



3rd MAHARASHTRA INTERNATIONAL OPEN GRANDMASTER CHESS TOURNAMENT 2025

(For above 2200 rated players only)

ORGANISED BY: MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION

UNDER THE AEGIS OF: ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

From 20th to 28th April 2025

VENUE: AMANORA MALL

AMANORA PARK TOWN, HADAPSAR, PUNE – 411028

GOOGLE MAPS LINK: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/dNUmxPnefjSgxNo89>

AICF EVENT CODE: 413108/MAH/2025

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY Rs. 30,00,000/-

1. Eligibility:

- The tournament is open for players who have a Standard FIDE rating of 2200 and above as per the April 2025 rating list.

2. System of Play:

- The Tournament shall be played under the FIDE Laws of Chess for a total of 10 rounds on a Swiss-League basis.

3. Time Control:

- Each player shall have 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

4. Tournament Schedule:

Date	Day	Event	Time
19 th April	Saturday	Arrival	1:00 pm onwards
20 th April	Sunday	Technical Meeting	2:00 pm
20 th April	Sunday	Inauguration	2:30 pm
20 th April	Sunday	Round 1	3:00 pm
21 st April	Monday	Round 2	3:00 pm
22 nd April	Tuesday	Round 3	9:30 am
22 nd April	Tuesday	Round 4	3:00 pm
23 rd April	Wednesday	Round 5	3:00 pm
24 th April	Thursday	Round 6	3:00 pm
25 th April	Friday	Round 7	3:00 pm
26 th April	Saturday	Round 8	3:00 pm
27 th April	Sunday	Round 9	3:00 pm
28 th April	Monday	Round 10	10:00 am
28 th April	Monday	Closing Ceremony	4:00 pm
28 th April	Monday	Departure	5:30 pm onwards

5. Entry Fee:

- No entry fee for GMs, IMs, WGMs and WIMs.
- Titled players are requested to confirm their entry by sending an email to mahachessfest@gmail.com
- No entry fee for foreign players rated above 2200.
- Rated from 2200 to 2350 – Rs. 10,000.
- Rated 2350 and above – Rs. 8,500.
- Last date of entry submission – 12th April 2025
- Last date of entry submission with late fee of Rs. 500 – 16th April 2025
- No request towards waiver of entry fee or late fee will be entertained.
- Registration Form:
<https://forms.gle/R8FwQCF3dEeZsmDV8>

- Bank account details for entry fee payment:

Account Name	Maharashtra Chess Association
Bank Name	Kotak Mahindra Bank
Account No.	1146360584
Branch	Senapati Bapat Road, Pune
IFSC Code	KKBK0001779
SWIFT Code	KKBKINBBXXX

- **Full entry fee will be refunded if name is withdrawn before pairing of round one is done. No refund will be given if name is withdrawn after pairing of round one is done.**
- Entry will be subject to rating verification as per the April 2025 classical rating list.

6. Accommodation:

- All GM's, IM's, WGM's and WIM's and foreign players will be provided free lodging & boarding on double sharing basis.
- All other players will have to arrange their own accommodation.
- All title holders need to confirm their accommodation (including extra person – if any) requirement while registering for the tournament via email to accommodationsmca@gmail.com.

7. AICF and MCA registration 2025-2026 for Indian Players:

- All Indian participants shall be registered with AICF for the year 2025-26 before submitting entry for this tournament.
AICF ID search & renewal link: <https://prs.aicf.in/>
AICF ID new registration link: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>
- All participants from Maharashtra shall be registered with MCA for the year 2025-26 before submitting entry for this tournament.
MCA ID registration link: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php
MCA ID renewal link: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/existing_entry.php
Search for your MCA ID:
https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/all_player_list.php

8. Prize Structure:

- **Main Prizes (Total – Rs. 26,91,000):**

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 4,50,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 3,50,000 + trophy
3 rd Rank	Rs. 2,75,000 + trophy
4 th Rank	Rs. 2,25,000
5 th Rank	Rs. 1,75,000
6 th Rank	Rs. 1,50,000
7 th Rank	Rs. 1,25,000
8 th Rank	Rs. 1,00,000
9 th Rank	Rs. 85,000
10 th Rank	Rs. 70,000
11 th Rank	Rs. 60,000
12 th Rank	Rs. 50,000
13 th to 15 th Ranks	Rs. 40,000 each
16 th to 20 th Ranks	Rs. 30,000 each
21 st to 25 th Ranks	Rs. 25,000 each
26 th to 30 th Ranks	Rs. 20,000 each
31 st to 33 rd Ranks	Rs. 17,000 each
34 th & 35 th Ranks	Rs. 15,000 each

- **Category Prizes (Total – Rs. 3,09,000):**

Between 2301-2400

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 17,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 16,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 16,000

Between 2201-2300

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 17,000 + Trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 16,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 15,000

Best Maharashtra

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 17,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 16,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 15,000

Best Female:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 30,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 25,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 20,000

- ❖ **Special Prize: Game of the Round – Rs. 3,000/- each round.**
- ❖ **Game of the Tournament – Rs. 10,000/- amongst game of round winners**
- ❖ **Best Emerging Player (Male & Female) – Rs. 25,000/- each + trophy each**

Prize Money Notes:

- The prizes shall not be shared and a player would be eligible for one higher prize only.
- Tax will be deducted as per the Indian Income Tax Act.
- All payments to Indian players would be made by bank transfer.
- Prize winners from foreign countries would be required to submit a copy of their passport & visa.
- All GM's & Foreign players will be eligible for main category prizes only.

9. Default Time (Walkover Time):

- The default time will be 15 minutes.

10. The Drawn Game:

- The players shall not agree for a draw without consent of arbiter before each player makes 30 moves.

11. Tie-Break:

Following tie breaks will be implemented:

- Buchholz Cut 1.
- Buchholz.
- SB.
- Direct Encounter.
- Greater number of wins (including forfeit points)
- Greater number of wins with Black pieces

12. Protest:

Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only) within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The amount would be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

13. Appeals Committee:

Appeals Committee will be formed in the technical meeting. The decision of the said committee shall be final and binding on all the participants.

14. Interpretation:

For further interpretations of the rule(s) and deciding any aspect not covered by the said tournament prospectus, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all the participants. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition/deletion/amendment to these rules. However, such changes shall be displayed on the noticeboard.

15. Visa Assistance to Foreign Players:

- Foreign players with valid FIDE ID who desire visa assistance are required to write to the All-India Chess Federation (AICF):
ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION #101-102, A Block, First Floor, Naurang House,
21, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110001
- Email indianchessfed@gmail.com / www.aicf.in

- 16.** Players are not allowed to carry bags, mobile phones, wrist watches and other electronic devices to the playing arena. Arrangements will be made for players to deposit their bags, mobile phones, etc.

17. Force Majeure:

The organizing committee bear no responsibility in case of a Force Majeure which might lead to cancellation or postponement of the event.

18. Important Contacts:

1. Niranjana Godbole – Tournament Director – mahachessfest@gmail.com
2. Amit Kench – Coordinator - +91-9923429561
3. IA Jyoti Kulkarni – Accommodations - +91-9689530900
4. IA Deepti Shidore – Coordinator - +91-9604737183
5. Email for accommodations: accommodationsmca@gmail.com