



# 13<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

## AICF EVENT CODE

**U 07 Open | U 09 Open | U 11 Open | U 13 Open | U 15 Open | U 17 Open**  
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Organized by  
**ANDHRA CHESS ASSOCIATION**  
On behalf of  
**All India Chess Federation**

## Date:

**17<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025** **January 2025**

## Venue:



**SRI PRAKASH SYNERGY SCHOOL,**  
**PEDDAPURAM, KAKINADA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH**

Supported by

**Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh**  
**Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India**



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**1. INVITATION:**

Andhra Chess Association and All India Chess Federation (AICF) take immense pleasure in inviting all the State Associations and all schools\* (any syllabus) in India to participate in the All India School Chess Championships-2024 (Under-7, Under-9, Under- 11, Under-13, Under-15 & Under-17 for Open & Girls categories) which is going to be held at PEDDAPURAM (KAKINADA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH) from 17<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>1st</sup> January 2025.

**2. SCHEDULE:**

PARTICULARS	DATE	TIME
Inauguration/Managers Meeting	17/01/2025	09:00 A.M.
Round – I	17/01/2025	10:00 A.M.
Round – II	17/01/2025	04:00 P.M.
Round – III	18/01/2025	10:00 A.M.
Round – IV	18/01/2025	04:00 P.M.
Round – V	19/01/2025	10:00 A.M.
Round - VI	19/01/2025	04:00 P.M.
Round – VII	20/01/2025	10:00 A.M.
Round – VIII	20/01/2025	04:00 P.M.
Round – IX	21/01/2025	10:00 A.M.
Prize Distribution	21/01/2025	04:00 P.M.

**3. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION**

Only individuals who are school students and who are Indian nationals are eligible to participate in this Championship. Players who are foreign nationals, and who are with PIO or OCI card cannot participate.

I. All entries should be strictly routed through the respective AICF affiliated state chess association. No direct entries shall be entertained in any circumstances.

II. Each State Association or School Association or School may enter an unlimited number of players in each of the 12 age groups. The player should be a bona-fide student at a school (any syllabus). In case that any girl group is less than 10 participants then it will be merged with the same open age group category.

III. Entitled to participate are players (Boys & Girls) who shall not have reached the age of 07, 09, 11, 13, 15 and 17 before 01<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

- <sup>st</sup>a) Under 07: Born on or after 1 January 2018  
 b) Under 09: Born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016  
 c) Under 11: Born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014  
 d) Under 13: Born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012  
 e) Under 15: Born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010  
 f) Under 17: Born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008

iv. \*\* Since there is no separate National School Chess Championship for Under 5/6, players for the Under 5/6 Asian School Chess Championship 2025, will be identified as per rankings from among the participants in the National School Under 7 Chess Championship 2024 subject to their age. Therefore, those planning to participate in the Asian Youth Under 5/6 -2024 (if held) should participate in the National School Under – 7 Chess Championship 2024 to be eligible for consideration. \*\*

**4. AGE PROOF:**

Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. Certificates from School are not 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 child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate. No state association shall recommend any player who doesn't come under the above criteria. However, player/state can appeal to AICF in this regard as per the notification published at <https://aicf.in/public-notice-dob-issue/> with undertaking and supporting documents.

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 the 2nd round of the championship.

Only the 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.

**5. Prizes:** The cash prizes will be awarded to 12 (twelve) players in each category amounting to Rs.5,04,000/- (Rs. five lakhs four thousand only) as given below:

Prizes	Open Each Category	Girls Each Category
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 10,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rs. 7,000	Rs. 7,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rs. 6000	Rs. 6000
4 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 5,000
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 4,000
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 3,000
7 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 2,000
8 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,000

**6. Dress Code:** As per AICF regulations on the 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 color 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. The girls/women are also given appropriate uniform dress. 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. Registrations:** All entries should come through the concerned State Association. However, AICF will have the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason. 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: RS. 1,500/- (one thousand five hundred only)

There will be a 50% concession in the entry fee for participants from North eastern states and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through: <https://prs.aicf.in/entry>. For further clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries, please contact: [aicfnationaleentries@gmail.com](mailto:aicfnationaleentries@gmail.com)

**8. Late Fee:**

Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2025. Thereafter a late fee of Rs.250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be accepted after 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (up to 18:00 hrs.).

**Players should come with the below mentioned documents:**

- (1) Passport size photo
- (2) Original date of birth certificate
- (3) AICF certificate (if medical test qualified)
- (4) Payment proof
- (5) The certificate from the school mentioning that he/she is a bonafede student at the school

**9. System of Play:** The Championship will be played under FIDE Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. Totally 9 rounds shall be played in each category. In case that any girl group is less than 10 participants then it will be merged with the same age group open category.

