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**54th NATIONAL JUNIOR (UNDER-19)
&
39th NATIONAL JUNIOR GIRLS (UNDER-19)
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS-2025**

Event Codes: 433843/JH/2025 & 433844/JH/2025

Date: 16th to 24th December, 2025

Organised by

Seraikela-Kharsawan District Chess Association

Under the aegis of

All Jharkhand Chess Association

&

ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

Supported by

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Total Prize Fund: Rs. 10,00,000/-

Venue: The Wave International, Jamshedpur



1. Tournament Schedule:

PARTICULARS	DATE	DAY	TIME
Arrival	15-Dec.-2025	Monday	09:00 AM
Technical Meeting	16-Dec.-2025	Tuesday	01:30 PM
Inauguration	16-Dec.-2025	Tuesday	02:00 PM
Round – 1	16-Dec.-2025	Tuesday	03:00 PM
Round – 2	17-Dec.-2025	Wednesday	09:30 AM
Round – 3	17-Dec.-2025	Wednesday	03:00 PM
Round – 4	18-Dec.-2025	Thursday	09:30 AM
Round – 5	18-Dec.-2025	Thursday	03:00 PM
Round – 6	19-Dec.-2025	Friday	09:30 AM
Round – 7	20-Dec.-2025	Saturday	09:30 AM
Round – 8	21-Dec.-2025	Sunday	09:30 AM
Round – 9	22-Dec.-2025	Monday	09:30 AM
Round – 10	23-Dec.-2025	Tuesday	09:30 AM
Round – 11	24-Dec.-2025	Wednesday	09:30 AM
Prize Distribution	24-Dec.-2025	Wednesday	03:00 PM
Departure	24-Dec.-2025	Wednesday	05:00 PM

2. **Age Limit:** Players should be born on or after 1.1.2006

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.5000/- 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 / 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.

4. Prizes

The cash prizes will be awarded to 20 players in each category, amounting to Rs.. 10,00,000/- as given below:

Prizes	Open	Girls
1	1,00,000	1,00,000
2	72,000	72,000
3	60,000	60,000
4	48,000	48,000
5	40,000	40,000
6	28,000	28,000
7	24,000	24,000
8	20,000	20,000
9	16,000	16,000
10	12,000	12,000
11 to 20	8,000 each	8,000 each

5. 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) Top four players from 2024 National Junior (Under-19) Open & Girls Chess Championships are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories subject to age stipulation.
- (c) The top two players from 2024 National U-17 Open and Girls Championships are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.
- (d) The Champions from 2024 National Under-15 Open & Girls Chess Championships are eligible to participate as seeded player in their respective category.
- (e) World Champion in any over the board category from the year 2024 subject to age stipulation.
- (f) 2024 World No.2 & 3 Under-18 and Under-20 categories subject to age stipulation.
- (g) 2024 Asian U-20 top three rankers subject to age stipulation.
- (h) 2024 Asian Under-18 Champion.
- (i) The winner and runner up of 2024 National U-19 Girls Championship are eligible to play in open section subject to age stipulation.
- (j) The winner of 2024 National Under-17 Girls Championship is eligible to play in open section.

- (k) Current National Over the Board Champion in any higher category subject to age stipulation.
- (l) All GMs / IMs are seeded in 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.7,500/-. Such entries should come through the respective affiliated State Association.
- (n) Host The ALL Jharkhand Chess Association is entitled to fill two 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 the silver and one additional entry from the state which won the bronze in the National Junior Chess Championships 2024 shall be accepted. Open: Telangana (Gold) 3, West Bengal (Silver) 2 and Maharashtra (Bronze) 1 Girls: West Bengal (Gold) 3, Telangana (Silver) 2 & West Bengal (Bronze) 1. And these entries from the State Associations shall be given only from the rank list of their respective State Championships with proof and not to anybody else.

6. 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 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 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. Girls / Women have also to be given appropriate uniform. 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. Entries/Entry Fee: All entries including special entries 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 from Panchayat / Municipality /Corporation only accepted)

Entry Fee Structure:

Ordinary entry: Rs.2000/- (Rupees two thousand only)

Special Entry: Rs. 7500 (Rupees seven thousand five hundred only)

There will be a 50% concession in 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

8. Late fee: Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till 2nd December 2025. Thereafter a late fee of Rs.250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be entertained after 09th December 2025 (up to 17:00 hrs).

9. System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. Totally, 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.

