



UNDER – 15
50th NATIONAL SUB-JUNIOR OPEN &
41st NATIONAL SUB-JUNIOR GIRLS
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2025

Event Code: Open - 427429/UP/2025, Girls - 427430/UP/2025

Organized by

UP Chess Sports Association

&

HRIT University, Ghaziabad

Under the aegis of

All India Chess Federation

Date:

2nd to 10th November 2025

Total Prize Fund:

Rs 9,00,000

Venue:

**HRIT University, 8th Stone, Meerut Road, Near Duhai Rapid Rail Station,
Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. Pin Code: 201003**



INVITATION:

UP Chess Sports Association on behalf of All India Chess Federation (AICF), have the honour to invite all the State Association and all schools (any syllabus) in India to participate in 50th National Sub-Junior Open (Under-15) & 41st National Sub-Junior Girls (Under-15) Chess Championships- 2025 from 2nd November to 10th November 2025.

SCHEDULE:

Particulars	Date	Time
Arrival	1 st November 2025	After 14:00 hrs.
Technical Meeting	2 nd November 2025	13:30 hrs
Inauguration	2 nd November 2025	14:30 hrs
Round -1	2 nd November 2025	15:00 hrs
Round -2	3 rd November 2025	10:00 hrs
Round -3	3 rd November 2025	15:30 hrs
Round -4	4 th November 2025	10:00 hrs
Round -5	5 th November 2025	10:00 hrs
Round -6	6 th November 2025	10:00 hrs
Round -7	6 th November 2025	15:30 hrs
Round -8	7 th November 2025	10:00 hrs
Round -9	8 th November 2025	10:00 hrs
Round -10	9 th November 2025	10:00 hrs
Round -11	10 th November 2025	10:00 hrs
Prize Distribution	10 th November 2025	15:30 hrs
Departure	10 th November 2025	18:00 hrs

AGE LIMIT:

Players should be born on or after 01.01.2010

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 valid 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 the age of a player will be entertained after the second round of the championship.

Only a 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.

PRIZES:

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

PRIZE SCHEDULE:

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

ELIGIBILITY:

Subject to age limit the 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) The top four players from the 2024 National Sub-Junior (Under-15) Open & Girls Chess Championships (held in Tamil Nadu in November 2024) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories subject to age stipulation.
- (c) The top two players from the 2024 National Under-13 Open and Girls Chess Championships are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.
- (d) The champions from the 2024 National Under-11 Open and Girls Chess Championships are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.
- (e) World champion in any over-the-board category from the year 2024, subject to age stipulation.
- (f) 2024 World No.2 & 3 Under-14 and Under-16 categories subject to age stipulation.
- (g) 2024 Asian Under-16 top three rankers subject to age stipulation.
- (h) 2024 Asian Under-14 Champion.
- (i) The winner and runner-up of the 2024 National Sub Junior (U-15) Girls (Tamil Nadu) Championship are eligible to participate in the open section subject to age stipulation.
- (j) The winner of the 2024 National Under-13 Girls Championship is eligible to play in the open section.
- (k) Current national over-the-board champion subject to age stipulation.
- (l) All GMs/IMs are seeded in the 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 UP Chess Sports Association is entitled to fill four 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 silver and one additional entry from the state which won bronze in the National Sub-Junior (Under-15) Chess Championships 2024 shall be accepted.

Open: Tamil Nadu (Gold) 3, Goa (Silver) 2, Maharashtra (Bronze) 1

Girls: Delhi (Gold) 3, Gujarat (Silver) 2, West Bengal (Bronze) 1

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 uniforms (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 (the same colour and brand with the name of the state printed prominently on the back and the state chess emblem on the front left side). The name/logo of the sponsors can be permitted. The above rule will also be applicable to special units.

Players without proper uniforms will not be permitted to take part in the championship.

>>>> This will be strictly enforced.

REGISTRATION:

All entries, including special 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 an attested copy of the 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 the entry fee for participants from the Northeastern States and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The entry fee will be accepted strictly online through <https://prs.aicf.in/entry>

For clarification and guidance regarding the submission of entries,
please contact: aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

LATE FEE:

Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till 18th October 2025. Thereafter, a late fee of Rs. 250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be accepted after 25th October 2025 (up to 18:00 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.

DEFAULT TIME:

The default timing for arriving at the chess board is 15 minutes. Those who arrive at the board 15 minutes after the start of the game will be declared lost.

TIME CONTROL:

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

TIE-BREAK:

The following is the order of Tie-Breaks:

- (a) Buchholz Cut
- (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 a tie, cash prizes will not be shared.

DRAW AGREEMENT:

Players shall not agree to a draw without the consent of the arbiter before each player makes 30 moves.

PROTEST:

Protests, If any, against the decision of the chief arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3,000/- within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

APPEALS COMMITTEE:

Before the commencement of the tournament, a five-member appeals committee shall be formed by the AICF/UPCSA/Organizers. All the members and reserves shall be from different states. No member of the committee can vote on the 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 the players concerned.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the national championship.

INTERPRETATION:

For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by the 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 & UPCS clearance. Such changes, however, will be displayed at the championship venue.

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 the championship is done after the publication of the first-round pairings.

DISQUALIFICATION:

No participant will leave the venue before the prize distribution (PD) function without the permission of the chief arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule will be suspended for one year. If a player does not attend the prize distribution function, they will forfeit their right to receive any prizes. It is mandatory to be present at the PD function to claim the prizes.

AICF REGISTRATION:

All participants in the national championship should be registered with AICF for the year 2025-2026. Online AICF registration is available on the website **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 acknowledgement of 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 AICE for the year 2025-2026. No entry will be accepted without an AICF player's registration for 2025-2026.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

All electronic items, including wristwatches (all types of watches), are not allowed in the tournament hall.

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

INCOME TAX:

Existing provisions of income tax as of the date of the championship are applicable for prize money.

ACCOMMODATION:

Free dormitory accommodation will be provided to all the selected and seeded Players and one Manager from each state.

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.

All category players will be allowed to stay only in their respective gender dormitory.

CAFETERIA / REFRESHMENT & OTHER FOOD AMENITIES:

Food and refreshments will be available on a payment basis in the college food court.



TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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