



45th NATIONAL TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP - 2026
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23rd NATIONAL WOMEN TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP - 2026
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Date: 16th to 22nd March, 2026

Organised by
Chhattisgarh State Chess Association

Under the aegis of
All India Chess Federation
&
Sports & Youth Welfare C.G. Govt.

Venue:
Agrasen Dham, Chhokara, Nara, Raipur, Chhattisgarh 492001

Total Prize Fund: ₹ 10,00,000/-

Last date for entries: to be received on or before 1st March 2026, (Late entries will be received till 8th March 2026 with a late fee of Rs.1,000/-)

Total Prize Money:
₹ 5,00,000/- for Men and ₹ 5,00,000/- for Women

1. Tournament Schedule:

16.03.2026	Monday	Arrival	07:00 hrs.
16.03.2026	Monday	Technical meeting	11:00 hrs.
16.03.2026	Monday	Inauguration	14:15 hrs.
16.03.2026	Monday	Round – 1	15:00 hrs.
17.03.2026	Tuesday	Round – 2	10:00 hrs.
17.03.2026	Tuesday	Round – 3	16:00 hrs.
18.03.2026	Wednesday	Round – 4	10:00 hrs.
19.03.2026	Thursday	Round – 5	10:00 hrs.
19.03.2026	Thursday	Round – 6	16:00 hrs.
20.03.2026	Friday	Round – 7	10:00 hrs.
21.03.2026	Saturday	Round – 8	10:00 hrs.
22.03.2026	Sunday	Round – 9	10:00 hrs.
22.03.2026	Sunday	Closing Ceremony	15:00 hrs.

2. Total Prize Fund: ₹ 10,00,000/-

The cash prizes will be awarded amounting to ₹ 5,00,000/- for men and women each, as given below:

Rank	Men	Women
1	₹ 1,25,000/-	₹ 1,25,000/-
2	₹ 1,00,000/-	₹ 1,00,000/-
3	₹ 75,000/-	₹ 75,000/-
4	₹ 60,000/-	₹ 60,000/-
5	₹ 50,000/-	₹ 50,000/-
6	₹ 30,000/-	₹ 30,000/-
7	₹ 20,000/-	₹ 20,000/-
8	₹ 20,000/-	₹ 20,000/-
9	₹ 10,000/-	₹ 10,000/-
10	₹ 10,000/-	₹ 10,000/-
Total	₹ 5,00,000/-	₹ 5,00,000/-

3. LODGING:

Free dormitory accommodation will be provided for seeded/selected players (normal entries) and one accompanying official (Manager or Coach) nominated by the concerned State Chess Association for each State. Request for official accommodation must reach before **7th March 2026** otherwise players/officials will have to make their own arrangements.

All affiliated institution teams are required to make their own arrangements for stay. However, suitable accommodation may be arranged for such teams on a payment basis, if informed well in advance.

4. ELEGIBILITY:

- (a) Each affiliated state association can send a maximum of three teams only (one regular entry + 2 special entries) by suffixing the letters "A", "B" and "C" with their state name. Institution members of AICF shall be entitled to send two teams for each championship by suffixing the letters "A" (regular entry) & "B" (special entry).
- (b) The host **Chhattisgarh State Chess Association** is entitled to fill one additional team in each championship.
- (c) In case of an odd number of entries, the host has the right to add one more entry to make it even in both categories.
- (d) Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in the championships.
- (e) No teams will be allowed to play in Club/Academy/district names.

5. COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM:

Each team (men & women) shall consist of four players and one reserve player. The seeding of the teams will be done based on the average rating of the best 4 players. While sending entries, the names of all the players with their FIDE ID and their respective FIDE ratings, if any, should be given to enable the arbiters to arrive at the teams' average rating for seeding purposes. These names and ratings should be reconfirmed in person at the Technical Meeting. The Fixed Board Order should be decided by the respective team Captain/Manager before/at the technical meeting.

6. DRESS CODE:

As per AICF regulations on dress code for players participating in all the national championships, all state associations/institution members should send their players with proper uniforms. Players should at least wear uniform T-shirts/formal shirts (name of the state/institution printed prominently at the back and the state chess/institution emblem on the front left side). Players without proper uniforms will not be permitted to take part in the championship. This will be strictly enforced.

7. SYSTEM OF PLAY:

The Tournament shall be played by the Team Swiss system under the FIDE Laws of Chess. The number of rounds shall be nine for men and shall be decided based on the entries for women (accordingly, the schedule may be changed for women).

Teams from the same state/affiliated unit shall not be paired against each other in the last round of a national championship. 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 match point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

8. TIME CONTROL:

A time control of 90 minutes each plus 30 seconds increment per move from move number one will be followed.

9. STANDINGS AND TIE BREAK:

According to the latest tie break regulations effective from 1st August 2024, Berlin system is no longer used, and it has been removed from the tie breaks. The four tie breaks mentioned in the regulations for team events are:

- 1) Match Points (default as the primary score)
- 2) Direct Encounter using Match Points
- 3) Game Points (applying Unplayed Round Management)
- 4) Sonneborn Berger EMGSB (applying Unplayed Round Management)
- 5) Scores and Scheduled Strength Combination (SSSC)

10. DEFAULT TIME:

The default time is 15 minutes.

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE:

Before the commencement of the Championship a five-member committee of appeal with two reserves shall be formed from amongst the senior participants and officials present at the technical meeting. All five members and reserves will be from different states. No member of the committee shall vote on a dispute in which a player from his own unit is involved and, in such cases, the reserve members(s) shall take his/their places in the committee.

12. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.

13. PROTESTS:

Protests, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing to the Chief Arbiter within at least 30 minutes of the incident with a protest fee of Rs.3,000/- which shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The decision of the appeals committee shall be FINAL and BINDING on all the participants.

14. ARREARS:

All arrears of affiliation fees, tournament fee including that of the current year, must be cleared by the affiliated association/unit at the time of submitting the entries. Otherwise, the entries are liable to be rejected.

15. 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.

16. 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 **prior** notice. **However, such changes should be approved by the AICF.** Such changes will, however, be displayed in the tournament hall.

17. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS WITH AICF IS COMPULSORY:

All participants should get their names registered with AICF for the year 2025-26 before the event through the online registration system of the All-India Chess Federation website: **www.aicf.in/players**

18. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES:

- Regular entry: **Rs.3,750/-** (Rupees three thousand seven hundred fifty only)
- Special entry: **Rs.6,250/-** (Rupees six thousand two hundred fifty only)

There will be a 50% concession for participants from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Northeastern States.

All entries including special entries should come through the concerned state chess association/institutional members of AICF. However, AICF will have the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason.

Entry fees will be accepted strictly through the Excel link attached

<https://aicf.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/National-Team-Registration.xlsx>

Please fill up the excel and sent with payment proof to aicfnationalentries@gmail.com cc to aicf.acct@gmail.com.

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

Last date for entries: to be received on or before 05:00 P.M. **1st March 2026** (late entries will be received till 05:00 P.M. **8th March 2026** with a late fee of Rs.1,000/-)

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