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 the maximum difference of 1 point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

**10. Default Time:** Default timing for arriving to the chess board is 30 minutes. Those who arrive at the board 30 minutes after the start of the game will be declared lost.

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

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

**13. 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) Number of wins with black pieces

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

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

**15. Protests:** Protests, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees three thousand only) within one hour of the occurrence of the incident. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

**16. Appeal 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 dispute in which a player from his own state is involved and, in such case(s), the reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final and binding on players concerned.

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

**18. Interpretation:** For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by rules of the tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules without prior notice. However, such changes or inclusion will be subject to AICF & ACA clearance. Such changes, however, will be displayed at the Championship venue.

**19. Withdrawals:** 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.

**20. 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.

**21. AICF Registration:** All participants in the National Championship should be registered with AICF for the year 2024-2025. Online AICF registration is available on the website [www.aicf.in](http://www.aicf.in). Those who have paid the AICF Registration fee but are yet to receive the AICF registration card should send a photocopy of the acknowledgment for having paid the fee to organizers of earlier tournaments or to their association. Before the start of the championship all the players must be registered with AICF for the year 2024-2025. No entry will be accepted without AICF Player's Registration for 2024-2025.

**22. Electronic Devices:** All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall.

If a player is found to possess a mobile (switched on/off)/wristwatch, either on the person or in a separate bag, he will be declared as lost. Player wearing any kind of watch during the game will also be declared lost.

### **23. Arrival/Transport Assistance:**

#### **Venue Location and Transport Details**

**Samalkot Railway Station/Bus Station:** 3 km

**Rajahmundry Airport (Rajamahendravaram):** 45 km

**Kakinada:** 15 km

**Important Note:** Participants booking hotel accommodation in Kakinada are advised to reserve their tickets up to Samalkot Junction, as train frequency to Kakinada is limited despite it having a railway station.

#### **Arrival Assistance:**

**Train/Bus Arrivals:** The **Samalkot Railway Station** and Bus Stand are located opposite each other. The **Organizing Committee** will provide **free transport** from Samalkot Railway Station to designated points in Kakinada for players and accompanying persons starting **16<sup>th</sup> January 2025, from 5:00 PM**. This facility will be available until **6:00 AM on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. A **Reception Office** will be set up at the entrance of Samalkot Railway Station.

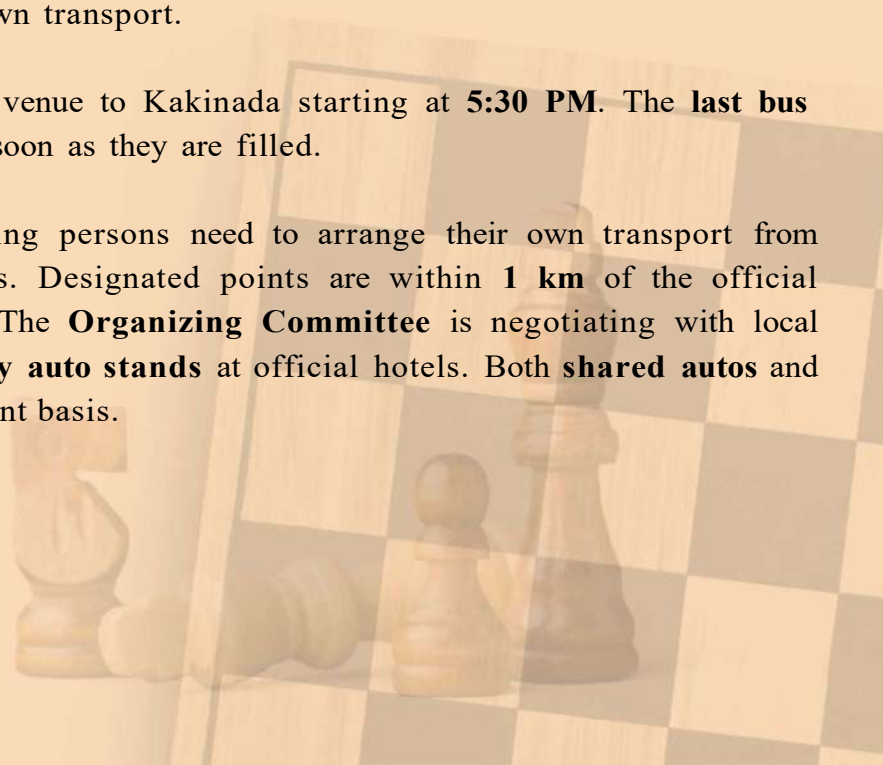
**Airport Arrivals:** Players and accompanying persons arriving at **Rajahmundry Airport** will need to make their own arrangements to reach the venue or hotels.

