

2nd Fischer Random (Chess 960) or 'Freestyle Chess' for **Open Group** & Normal Rapid Chess Tournament (for U/15, U/13, U/11, U/9 & U/7 Groups)



on the occasion of
Birthday Celebration of

Shri. Ajitdada Pawar

(Dy. Chief Minister, Maharashtra)

&

Shri. Yogeshji Behl

(Ex. Mayor, PCMC)



Organised by

**Late Rajesh Behl Sports & Social Foundation &
Yogesh Behl Friend Circle**

Recognised by

Pune District Chess Circle

Assisted by

**Pimpri Chinchwad Mahanagar Chess Association &
8x8 Chess Academy**



PDCC/019/2025-26



on 19th July 2025 (Saturday)

Total Cash Prize Fund : Rs. 80,000/-

Categories

Open

(In Fischer Random Format)

Groups : U/15, U/13, U/11, U/9 & U/7

(In Normal Format)

VENUE

**Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj Krida Sankul, Indrayani Nagar,
Sector 2, Bhosari, Pune - 26**

Rules / Regulations / Information

This tournament will be played in '**Fischer Random**' playing format for **OPEN** group & **Normal Rapid format** for all age groups [**U15 / U13 / U11 / U09 / U07**]

- Tournament will be played in **six groups** separately.
- Tournament Date – **Saturday, 19th JULY 2025**
 - Reporting at venue at **8:30 am**
 - Players meeting **8.45am**
 - First round will start at **9:30 am**
- Last Date of Entry – **17th July 2025, 6PM or Fulfilment of entries**, Whichever is earlier
(Maximum Entries **OPEN - 120, U15 & U13 - 60 each AND U11, U09 & U07 - 50** each)
- Venue – **Shree Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj Krida Sankul, Indrayani Nagar, Sector 2, Bhosari, Pimpri-Chinchwad, PUNE -26**
[Tournament Location - click here](#)
- No. of Rounds – Total **7 rounds** (Swiss League format)
- Time Control – **15 minutes to each player and 10 seconds increment** from first move.
- Default Time (**Walkover Time**): The default time will be **15 minutes**.
- Rules – A) In the case of tie, prize money will not be shared.
B) Latest FIDE rules will be applied.
C) In case of any dispute, Chief Arbiter's decision will be final and binding on all.
D) Entry fee will be **refunded after deduction of Rs.100/-.** Before **17th July, 6PM**.

- Illegal Move - One illegal move is allowed and 2nd illegal move is lost in **normal format**.
In FISCHER RANDOM FORMAT [OPEN group only], The rule is relaxed as One illegal is allowed & second illegal is lost with exception of **CASTLING** move. It is advisable for player to declare '**CASTLING**' before playing the move or call the Arbiter if any doubt before playing a move.
- **Electronic Devices**: No electronic devices, mobile phones, and wristwatches are allowed in the playing venue. If a player is caught with any of these then a loss will be given in his/her game straightaway.
- Tie Breaks - Following tie breaks will be implemented:
1. Buchholz Cut 1. 2. Buchholz. 3. SB. 4. Direct Encounter. 5. Greater number of wins (including forfeit points) 6. Greater number of wins with Black pieces (including forfeit points)

- Veteran: For **Veteran Prize** the Age is Above **55 i.e. Born on or before 31 December 1970**.
- Date of Birth Certificates - For Age Category Players, a valid Photo ID/ Age proof is required to be produced at the time of Tournament if required.

Discipline:

- A) Long talk, Mobile phones and extra session games are strictly prohibited in the tournament hall.
- B) General discipline should be maintained at the tournament venue.
- C) No Participant shall leave the venue. Before the Prize Distribution Function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

Registrations & Entry Fees

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| • OPEN | - 500 /- |
| • Under 15 | - 400 /- |
| • Under 13 | - 300 /- |
| • Under 11/09/07 | - 200 /- |
| • Veteran (above 55) | - 200 /- |
| • Sp Abled | - 200 /- |
| • Female | - 200 /- |



Entry Registration:

Players can submit the entries through this QR code and link below.

Registration Link - <https://circlechess.com/registration?id=35357>

AGE GROUP CRITERIA

- U07 - Category Born on or after **01/01/2018** Can participate in this Category.
- U09 - Category Born on or after **01/01/2016** Can participate in this Category.
- U11 - Category Born on or after **01/01/2014** Can participate in this Category.
- U13 - Category Born on or after **01/01/2012** Can participate in this Category.
- U15 - Category Born on or after **01/01/2010** Can participate in this Category.

Tournament Organizing Committee

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Mrs. Shweta Maktedar

Wish you all the Best !!!

