



2nd DNC MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL FIDE RATED BELOW 1700 CHESS TOURNAMENT – 2026

AICF Event Code: 445496/TN/2026 | TNSCA Approval No: RR-15/DPI/25-26 | DDCA Approval No: 02/RT/25-26

THAGADUR TROPHY

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Organized by:

VIVEKANANDA CHESS ACADEMY, DHARMAPURI.

(On Behalf of Dharmapuri District Chess Association)

TOTAL CASH PRIZE

Rs.5,00,000/-

20, 21, 22 FEBRAURY 2026

(FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY)

ENTRY FEE:

Rs.2,500/-

FOR SPECIALLY ABLED: **Rs.2,000/-**

VENUE:

**SRI VIJAY VIDYALAYA MATRIC
HR. SEC. SCHOOL(GIRLS),
GANDHI NAGAR, DHARMAPURI - 01.**

Academy who gives 10 Entries will
get 1 Additional Entry Free
NOT FOR ONLINE ENTRIES

81
Cash Prizes

78
Total Trophy



ORGANIZING SECRETARY

Mr. S. Ramkumar Mch (Cardiac Surgery),
Secretary, Sri Vijay group of Institutions

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Mr. P. Rajasekaran, Joint Secretary, TNSCA
& Secretary, DDCA Cell: 89737 73773

MAIN PRIZES

Rank	Amount	Rank	Amount
1 st	₹.50,000+🏆	12 nd	₹.4,500
2 nd	₹.40,000	13 rd	₹.4,500
3 rd	₹.30,000	14 th	₹.4,500
4 th	₹.20,000	15 th	₹.4,500
5 th	₹.15,000	16 th	₹.4,000
6 th	₹.10,000	17 th	₹.4,000
7 th	₹.9,000	18 th	₹.3,500
8 th	₹.8,000	19 th	₹.3,500
9 th	₹.7,000	20 th	₹.3,500
10 th	₹.6,000	21 st - 25 th	₹.3,000
11 th	₹.5,000	26 st - 30 th	₹.2,500

1501-1600 1400-1500 UNRATED

Rank	Amount	Amount	Amount
1 st	₹.20,000+🏆	₹.20,000+🏆	₹.15,000+🏆
2 nd	₹.10,000	₹.10,000	₹.8,000
3 rd	₹.8,000	₹.8,000	₹.6,000
4 th	₹.6,000	₹.6,000	₹.5,000
5 th	₹.4,000	₹.4,000	₹.4,000
6 th	₹.3,000	₹.3,000	₹.3,000
7 th	₹.3,000	₹.3,000	₹.3,000
8 th -10 th	₹.2,500	₹.2,500	₹.2,500

VETERAN (S60)

1 st	₹.4,000+🏆
2 nd	₹.3,000
3 rd	₹.2,500

FEMALE (ABOVE 15)

1 st	₹.4,000+🏆
2 nd	₹.3,000
3 rd	₹.2,500

SPECIALLY ABLED

1 st	₹.4,000+🏆
2 nd	₹.3,500
3 rd	₹.3,000
4 th -5 th	₹.2,500

BEST DHARMAPURI

1 st	₹.5,000+🏆
2 nd	₹.4,000
3 rd -4 th	₹.3,000
5 th -10 th	₹.2,000

Age Category Special Prize 40 Trophies for

U08,U10,U12,U16-5 Prizes in Each Category Boys & Girls Separate

All Under-07 Participants Will get Trophies.

Chief Arbiter

Vijayaraghavan V IA

Deputy Chief Arbiter

Palaniappan P IA

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

INAUGURATION	20 th FEB 2026	09:00 AM
PLAYERS MEETING	20 th FEB 2026	09:30 AM
PRIZE DISTRIBUTION	22 nd FEB 2026	06:00 PM

DATE	ROUND	TIME
20 th FEB 2026	1 st ROUND	10:00 AM
20 th FEB 2026	2 nd ROUND	01:30 PM
20 th FEB 2026	3 rd ROUND	04:30 PM
21 st FEB 2026	4 th ROUND	09:00 AM
21 st FEB 2026	5 th ROUND	01:00 PM
21 st FEB 2026	6 th ROUND	04:30 PM
22 nd FEB 2026	7 th ROUND	08:30 AM
22 nd FEB 2026	8 th ROUND	11:30 AM
22 nd FEB 2026	9 th ROUND	02:30 PM

REGISTER

NOW

Entry Fee :
Rs.2500/- Per Player

NEFT BANK TRANSFER

VIVEKANANDA CHESS ACADEMY

SOUTH INDIAN BANK

CURRENTA/C NO.:0511073000001049

IFSC: SIBL0000511

BRANCH: DHARMAPURI

UPI id : vivekanandha64chess@okicici

G.Pay: 7010227897

Who are make payment through
UPI Model or Bank NEFT Transfer
Kindly Send Details to
Whatsapp Number 8973773773

