



38TH NATIONAL UNDER-13 OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP - 2025

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3RD TO 9TH SEPTEMBER - 2025

Organised by

GOA CHESS ASSOCIATION

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DAIVADNYA SAMAJ, MARGAO

on behalf of

ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

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SPORTS AUTHORITY OF GOA

Supported by

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India

Venue: Daivadnya Bhavan, Calconda, Margao - Goa

**Total
Prize Fund
Rs.8 Lakhs**

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1. Tournament Schedule:

PARTICULARS	DATE	TIMING	PARTICULARS	DATE	TIMING
Arrival	02-09-2025	11:00 AM	Round - 5	05-09-2025	03:30 PM
Technical Meeting	03-09-2025	11:00 AM	Round - 6	06-09-2025	10:00 AM
Inauguration	03-09-2025	03:00 PM	Round - 7	07-09-2025	10:00 AM
Round - 1	03-09-2025	04:00 PM	Round - 8	07-09-2025	03:30 PM
Round - 2	04-09-2025	10:00 AM	Round - 9	08-09-2025	10:00 AM
Round - 3	04-09-2025	03:30 PM	Round - 10	08-09-2025	03:30 PM
Round - 4	05-09-2025	10:00 AM	Round - 11	09-09-2025	09:30 AM
Prize Distribution Ceremony : 09th September 2025 at 03:00 pm					
Departure : 09th September 2025 at 04:00 pm onwards.					

2. Age Limit: Players should be born on or after: 01-01-2012.

3. 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.5,000/- 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 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 / GCA organizers will have the right to refer any player to the medical evaluation at any time during 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 20 players in each category amountingn Rs.4,00,000/- as given below:

No	Particulars	Open Category Prizes	Girls Category Prizes
1	1 ST PLACE	₹80,000/-	₹80,000/-
2	2 ND PLACE	₹60,000/-	₹60,000/-
3	3 RD PLACE	₹48,000/-	₹48,000/-
4	4 TH PLACE	₹35,000/-	₹35,000/-
5	5 TH PLACE	₹28,000/-	₹28,000/-
6	6 TH PLACE	₹25,000/-	₹25,000/-
7	7 TH PLACE	₹22,000/-	₹22,000/-
8	8 TH PLACE	₹18,000/-	₹18,000/-
9	9 TH PLACE	₹14,000/-	₹14,000/-
10	10 TH PLACE	₹10,000/-	₹10,000/-
11	11 TH To 20 TH PLACE	₹6,000/- Each	₹6,000/- Each

5. Eligibility:

Two 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.

- a) Top four players from 2024 National under 13 Open & Girls Chess Championships (held in Durgapur, West Bengal, 17th-23th December 2024) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories subject to age stipulation.
- b) Top two players from 2024 National under 11 Open & Girls Chess Championships (held in Hyderabad, Telangana, 04th-10th October 2024) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.
- c) The winner of the 2024 National Under-9 Open & Girls Championships (held in Pune, 27th Dec. 2024 to 2nd Jan. 2025) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.
- d) World Champion in any over the board category from the year 2024 subject to age stipulation.
- e) 2024 World No.2 & 3 Under-10 and Under-12 categories.
- f) 2024 Asian Under - 12 top 3 rankers.
- g) 2024 Asian Under - 10 champion.
- h) The winner and runner-up of 2024 National U-13 (West Bengal) Girls Championship is eligible to play in the open section subject to age stipulation.
- i) The winner of 2024 National U-11 (Telangana) Girls Championship is eligible to play in the open section.
- j) Current over the board national champion in any higher category subject to age stipulation.
- k) All GMs/IMs are seeded in the open section and all WGMs/ WIMs are seeded in the girls section subject to age stipulation.
- l) Any other player who remits the prescribed special entry fee of Rs.6,250/- such entries should come through the respective affiliated State Chess Association.
- m) **GOA CHESS ASSOCIATION** is entitled to fill two additional players in each category.
- n) The AICF Secretary has a discretionary seat in each category in this Championship.
- o) Two players in each category approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no state association exists.
- p) 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.
- q) Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in the championships.
- r) 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 Under-13 Chess Championships 2024 (held in West Bengal) shall be accepted.
Open Section - Bihar - 3 (Gold), Maharastra - 2 (Silver) & Tamil Nadu - 1 (Bronze).
Girls - Telangana 3 (Gold), Tamil Nadu - 2 (Silver) & Maharastra - 1 (Bronze).