PRIZE STRUCTURE

OPEN

[In Fischer Random Format]

Entry Fees - 500/- only

Main	
1	7000 + TROPHY
2	6000 + TROPHY
3	5000 + TROPHY
4	4000 + MEDAL
5	3000 + MEDAL
6	2500 + MEDAL
7	2000 + MEDAL
8	1500 + MEDAL
9	1000 + MEDAL
10	1000 + MEDAL
11	600 + MEDAL
12	500 + MEDAL

Best Unrated	
1	2000 + Trophy
2	1500 + Trophy
3	1000 + Trophy

Best PCMC	
1	2000 + Trophy
2	1500 + Trophy
	1000 + Trophy

Best Veteran	
1	1000 + Trophy
2	700 + Trophy
3	500 + Trophy

Best Female	
1	1000 + Trophy
2	700 + Trophy
3	500 + Trophy

Best Sp Abled	
1	1000 + Trophy
2	700 + Trophy

Age Groups

[In Normal Rapid Format]

Entry Fees - 400/-

UNDER - 15	
1	4000 + TROPHY
2	3000 + TROPHY
3	2000 + TROPHY
4	1500 + MEDAL
5	1200 + MEDAL
6	1000 + MEDAL
7	1000 + MEDAL
8	700 + MEDAL
9	500 + MEDAL
10	500 + MEDAL

Entry Fees - 300/-

UNDER - 13	
1	3000 + TROPHY
2	2000 + TROPHY
3	1500 + TROPHY
4	1000 + MEDAL
5	800 + MEDAL
6	700 + MEDAL
7	600 + MEDAL
8	600 + MEDAL
9	500 + MEDAL
10	500 + MEDAL

Entry Fees - 200/-

UNDER - 11 / 09 / 07		
	OPEN	GIRLS
1	TROPHY	TROPHY
2	TROPHY	TROPHY
3	TROPHY	TROPHY
4	MEDAL	MEDAL
5	MEDAL	MEDAL
6	MEDAL	MEDAL
7	MEDAL	MEDAL
8	MEDAL	MEDAL
9	MEDAL	MEDAL
10	MEDAL	MEDAL
11	MEDAL	MEDAL
12	MEDAL	MEDAL
13	MEDAL	MEDAL
14	MEDAL	MEDAL
15	MEDAL	MEDAL

Best Female	
1	1000 + MEDAL
2	700 + MEDAL
3	500 + MEDAL

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1	1000 + MEDAL
2	700 + MEDAL
3	500 + MEDAL

What is **Fischer Random Chess**?

Fischer Random is a chess variant invented by legendary Bobby Fischer, 1972-75 World Chess Champion. The game's rules are the same as standard chess, but the starting position of pieces is randomly shuffled. It reduces the impact of opening theory and makes players contemplate game development from the first moves.

Magnus Carlsen has been absolutely dominant in Fischer Random (Chess960), transforming it from a niche variant into perhaps his strongest format:

- **New 2900 Freestyle Rating**

In June 2025, Chess.com released its inaugural Freestyle (Chess960) rating list, and Carlsen leads at a staggering 2909, a full 91 points ahead of Hikaru Nakamura in second (2818)

- **Perfect 9/9 at Grenke Freestyle Open**

In April 2025, Carlsen scored a flawless 9 out of 9 at the Grenke Freestyle Chess Open in Karlsruhe—earning comparisons to Bobby Fischer's legendary 11/11 in 1963–64 .

- **2024 G.O.A.T Challenge Title**

He also won the classical-time G.O.A.T Challenge (Feb 2024) in Weißenhaus, beating an elite field including Ding, Caruana, Firouzja, Gukesh, Keymer, and Aronian

Why Magnus Prefers Fischer Random

Creativity & Innovation: Carlsen has openly criticized classical chess for being “repetitive and boring,” championing formats that demand fresh creativity.

Chaos Breeds Opportunity: As one writer observed, Fischer Random “flattens the field”—but Carlsen excels in chaos, using it to his advantage .

Modernizing Chess: With investor Jan Henric Büttner, Carlsen co-created and broadcasted the Freestyle Grand Slam Tour, complete with player interviews and heart-rate tracking history.

Key Features of Fischer Random (Chess960):

Randomized Back Rank: The pieces on the first rank (for both White and Black) are randomized according to specific rules. There are 960 possible legal starting positions (hence the name Chess960).

Opening Theory Is Minimized: Since the position is different almost every game, players can't rely heavily on memorized openings.

Standard Chess Rules Apply: After the initial setup and castling clarification, normal chess rules are followed.