LAST DATE OF ENTRY:
18th FEB 2026 05:00PM

ONLINE PAYMENT PORTALS

www.chessfee.com

www.signinchess.com

www.easypaychess.com

www.chessentry.in

www.bookmyfee.com

www.circlechess.com

Accommodation Details:

Vanniyar Thirumana Mandapam

Salem Main Road, Near 4 Roads, Dharmapuri

P. Silambarasan - 9025148491

ACCOMMODATION:

- FREE UNFURNISHED DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION
HALL WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL THE PLAYERS. PLAYERS HAVE TO ARRANGE THEIR OWN BEDDING.
- LODGING PROVIDED FOR ONE PLAYER AND ONE ACCOMPANYING PERSON OF THE SAME GENDER ONLY.
- GROUND FLOOR FOR MEN & BOYS AND FIRST FLOOR WOMAN AND GIRLS.
LODGING WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 19TH FEBRUARY EVENING AFTER 6 P.M. UPTO 22ND FEBRUARY MORNING 8 A.M.
- EACH ACCOMPANYING PERSONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY Rs.500 FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT.



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

SYSTEM OF PLAY:

THE LATEST FIDE RULES IN FORCE SHALL APPLY AND THE SWISS SYSTEM WILL BE FOLLOWED.

MODE OF TOURNAMENT:

TOTAL NINE ROUNDS SHALL BE PLAYED.

TIME CONTROL:

TIME CONTROL 45 MINUTES + 30 SECONDS INCREMENT PER MOVE FROM MOVE NO.1

DEFAULT TIME:

15 MINUTES.

TIE BREAK:

BUCHHOLZ TIE-BREAK SYSTEM WILL BE APPLIED. IN CASE OF TIE, PRIZES WILL NOT BE SHARED.

ENTRY FEE:

RS. 2500/-, TILL 18.02.2026 & RS. 2750/-, TILL 19.02.2026

AICF PLAYER REGISTRATION:

AICF PLAYER REGISTRATION IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL INDIAN PLAYERS. AICF PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE IS RS.300/- FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026. AS PER LATEST AICF REGULATION DATED 31.07.2017, IT IS INFORMED THAT FROM 01 SEPTEMBER, 2017 ALL AICF REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY THROUGH ONLINE. PLAYERS / ARBITERS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE DONE WELL BEFORE THE START OF EVENT (TOURNAMENT). NEW ENTRANTS TO THE FIELD OF CHESS ARE INFORMED THAT AICF PLAYERS REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY AND IT SHOULD BE DONE WELL BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN ANY TOURNAMENT. FOR RENEWING AICF REGISTRATION OF EXISTING PLAYERS, PLEASE CLICK [HTTP://AICF.IN/PLAYERS/](http://AICF.IN/PLAYERS/) FOR FRESH AICF REGISTRATION PLEASE CLICK [HTTP://AICF.IN/ONLINEPLAYER-REGISTRATION/](http://AICF.IN/ONLINEPLAYER-REGISTRATION/) FOR FRESH AICF REGISTRATION, PLAYERS ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP THEIR SCANNED PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS (UNIQUE) NOT USED BY ANY OTHER PERSON/PLAYER FOR AICF, READY BEFORE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS. NOTE : ONLY PASSPORT SIZE (LESS THAN 1MB) PHOTOGRAPHS IN JPEG FORMAT SHOULD BE UPLOADED.

TNSCA PLAYER REGISTRATION:

TNSCA PLAYER REGISTRATION IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL TAMIL NADU PLAYERS. TNSCA PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE IS RS.150/- FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026. PLAYERS / ARBITERS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE DONE WELL BEFORE THE START OF EVENT (TOURNAMENT).

NEW ENTRANTS TO THE FIELD OF CHESS ARE INFORMED THAT TNSCA PLAYERS REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY AND IT SHOULD BE DONE WELL BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN ANY TOURNAMENT. FOR RENEWING TNSCA PLAYER REGISTRATION OF EXISTING PLAYERS, PLEASE CLICK [HTTPS://REGISTRATION.TAMILCHESS.COM/](https://REGISTRATION.TAMILCHESS.COM/). FOR FRESH TNSCA REGISTRATION PLEASE CLICK [HTTPS://REGISTRATION.TAMILCHESS.COM/NEW-REGISTER/](https://REGISTRATION.TAMILCHESS.COM/NEW-REGISTER/) FOR FRESH TNSCA REGISTRATION, PLAYERS ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP THEIR SCANNED PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS READY BEFORE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS. NOTE : ONLY PASSPORT SIZE (LESS THAN 1 MB) PHOTOGRAPHS IN JPEG FORMAT SHOULD BE UPLOADED.