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

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 into the Championship.

13. Tie Break: Following is the order of tie-breaks:

- (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.

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

15. Protest: Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000/- within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident and any Fair Play violation complaint need to be lodged within 3 hours with a complaint fee of Rs. 5000. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is up held.

16. Appeals 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 a dispute in which a player from his own state is involved and in such case(s) the reserve member(s) shall take his place in the committee.

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 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, however, be displayed in the tournament hall.
- 19. 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.
- 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. Registration of Players with AICF:** All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2025-2026 before the registration on AICF Online portal for national entries. Online AICF registration can be done at the website www.aicf.in/players
- 22. Arrears:** All arrears of affiliation fee/tournament fee including those of current year must be cleared by the affiliated Association at the time of submitting the entries; otherwise the entries are liable to be rejected.
- 23. Electronic Devices:** All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. Players possessing such devices (exception in special cases with permission of the chief arbiter) will be declared lost.
- 24. Accommodation:** Free dormitory accommodation will be provided to all the selected and seeded participants and one accompanying official (Manager) nominated by the concerned state Chess Association for each state. Players and officials availing this facility of official accommodation have to inform the same on or before 05TH December, 2025. Accompanying persons and special entries have to make their own arrangements. If they want to avail this facility, they may contact the organizers on or before 7th December, 2025. For nearby hotel booking assistance, Players may contact:-

1	The Wave International (Venue)	7360980444/9204057822
2	Hotel Hill View	7544093630/8340327978
3	Official Accommodation (Dormitory)	8340463830

- 25. 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.
- 26. Travelling & Commute:-** The reception committee will provide travel assistance on a paid basis at special tariffs (on request) from the airport/ station to the venue. Participants availing this facility must fill up the google form:- <https://forms.gle/E4DL8gvtpMZLWUSH8> before 12th December 2025. Further Organizing Committee will arrange free daily pickup and drop service from the official accommodation to the venue for selected players.

27. How to Reach Venue :- <https://goo.gl/maps/boZhfsJbKZoVELq87>

THE VENUE is located on NH-33 which is having Distance from Mango Bus stand – 8 KMs, Distance from Tatanagar Railway Station – 16 KMs, Distance from the Birsa Munda Airport, Ranchi – 118 KMs, Distance from the Jamshedpur Airport – 10 KMs.

28. CLIMATE: Since, the event is in December, it will be in the middle of winter season, Jamshedpur's climate will be cold. Max. Temp. 21 & Min. 11 degrees Celsius is expected.

FOR ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT:

Sl No	Contact Persons	Phone Number	Purpose
1	Mr. Utsav Ojha	8340463830	General Query
2	Mr. Milan Pathak	8789907483	General Query
3	Ms. Soukhin Parmanick	9523247340	General Query
4	Mr. Aniruddha Sahu	9204725878	General Query
5	Mr. Vishal Kumar Minz	8797356009	Technical Support
6	Mr. Tapas Kumar Das	8709462506	Transport
7	Mr. Abhradeep Banerjee	9334622827	Transport
8	Mr. Sumeet Kumar	6204136448	Reception
9	Mr. Vikram Kumar	7004373765	Reception

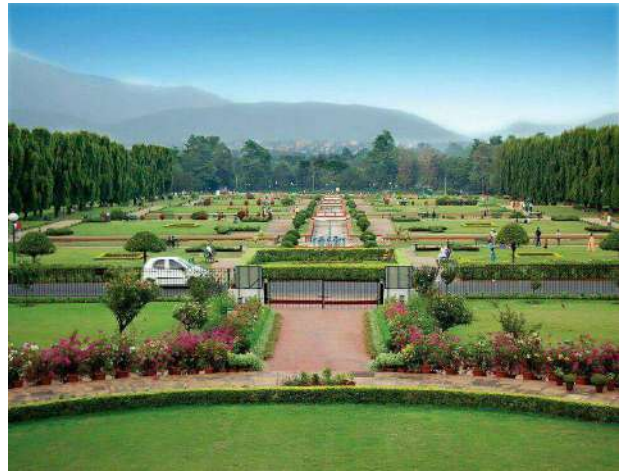
Email (Admin. matters): info@skdca.com

Email (Registration): aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

Places to Visit in Nearby Jamshedpur:



Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary



Jubilee Park



Dimna Lake



Sir Dorabji Tata Park



Tata Steel Zoological Park



Birsa Fun City, Water Park