



**KGN
SARASWATI
FOUNDATION**



LATE R. B. SAPRE MEMORIAL

H2E POWER SYSTEMS MAHARASHTRA STATE AMATEUR SELECTION FIDE RATING CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

AICF EVENT CODE : 455607 / MH(S) / 2026

TOTAL CASH PRIZES : ₹ 60,000/-

+

43 ATTRACTIVE TROPHIES

DATE : 16TH – 18TH JANUARY 2026

ENTRY FEE : Rs. 2000/-

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY :

RATNAGIRI DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION & KGN SARASWATI FOUNDATION

UNDER THE AEGIS OF :

MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION & ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

VENUE : MARATHA BHAVAN MANGAL KARYALAY, MALNAKA, RATNAGIRI

1. INVITATION:

RATNAGIRI DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION & KGN SARASWATI FOUNDATION HAVE THE HONOUR TO INVITE ALL CHESS PLAYERS FROM STATE OF MAHARASHTRA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAHARASHTRA STATE AMATEUR FIDE RATING SELECTION CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

2. RECOGNITION:

THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION, MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION AND WILL SERVE AS SELECTION EVENT FOR THE 13TH NATIONAL AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025–26.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

ONLY THE PLAYERS APT IN TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY THE SAID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

- FOR THE UNDER-2300, A PLAYER MUST NOT HAVE A PUBLISHED FIDE RATING OF 2300 OR GREATER FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE START OF CHAMPIONSHIP. ALL PLAYERS MUST NOT HOLD ANY TITLE ABOVE FM (OR WFM FOR WOMEN).**
- FOR THE UNDER-2000, A PLAYER MUST NOT HAVE A PUBLISHED FIDE RATING OF 2000 OR GREATER FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE START OF CHAMPIONSHIP. ALL PLAYERS MUST NOT HOLD ANY TITLE ABOVE CM (OR WCM FOR WOMEN).**
- FOR THE UNDER-1700, A PLAYER MUST NOT HAVE A PUBLISHED FIDE RATING OF 1700 OR GREATER FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE START OF CHAMPIONSHIP. ALL PLAYERS MUST NOT HOLD ANY TITLE ABOVE CM (OR WCM FOR WOMEN).**
- IF A PLAYER REACHES OR EXCEEDS THE FIDE RATING OF 1700 OR 2000 AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE, HE/SHE WILL PLAY IN THE HIGHER RATING CATEGORY. IF A PLAYER REACHES OR EXCEEDS THE FIDE RATING OF 2300 AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PLAY IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.**
- ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE STRICTLY ROUTED THROUGH THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATIONS AFFILIATED TO MCA. NO DIRECT ENTRIES SHALL BE ENTERTAINED IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**

4. SELECTION OF MAHARASHTRA TEAM:

- THE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE PLAYED AS A SINGLE EVENT. THE SELECTION WILL BE DONE SEPARATELY TO EACH RATING CATEGORY I.E. (BELOW 2300, BELOW 2000 & BELOW 1700) FOR TOP 2 PLAYERS OF OPEN AND WOMEN. THE PLAYERS WILL BE SELECTED TO REPRESENT MAHARASHTRA STATE IN FORTHCOMING 13TH NATIONAL AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025–26. PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THIS CHAMPIONSHIP WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN 13TH NATIONAL AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025–26.**
- PARTICIPATION IN THIS CHAMPIONSHIP IS COMPULSORY IF ANY PLAYER WISHES TO TAKE PART IN 13TH NATIONAL AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025–26..**

5. REGISTRATION& ENTRY FEE:

- ENTRY FEE FOR ALL PLAYERS: RS. 2000/-**
- DIRECT REGISTRATION LINK: [CLICK HERE](#)**
- LAST DATE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES IS TILL 2 PM ON 13 TH JANUARY 2026**

6. EVENT SCHEDULE:

- **ARRIVAL : 16/01/2026 – 09 : 00 AM ; OPENING CEREMONY – 09 : 30 AM FOLLOWED BY PLAYERS MEETING.**
- **16 / 01 / 2026 ROUND 1 – 10:30 AM ROUND 2 – 02:00 PM ROUND 3 – 05:30 PM**
- **17 / 01 / 2026 ROUND 4 – 09:00 AM ROUND 5 – 01:00 PM ROUND 6 – 05:00 PM**
- **18 / 01 / 2026 ROUND 7 – 09:00 AM ROUND 8 – 01:00 PM**
- **PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY: 18/01/2026 AT 05:30 PM**

7. IMPORTANT – ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT VALID AICF & MCA ID

MCA ID RENEWAL LINK: [CLICK HERE](#)

MCA NEW PLAYER REGISTRATION: [CLICK HERE](#)

AICF ID RENEWAL LINK: [CLICK HERE](#)

AICF NEW REGISTRATION LINK: [CLICK HERE](#)

8. SYSTEM OF PLAY:

TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED WITH 8 ROUNDS SWISS SYSTEM. THE FORMAT MAY BE CHANGED IN EMERGENCY CASES WITH THE DISCRETION OF CHIEF ARBITER & TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WITH PRIOR APPROVAL FROM MCA & AICF.