DHARMAPURI DISTRICT PLAYER REGISTRATION:

DHARMAPURI DCA REGISTRATION FEE IS RS.75/- FOR THE YEAR 2025 - 2026 (FOR DHARMAPURI DISTRICTPLAYERS ONLY)

PROTESTS:

PROTESTS IF ANY, AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE CHIEF ARBITER SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING WITH PROTEST FEE OF RS.1000/- WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THE OCCURRENCE OF THE INCIDENT TO THE APPEALS COMMITTEE. THE PROTEST FEE WILL BE REFUNDED IF THE APPEAL IS UPHELD.

APPEALS COMMITTEE:

BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE TOURNAMENT, APPEALS COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED FROM THE SENIOR PARTICIPANTS PRESENT AT THE PLAYERS MEETING. THE APPEALS COMMITTEE DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL AND BINDING ON ALL PLAYERS CONCERNED.

WITHDRAWALS:

A PLAYER MAY WITHDRAW AT ANY STAGE OF THE EVENT, AFTER INFORMING THE CHIEF ARBITER IN WRITING

RIGHTS OF ADMISSION:

THE AICF/ TNSCA/ DHARMAPURI DCA/ ORGANIZER VIVEKANADA CHESS ACADEMY RESERVE THE RIGHTS OF ADMISSION TO THE VENUE.

CHIEF ARBITER:

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WRIST WATCHES:

AS PER AICF REGULATIONS THE WRIST WATCHES ARE NOT ALLOWED WHILE PLAYING IN FIDE RATED EVENTS. PLAYERS ARE INSTRUCTED NOT TO WEAR WRIST WATCHES WHILE PLAYING.



CHENNAI - MORAPPUR

(Approximate Travel Time: 3hr.30m)

VIA: Arakkonam Jn, katpadi Jn, Ambur, Jolarpettai Jn
1. CBE INTERCITY (12679)
2. MAS MAQ SF EXP (12685)
3. KOVAI SF EXP (12675)
4. WEST COAST EXP (22637)

From Morappur take bus to Dharmapuri bus stand to the Venue about 5min (approximate)
Walkable Distance

COIMBATORE - DHARMAPURI

(Approximate Travel Time: 3hr.48m)

VIA: Tiruppur, Erode Jn, Salem Jn
1. VANDE BHARATH (20642)
2. SBC INTERCITY (16378)
3. CBE LTT EXP (11014)
4. YESVANTUPUR EXP (16528)

MUMBAI - DHARMAPURI

(Approximate Travel Time: 26hr.30m)

VIA: Pune, Hubballi, Bengaluru, Hosur
1. LTT CBE EXP (11013)
2. DADAR TEN EXP (11021)

BENGALURU - DHARMAPURI

(Approximate Travel Time: 2hr.30m)

VIA: Bengaluru Jn, Housur
1. VANDE BHARATH (20641) 2. MYSORE CUPI EXP (16232)
3. ERNAKULAM EXP (16377) 4. NAGARCOIL EXP (17235)
5. TUTICORIN EXP (16236) 6. KANNUR EXP (16527)
7. YPR TVCNGR EXP (12257)

KERALA - DHARMAPURI

(Approximate Travel Time: 4hr.30m)

VIA: Palacuade Jn, Coimbatore Jn, Erode Jn, Salem Jn
1. ERANKULAM - DPJ (16378)
2. KANNUR - DPJ (16528)
3. TRIVANDRUM - DPJ (12258)

TRICHY, TIRUNELVELI - DHARMAPURI

(Approximate Travel Time: 4hr.30m)

VIA: Karur, Namakkal, Salem Jn
1. MAYILADURAI - DPJ (MYSURU EXP 16231)
2. NAGARCOIL - DPJ (17236)
3. TUTICURION - DPJ (MYSURU EXP 16235)

VIVEKANANDA SCHOOL OF CHESS & VIVEKANANDA CHESS ACADEMY

(Affiliated to Dharmapuri District Chess Association)

1.CHESS CAMP 2.INDIVIDUAL CHESS CLASSES 3.ONLINE CLASSES 4.SUMMER COACHING

E.Mail: vivekanandha64chess@gmail.com Cell: 8973773773 | 70102 27897

Dharmapuri Branch: 26/1, Gurunadhan Chetti Street, S.V. Road, Dharmapuri - 636 701.

BRANCHS: DHARMAPURI | KARIMANGALAM | KRISHNAGIRI

Hotels in Dharmapuri:

Vijay Lodge-04342 260199 | DNC Lodge-9942592040 | Adhiyaman Palace - 9443865353

PKP Hotel-7708659888 | Park View -04342 261612 | S.V Lodge - 04342 266273 |

Shri Rama hotel - 7871960141 | Shivam-04342 262999 | Kaveri Residency - 9500695526