#### **Daily Pick-up and Drop Facilities**

**Morning Pick-up:** Buses will start from designated points at **8:00 AM**. The **last bus** will leave at **9:00 AM**. The journey to the venue takes approximately **25 minutes**. After 9.00 AM, players and accompanying persons must arrange their own transport.

**Evening Drop:** Buses will depart from the venue to Kakinada starting at **5:30 PM**. The **last bus** will leave at **9:00 PM**. Buses will depart as soon as they are filled.

**Local Transport:** Players and accompanying persons need to arrange their own transport from designated points to their respective hotels. Designated points are within **1 km** of the official hotels and central locations in Kakinada. The **Organizing Committee** is negotiating with local auto-rickshaw operators to set up **temporary auto stands** at official hotels. Both **shared autos** and **individual autos** will be available on a payment basis.



**24. Accommodation & Boarding:**

Players & Accompanying persons have to make their own arrangements of stay.

**Suggested Accommodation Options**

Dormitory for Women 350 & for Men 250 (Inside Venue)

**Facilities:** Each person will be provided with a **3x6 mattress & pillow**. Common washrooms, hot water, drinking water, and housekeeping facilities will be available.

**Conditions:** Males are not allowed in female dormitories and vice versa. Parents staying with children of the opposite gender (e.g., mother with son, father with daughter) must arrange alternative accommodation. Boys below 8 years permitted in Women dormitory, Smoking & Drinking are strictly prohibited.

**Other Conditions:** Allotment of dormitory is on first cum first basis. No cancellation after 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Organising Committee is not responsible for their belongings.

**Charges:**

**₹3,500/-** per person for the entire period (16<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 6:00 PM to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025, 6:00 PM) which Includes **full boarding & dormitory charges** for entire period as below:

**Breakfast:** 6:30 AM – 9:30 AM

**Lunch:** 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Snacks:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Dinner:** 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

For Dormitory Booking please visit [www.apchess.org](http://www.apchess.org)

**Official Hotels identified in Kakinada**

The following hotels have been identified as official accommodations. Buses will pass through nearby points (within 500 meters) of these hotels.

**3 Star & Above**

<b>Hotel Name</b>	<b>Rooms</b>
Grand Kakinada by GRT Hotels	35
Sarovar Portico	20
Zibe	18
Jaya Residency	25
Hilife	45
De Crown	42
Venky Residency	30

**2 Star with good facilities**

<b>Hotel Name</b>	<b>Rooms</b>
Best Inn	16
Coastal Inn	10
Vundavalli Portfolio	48
Sitara Grand (2-Star)	30
Sitara 2	22
Non-AC Rooms	35

Hotel Bookings and other hotel details please visit [www.apchess.org](http://www.apchess.org)

**Boarding Arrangements for Non-Dormitory Guests**

**Charges:** ₹1,500/- for the entire period (excluding dinner). Break-fast/lunch/snacks for entire period. This facility available on prior booking before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be available only with prior booking. Food stalls for tea, coffee, juice, and other refreshments will be available at the venue.

For bookings details please visit [www.apchess.org](http://www.apchess.org)

## CONTACT DETAILS

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### **For Technical Assistance:**

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### **Dormitory Accommodation at Venue :**

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### **Budget Accommodation in Kakinada:**

**Mr Rajsekhar : 8886633445**  
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### **3 Star & above Accommodation in Kakinada :**

**(Please visit [apchess.org](http://apchess.org) for respective Hotel numbers )**





### Honorable Members

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## About the School



### Best International School in Andhra Pradesh

Sri Prakash Synergy School, started in the year 2007, with a tag-line "Indian Roots – International Standard", each child is given an opportunity to explore and experience a new form of learning. The syllabus followed here is CBSE as most parents are opting for the central education for their children.

Sri Prakash Synergy School is the top International school in Andhra Pradesh where they make sure their students grow in a much practical and non-theoretical way.

A lot of importance is given to JEE Advanced, JEE Mains, AIIMS, KVPY, NDA, CPT, NTSE exams and the heightened exposure is being provided to sporting excellence to blend students in a way that they are an all-rounder with enviable achievements.

With a spectacular campus and its impressive infrastructures, Sri Prakash Synergy School, also known as the "Modern Gurukul", over the years, has earned a reputation of the top international school in Andhra Pradesh by providing proper support and amenities for extra-curricular activities and quality education to its students. This can be tracked down by having a look at success stories of our students.



**Shri. Vijay Prakash**

Director of Sri Prakash Synergy School