



h2e POWER SYSTEMS MAHARASHTRA STATE RAPID & BLITZ FIDE RATED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

AICF EVENT CODE: 461452/MH(R)/2026 & 461453/MH(B)/2026

Dates: 31th January to 1st February 2026

Organized by Palghar District Chess Association,

Venue: Vartak College, Vasai west,

(2 min walking distance from Vasai Station), Maharashtra

Invitation:

Palghar District Chess Association has the honour to invite all Chess Players from the State of Maharashtra to participate in the h2e POWER SYSTEMS MAHARASHTRA STATE Rapid & Blitz SELECTION FIDE RATED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

1. Recognition:

The championship is held under the auspices of All India Chess Federation, Maharashtra Chess Association & Palghar District Chess Association.

2. Eligibility Criteria:

Only the players apt in to the following conditions are eligible to play the said chess championship.

- All entries should be strictly routed through the respective District Chess Associations affiliated to MCA.
- Each district association is entitled to give entry of 2 Players as 'Selected player'. Besides the above, the District Associations may enter an unlimited number of players as a Donor Entry.

3. Selection of Maharashtra Team:

- Top 2 players will be selected to represent Maharashtra State in forthcoming National Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship.
- **Participation in this championship is compulsory if any player wishes to take part in National Championship.**

Exemption Criteria: Participation in the state selection chess tournaments of Maharashtra is mandatory for everyone. If any player wishes to skip the state selection championships and directly take part in national championships then he/she will have to pay a non refundable privilege fee of ₹2,000 to MCA. Privilege fee will not be collected if the player has participated in any one of the state selection championship prior to playing in the national championship in which he/she desires to take part in. Any decision taken by the Hon. Gen. Secretary of Maharashtra Chess Association regarding entry under the privilege fee scheme will be treated as final

4. Registration & Entry fee:

- Entry Fee:- Rs 1,000/- for Rapid and Rs 1,000/- for Blitz
- Link: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/Registration/registration_form.php
- Last date and time: 29th Jan 2026, 4:30pm

5. Event Schedule for Rapid:

Date	Particular	Time	Date	Particular	Time
31 Jan	Round 1	09:30am	01 Feb	Round 7	09:00 am
31 Jan	Round 2	10:45am	01 Feb	Round 8	10:15 am
31 Jan	Round 3	12:00pm	01 Feb	Round 9	11:30 am
31 Jan	Round 4	01:30pm			
31 Jan	Round 5	02:45pm			
31 Jan	Round 6	04:00pm			
01 st Feb 2026 Prize Distribution 5:00 pm					

6. Blitz event will start from 1 pm on Sunday, 1st Feb 2026

7. AICF and MCA Registration:

- All participants in the State Championship should be registered with AICF and MCA for the year 2025-26. Online registration links for both are given below. Those who have already obtained registration cards/Ids for 2025-26 may be asked to show the copy of the same. No entry will be accepted without AICF and MCA player's registration for 2025-26 and such player's will not be paired.
- Link for new AICF registration: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>
- AICF ID renewal and search link: <https://prs.aicf.in/players>
- Link for new MCA registration:
https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php
- MCA ID renewal and search link:
https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/existing_entry.php
- Link for MCA ID renewal:
https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/existing_entry.php

8. System of Play:

- Tournament will be played with 9 rounds Swiss system. The format may be changed to emergency cases with the discretion of Chief Arbiter & Tournament Director with prior approval from MCA & AICF.
- Time control for Rapid will be 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment from move 1. Time control for Blitz will be 03 minutes + 02 seconds increment from move 1.

9. Tiebreaks:

- Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, SB, Direct Encounter, Greater number of wins (including forfeit), Greater number of wins with Black.

10. Protests:

- All protests against the decision made by the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with fee of Rs. 1,000 within 15 minutes of the incident. Protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The decision of the appeals committee will be final and binding on all.

11. Fair Play:

- Fair play regulations will be followed during this championship and all players will have to cooperate with the same. If players do not cooperate then they will be reported to AICF and FIDE.

12. Electronic Devices:

- Those who are having mobile phones, electronic devices and any other wearable devices during their game will be declared as lost

13. Prize Structure:

- Prize Structure as approved by MCA for Rapid & Blitz
- Rapid Total Cash Prize Fund:- Rs 36,000/-
- Blitz Total Cash Prize Fund:- Rs 36,000/-
- The Prize Structure is same for both Rapid & Blitz

Rank	Amount	Rank	Amount
1 st	Rs. 8,000	6 th	Rs. 2,800
2 nd	Rs. 5,000	7 th	Rs. 2,600
3 rd	Rs. 4,000	8 th	Rs. 2,400
4 th	Rs. 3,600	9 th	Rs. 2,400
5 th	Rs. 3,000	10 th	Rs. 2,200

14. Important Contacts

- Akash Pawar - +91 83800 34555 (Tournament Director)
- Ninant Pednekar- +91 99701 09737 (Secretary PDCA)
- Maya Patil- 9819589369 (SNDT University Coach & Now Gurukul Excellence School Coach)
- FA Saumil Shinde - 8149688038 (Tournament coordinator)
- NI Pradip Suthar - 7558208384 (Tournament coordinator)
- Rohit Tembe - 8007944674 Whatsapp Only (MCA Official)
- IA Ajinkya Pingale - 9930409789 (Chief Arbiter)