



2nd Classical FIDE Rating 2026

23–31 March 2026

AICF Event Code : 463816/MP/2026

Organized By ChessBase India & Khelo Chess India Club

Under the aegis of FIDE, AICF, and MP Ad-Hoc Committee

Total Prize Fund 1,50,000/-

9 Days Classical Event – For 128 Players Only

Venue Partner

Sage International School, Kolar Road Bhopal



Trophy Partner www.lvei.in



International Tournament Partner



Digital Partner



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Message to Players:

One Round Per Day Format

Dear Players,

This event is being conducted with one classical round per day to preserve the true spirit and quality of classical chess.

Long time controls demand deep calculation, sustained concentration, and physical stamina. Playing a single round allows players adequate rest, preparation, and recovery, ensuring that every game is decided by chess skill rather than fatigue.

This is the standard format followed in top international tournaments across Europe and in World Championship events, where classical chess is treated as a test of depth, accuracy, and endurance.

By adopting this structure, we align our event with global best practices and provide players the right environment to perform at their highest level.

We wish you focused play and high-quality games throughout the event.

Greetings

Team ChessBase India

Tournament Schedule

23-03-2026	4.30 Players Meeting
23-03-2026	Round 1 - 5pm
24-03-2026	Round 2 - 5pm
25-03-2026	Round 3- 5pm
26-03-2026	Round 4- 5pm
27-03-2026	Round 5 - 5pm
28-03-2026	Round 6- 5pm
29-03-2026	Round 7- 5pm
30-03-2026	Round 8 - 5pm
31-03-2026	Round 9 - 10am
31-03-2026	Prize Function 3pm

Prizes

Total Prize : 1,50,000/-

1st – ₹35000 + 🏆	2nd – ₹20000 + 🏆
3rd – ₹15000 + 🏆	4th – ₹10000
5th – ₹7000	6th – ₹5000
7th to 10th – ₹2500 each	11th– 20th – 1500 Each
Best Three Unrated	₹1500 each
Best Three Senior 55	₹1500 each
Best Three Female	₹1500 each
Best Three U 1500 Rated	₹1500 each
Best Three U 1600 Rated	₹1500 each
Best Three Bhopal	₹1500 each
Best 4 Khelo Chess Players	₹1500 each



Medals For Top 3
U 7, U 9, U 11, U 13, U 15
Boys & Girls





There will be three special prizes for young talented players.

- **The Best Under-10 Boy will receive a special framed chessboard autographed by the 18th World Chess Champion, D. Gukesh.**
- **The two Best Under-15 Girls will receive a special autographed photograph personally given by two-time World Rapid Champion, Koneru Humpy.**

All the Prizes will be awarded only to players who are present at the prize distribution ceremony.

In the event that a winner is absent, the prize will be handed over to the next eligible player who is present. Requests for prize distribution in absence will not be accepted under any circumstances.



ENTRY FEE

GMs, IMs, WGMs and WIMs -Free

All Players Rs 1500/- + 270 (GST) = 1770

NOTE

Above Fees Structure will be applicable till 10 March 2026 thereafter late fees of 500/- will be charged till 22 March 2026 6pm . Then entry closed

No Request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.

Entry Fees Once Paid Will Not Be Refunded.

Name - CHESSBASE INDIA 64 SQ PVT LTD BHOPAL

Acc No - 50200082785954 IFSC Code - HDFC0000118

Address - Ghatkopar East, Mumbai

For Player Registration, please use this Google form link after payment of entry fees –

<https://forms.gle/szFBe8bYri7dcp546>

Contact For Registration

Nitin Raghuvanshi (Entry Head) - 9171730387

Devansh Singh (Media & Logistics Head) - 9109855711

FA - Ankur Singh Thakur Chief Arbiter - 8793396302

Khelo Chess India Chess Club : 9021509976

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For Emergency Contact :
Mr Gurmeet Singh (9424402085)
Chairman MP Chess AD-HOC Committee

Tie Break:

- ▶ **Buchholz cut 1**
- ▶ **Buchholz**
- ▶ **Sonneborn Berger**
- ▶ **Direct encounter**
- ▶ **Number of win (including forfeit point)**

System of play: FIDE Swiss System with rapid regulations will be followed.

Time Control: 90 +30

Walkover Time: Will be Decided in Players Meeting

Round: 9 Rounds

Eligibility: The Tournament is Open for all players.

AICF player Registration

AICF player registration is compulsory for all Indian players.

Appeals Committee:

An appeals Committee will be formed during the technical meeting.

a. Protests:

Protests, if any against the decision of the arbiter shall be made in – writing with a protest fee Rs. 1000/- (RS. One thousand only) within 15 minutes of the incident. The Protest fee is refundable only if protest is upheld. The decision of the appeals committee on all protest shall be final and binding.

b. For renewing AICF registration of the existing players, please visit <https://prs.aicf.in/player>

c. For New AICF registration please visit <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>

AICF player registration fee Rs. 300/- for the year 2025 – 2026 has to be paid well before the start of tournament. It will be accepted only through online.

Interpretation:

For interpretation of the rules and deciding any point not covered by the rules, the decision of the tournament committee shall be final and binding.

Withdrawals:

A player may withdraw at any stage of the event, after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.

One player will be given one (higher) prize only.

The tournament will be conducted as per the latest FIDE Laws of Chess

Players are not allowed to use any type of wrist watch, mobile, or any such electronic device in the playing area.

For the category prize:

the organizer may ask the players for their date of birth proof, and by registering for the tournament players are abide to present the Date of Birth Proof for the given tournament.

Organizer has the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason.

Organizing committee is not responsible for any discomfort or any other problems like transportation etc for those are staying at other hotel. Participants need to reach to the tournament venue at due course of time as mentioned above in this brochure.

Accommodation

You can contact the listed hotels directly; their details are mentioned below. Once you inform them that you are coming for the Khelo Chess events, they will offer you reasonable rates. Please remember, we are sharing these details only as a courtesy. You will be solely responsible for choosing the hotel and making all payments

आप सीधे नीचे दिए गए होटलों से संपर्क कर सकते हैं, जिनका विवरण नीचे उल्लेखित है। जब आप उन्हें बताएंगे कि आप Khelo Chess इवेंट्स के लिए आ रहे हैं, तो वे आपको उचित/रियायती दरें देंगे। कृपया ध्यान रखें कि हम यह जानकारी केवल सौजन्यवादी साझा कर रहे हैं। होटल का चयन करने और भुगतान करने की पूरी जिम्मेदारी केवल आपकी ही होगी।

Hotel Bonsai, Distance from venue 1.5 KM Mob . 8889337819



Hotel Amogh Palace, Distance from venue 1 KM Mob . 07770860289



Hotel Taste of Temple Distance from venue 1.2 KM Mob . 8305373053