9. TIME CONTROL: 60 MINUTES + 30 SECONDS INCREMENT FROM MOVE 1.

10. DEFAULT TIME: THE DEFAULT TIME FOR ARRIVING TO THE CHESSBOARD IS 15 MINUTES FROM THE START OF THE RESPECTIVE ROUND.

11. ELECTRONIC DEVICES: ALL ELECTRONIC ITEMS INCLUDING (MOBILE PHONES, WRIST WATCHES (ANY TYPE) ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE PLAYER'S BODY INSIDE TOURNAMENT HALL. IF ANY PLAYER FOUND WITH THESE DEVICES DURING GAME SHALL LOSE THE GAME.

12. PROTEST : ALL THE PROTEST AGAINST THE DECISION OF CHIEF ARBITER SHALL BE MADE IN THE WRITING WITH THE FEE OF Rs. 1000 WITHIN THE 15 MINUTES OF INCIDENT. PROTEST FEE WILL BE REFUNDED IF THE APPEAL IS UPHELD. THE DECISION OF APPEALS COMMITTEE IS FINAL AND BINDING TO ALL.

13. TIEBREAKS: 1. BUCHHOLZ CUT-1, 2. BUCHHOLZ, 3. SB 4. DIRECT ENCOUNTER, 5. GREATER NUMBER OF WINS (FORFEIT INCLUDED), 6. GREATER NUMBER OF WINS WITH BLACK.

14. APPEALS COMMITTEE: A 3 – MEMBER APPEALS COMMITTEE (WITH 2 RESERVE) WILL BE FORMED DURING THE PLAYERS' MEETING BEFORE THE START OF EVENT.

15. ACCOMMODATION: ALL THE PLAYERS NEED TO CATER THE COST OF ACCOMMODATION ON THEIR OWN. KINDLY NOTE – PARKING FACILITY IS AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE.

FOOD FACILITY AT VENUE :

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PACKAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT VENUE ON CHARGEABLE BASIS AS RS. 540/- FOR 3 DAYS. ADVANCE PAYMENT LINK WILL BE SENT ON REGISTERED PLAYERS GROUP.

DAY 1 – BREAKFAST – UPAMA; LUNCH – MASALEBHAT; PICKLE; KOSHIMBIR, PAPAD, TOMATO SOUP

DAY 2 – BREAKFAST – POHA; LUNCH – KADHI – KHICHDI; PICKLE; KOSHIMBIR, PAPAD

DAY 3 – BREAKFAST – UPAMA; LUNCH – PULAV, PICKLE; KOSHIMBIR, PAPAD, TOMATO SOUP

***** REQUESTS REGARDING CHANGE IN MENU WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.**

16. PRIZES :

MAIN PRIZES

WINNER : RS. 14,000/- + TROPHY

2ND PRIZE: RS. 8,000/- + TROPHY

3RD PLACE: RS. 7,200/- + TROPHY

4TH PLACE: RS. 6,000/-

5TH PLACE: RS. 4,800/-

6TH PLACE: RS. 4,000/-

7TH PLACE: RS. 4,000/-

8TH PLACE: RS. 4,000/-

9TH PLACE: RS. 4,000/-

10TH PLACE: RS. 4,000/-

CATEGORY PRIZES

BEST BELOW ELO 2000

1ST : TROPHY
2ND : TROPHY
3RD : TROPHY
4TH : TROPHY
5RD : TROPHY

BEST BELOW ELO 1700

1ST : TROPHY
2ND : TROPHY
3RD : TROPHY
4TH : TROPHY
5RD : TROPHY

BEST WOMEN PLAYER

1ST : TROPHY
2ND : TROPHY
3RD : TROPHY
4TH : TROPHY
5RD : TROPHY

BEST UNDER 09

1ST : TROPHY
2ND : TROPHY
3RD : TROPHY
4TH : TROPHY
5RD : TROPHY

BEST UNDER 11

1ST : TROPHY
2ND : TROPHY
3RD : TROPHY
4TH : TROPHY
5RD : TROPHY

BEST UNDER 13

1ST : TROPHY
2ND : TROPHY
3RD : TROPHY
4TH : TROPHY
5RD : TROPHY

BEST UNDER 15

1ST : TROPHY
2ND : TROPHY
3RD : TROPHY
4TH : TROPHY
5RD : TROPHY

BEST RATNAGIRI PLAYER

1ST : TROPHY
2ND : TROPHY
3RD : TROPHY
4TH : TROPHY
5RD : TROPHY

17. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE :

SHRI. SHRIRAM KHARE – CHAIRMAN
PRESIDENT,
RATNAGIRI DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION

SHRI. MADHAV HIRLEKAR – CHIEF PATRON
PRESIDENT,
KGN SARASWATI FOUNDATION

DR. SHARAD PRABHUEDSAI
VICE PRESIDENT,
KGN SARASWATI FOUNDATION

SHRI. SHASHIKANT MODI
VICE PRESIDENT, RDCA

SHRI. SUBHASH SHIRDHANKAR
VICE PRESIDENT, RDCA

SHRI. UDAY GANDHI
EC MEMBER, RDCA

SHRI. RAMAN DANGE
EC MEMBER, RDCA

SHRI. MOHSIN SAYYED
EC MEMBER, RDCA

SHRI. NITIN KANVINDE
EC MEMBER, RDCA

SHRI. SHAILENDRA SAWANT
EC MEMBER, RDCA

SHRI. RAJKUMAR JAIN
EC MEMBER, RDCA

SHRI. AMARDEEP PARCHURE
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NEARBY HOTELS :

(2-3 KM FROM VENUE)

SIDDHIVINAYAK LODGING – 5 PEOPLE PER ROOM DORMITORY ONLY

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