6. Dress Code: As per AICF regulations on dress code for players participating in all the National Championships, 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 & brand with the name of the state printed prominently at the back & 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 uniforms. The above rule will also be applicable to Special units. Players without proper uniform will not be permitted to take part in the championships. This will be strictly enforced.

7. Entries/Entry Fee: All entries including special entry 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 Panchayat/Municipality/Corporation only will be accepted).

8. Entry Fee Structure: Ordinary entry: Rs.1250/- (Rupees one thousand two hundred and fifty only) Special Entry: Rs. 6250 (Rupees six thousand two hundred and fifty only) There will be a 50% concession in the 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

9. Late fee: Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till 20th August, 2025. Thereafter, a late fee of Rs.250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be entertained after 26th August, 2025. (up to 17:00 hrs.).

10. 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. 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.

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

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

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

14. 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.

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

16. Protest: Protest if any, against the decision of the chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only) within 30 minutes of the occurrence of incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

17. Appeals Committee: Before the commencement of the tournament, a five member appeals committee shall be formed by the AICF/GCA. 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 is own State is involved and, in such case(s), the reserve members) shall take his place in the committee.

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

19. 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, be displayed in the tournament hall.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. Registration of Players with AICF: All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year (from April 1, 2025) 2025 - 2026 before the registration on AICF Online portal for the entries. Online AICF registration can be done at the website www.prs.aicf.in/players.

23. Arrears: All arrears of affiliation fee/tournament fee including those of current year must be cleared by the affiliated Associations at the time of submitting the entries; otherwise, the entries are liable to be rejected.

24. 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 or any other electronic device without the permission of the Chief Arbiter during their play will be declared lost.

25. Accommodation: Free dormitory accommodation, will be provided to all selected and seeded players and one manager from each state. For special entries and accompanying persons, they will need to make their own arrangements for accommodation. Checkout time will be 12.00 pm on 9th September 2025 for official accomodation.

26. Boarding: A lump sum of Rs.1500/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred only) will be paid by organizers towards the boarding expense, only to the affiliated state associations' seeded and selected players who play this championship under normal entry.

27. TDS: Existing provisions of Income-Tax as on date of championship are applicable for prize money.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Parents and accompanying persons are not allowed inside the tournament hall at all times.
2. Organizers take all the measures for safe championship environment. However, in case any untoward situation arises, the players will not ask damages from Organizers/ All India Chess Federation.
3. Due to any unforeseen scenario, if the event needs to be cancelled, then AICF's obligation is limited to refunding the entry fee paid by the players.
4. By enrolling for the events, the players are abiding by all the terms and conditions of the championship for participation.

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For Accommodation	Mobile No	Emergency Call	Mobile No.
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Nilesh Shirodkar (Co-ordinator)	7972479134	Amogh Namshekar Joint Secretary, Goa Chess Association	9422455896

How to reach Margao (Madgaon)

By Air	By Train	By Bus
1. Goa Dabolim Airport (GOI) (25 Kms, 40 minutes) 2. Manohar International Airport, Mopa, North Goa, (GOX) (62 Kms, 1 hr 30 minutes)	1. Madgaon Railway Station (MAO) (1 Km, 5 minutes) 2. Karmali Station (31 Kms, 60 minutes)	Inter state Buses are available from Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, Chennai.



