6,250/- (Rupees six thousand two hundred fifty only)

There will be a 50% concession in entry fee for participants from North Eastern States and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through:

<https://prs.aicf.in/entry> for clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries, please contact: aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

- 8. Late fee: Please note entry fee structure is valid till 11th December 2023. Thereafter a late fee of Rs.250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be entertained after 18th December 2023 (up to 17:00 hrs.).**

Players from the same state shall not be paired against each other in the last round. However, they may be paired if there is no compatible opponent with the

same point group or score group with a maximum difference of 1 point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

9. Default Time: Default time for arriving to the chessboard is 15 minutes.

10. Time Control: The rate of play shall be 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move number one.

11. Chess Clocks: Each participating State Chess Association must provide at least one clock in working order for every two players entered into the Championship.

12. Tie Break: Following is the order of tie-break:

- (a) Buchholz Cut1
- (b) Buchholz
- (c) Sonneborn Berger
- (d) Direct encounter
- (e) The greater number of wins (forfeit included)
- (f) The greater number of wins by black.

In case of tie, cash prizes will not be shared.

13. Draw Agreement: Players shall not agree for a draw without the consent of the arbiter, before each player makes 30 moves.

14. Protest: Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.**3000/-** within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is up held.

15. Appeals Committee: Before the commencement of the tournament, a five-member appeals committee shall be formed by the AICF/organizers. All the members and reserves shall be from different states. No member of the Committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own state is involved and, in such case(s) the reserve member(s) shall take his place in the committee.

16. Tournament Committee: The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.

17. Interpretation: For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by the above rules of the tournament, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Committee has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules, without notice. However, such changes/ or inclusion will be subject to AICF clearance. Such changes will, however, be displayed in the tournament hall.

18. Withdrawal: If any player withdraws from the last two rounds in any National

Championship on medical grounds, he/she should undergo treatment by a doctor recommended and supervised by the tournament committee. The entry fee once paid shall not be refunded if the withdrawal from Championship is done after the publication of first round pairings.

- 19. Disqualification:** No participant will leave the venue before the prize distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule will be suspended for one year.
- 20. Registration of Players with AICF:** All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2022-2023 before the registration on AICF Online portal for national entries. Online AICF registration can be done at the website: www.aicf.in/players
- 21. Arrears:** All arrears of affiliation fee/tournament fee including those of current year must be cleared by the affiliated Association at the time of submitting the entries; otherwise, the entries are liable to be rejected.
- 22. Electronic Devices:** All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. Those who are having mobile phones or wearing watches during their play will be declared lost.
- 23. Accommodation:** Free dormitory accommodation will be provided to all the selected and seeded players and one Manager from each state.
- 24. Selected girls will be provided accommodation facility at Jain Hills, Shirsoli Road, Jalgaon & Motel Cozy Cottage (Aakashwani Chowk) 0257-2237391 They Should send an email to chessjalgaon@gmail.com and pro@jains.com & before 20th December 2023.**

Selected boys will be provided free accommodation facility for which kindly email us chessjalgaon@gmail.com immediately on your registration for the tournament

For special entries and accompanying Persons, they will have to make their own arrangement for stay. They may book accommodation in the following hotels

Hotel Rich Palace (Near ST Bus Stand)-0257-222070/Mob. - 9623710000

Shri Star Palace (Near ST Bus Stand)- 0257-2242525 / Mob. - 8862035111

Rigal Palace (Near ST Bus Stand)- 0257-2222322, 2222424

Hotel Ramniwas (Near Station Road)- 0257-2226126, 2220719

- 25. Boarding:** A lump sum of Rs. 1500/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred only) will be paid by the organizers towards the boarding expenses, only to the affiliated State Associations seeded and selected players who play this championship under normal entry fee. **26.** Existing provisions of income-Tax as on date of Championship are applicable for prize Money.

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