Margao City, known as the city of Maths or Mathagram is a commercial city situated in south Goa. World's best beaches like Colva, Varca, Benaulim are within 10 Kms radius. The city has got various markets of tourist interest like gold & diamond shops, spices, cashew nuts, dry fruits, wine & alcohol. The city is lined with various food outlets & street food like ross omelette along with various local fish dishes are popular.

State of Goa is a popular tourist destination with beautiful beaches, temples, churches etc. It is a chess destination having hosted the World Juniors in 2002, National Juniors, National Sub - Juniors, National B, National Team Championship & Goa Grandmasters Tournament (2018, 2019 & 2025).

Goa has 2 Grandmasters (GM Anurag Mhamal & GM Leon Luke Mendonca) & 6 International Masters including IM Rohan Ahuja, IM Bhakti Kulkarni, IM Ameya Audi, IM Nitish Belurkar, IM Ritviz Parab & IM Ethan Vaz. GM Leon Mendonca is 14th among the top juniors of the world with a rating of 2603. IM Bhakti Kulkarni has represented India at the 44th Chess Olympiad in the year 2022 & won the Bronze medal.

Last year Goa won the National U-15 Silver medal with IM Ethan Vaz & National U-7 Silver medal with Prayank Gaonkar. This year Goa won the National U-7 Gold medal with Evan Telles.

Goa Chess Association is currently having the Chess in School Program where children from the 3rd & 4th standard are provided coaching in 12 talukas across Goa. Each taluka has selected 2 schools where the coaching is provided and Goa Chess Association is spending more than 8 lakhs rupees per year funding this initiative with the help of AICF.

Goa Chess Association has also undertaken the Senior Nationals Arbiter Seminar where more than 40 participants took part. We are also in the process of conducting the FIDE Arbiter Seminar.

HOTEL INFORMATION

HOTEL GO GOA

Sanscar Society,
Margao - Goa
Ph. 9145059505
Email: booking@hotelgogoa.in
Distance: 0.3 Kms

HOTEL COSMIQUE

Near Margao Cricket Club, Station Road,
Calconda, Margao - Goa 403601
Ph. 7823027402 / 0832-2951254
Email: reservations.cisgoa@theclarkshotels.com
Website: www.hotelcosmique.com
Distance: 0.4 Kms

GOA WOODLANDS HOTEL

Opp. Fatima Convent High School
Margao, Goa - 403601
Ph. 8380086724 / 0832-2738732 / 0832-2715522
Email: reservations@goawoodlandshotel.com
Website: www.goawoodlandshotel.com
Distance: 1.6 Kms

VIVA HOTEL

Malbhat, Margao - Goa 403601
Ph. 7447799778 / 0832-2733855
Email: info@vivahotel.in
Website: www.vivahotel.in
Distance: 2.0 Kms

HOTEL JYOTI PLAZA

Isidorio Baptista Road, Near Hari Mandir,
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Ph. 8530654948
Email: gm@saphirecomfort.com
Distance: 2.1 Kms

HOTEL LAXMI EMPIRE

Opp. Madgaon Railway Station, Aquem Baixo,
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Ph. 9021828755
Email: reservation@laxmiempire.com
Website: www.laxmiempire.com
Distance: 2.1 Kms

GINGER GOA

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Email: reservations@gingerhotels.com
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Distance: 2.1 Kms

NANUTEL MARGAO

Padre Miranda Road,
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Website: www.nanuhotels.in
Distance: 2.2 Kms

HOTEL GRACE MAJESTIC

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Website: www.gracehospitality.in
Distance: 3.8 Kms

OFFICIAL HOTEL



HOTEL RAJ RESORTS

Next to Rawanfond Circle, Railway Station Road,
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Ph. 0832-2976650 / 9075020987 / 8668803315
Email: hotelrajresort@gmail.com
Website: www.hotelrajresort.com
Distance: 1.9 Kms from venue