

# TATA STEEL CHESS FESTIVAL

**In Association With**

Dhanuka Dhunseri Dibyendu Barua Chess Academy

## **Under The Aegis Of**

All India Chess Federation  
Sara Bangla Daba Sangstha

## **Date**

**January 7 to 11, 2026**

**Venue:** Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium,  
Alipore, Kolkata





# General Information

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- All participants will get free entry for Tata Steel Chess India Rapid and Blitz 2026.
- All participants should have AICF registration.
- All West Bengal Players should have SBDS registration.
- Outstation players will have to arrange their own accommodation.
- Entries to be collected online only.

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# Event A:

## All India Open Rapid Rating Chess Tournament

**Event Code** : 456150/WB(R)/2026  
**Date** : January 7-8, 2026  
**Total Cash Prizes** : Rs. 3,00,000/-  
**Entry Fee** : GM/IM/WGM/WIM – Free  
Other players - Rs 1,500/-

The last date of Entry :  
January 4, 2026 (till 4pm) or first 250 entries,  
whichever is earlier.



**Form Link** : [https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival--event-a/evnt\\_nBjqfnNOmd5527](https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival--event-a/evnt_nBjqfnNOmd5527)  
(Only online entries will be accepted)

**Main Prizes** : 1st : 50,000 + Trophy      6th - 8th : 7,500/- each  
2nd : 30,000/-      9th - 10th : 6,000/- each  
3rd : 20,000/-      11th & 20th : 4,000/- each  
4th : 15,000/-      21th - 25th : 3,500/- each  
5th : 10,000/-      26th - 30th : 3,000/- each

<b>Category Prizes</b>	Best Women (Above 15)	Elo 1601-1800	Best Unrated
	1st : 6,000/- 2nd : 3,500/- 3rd : 3,000/-	1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/-	1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/-
	Elo 1401-1600	Elo 1801-2000	Best Veteran (Above 60 yrs)
	1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/-	1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/-	1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 2,500/-

**Age Group Prizes** : Under 8 Boys / Under 10 Boys / Under 12 Boys  
Trophies for top 5 ranks

Under 8 Girls / Under 10 Girls / Under 12 Girls  
Trophies for top 3 ranks

**Schedule** : 07-01-2026 : 6 Rounds ( 1st Round starts at 10 am )  
08-01-2026 : 3 Rounds ( 7th Round starts at 10 am )

**Prize Distribution** : 1 pm



# Event A:

## All India Open Rapid Rating Chess Tournament

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### Rules & Regulations

- : 1) Eligibility: Open to all players (Only Indian Citizen).
- 2) System: The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 9 rounds.
- 3) Time Control: 15 minutes for each player with 05 seconds increment from move 1.
- 4) Tie-Break: In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect.
- 5) AICF Registration is mandatory for the year 2025-2026  
New Registration AICF Link : <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>  
Renewal AICF : <https://prs.aicf.in/>
- 6) SBDS Registration: SBDS registration for the year 2025-2026 is mandatory for West Bengal Players Only  
SBDS New Registration link:  
<https://www.sbd chess.in/player-registration.php>  
SBDS Renewal : <https://www.sbd chess.in/player-search.php>
- 7) Restrictions: Players are not allowed to carry mobile phones, wrist watches (all type of watches) or any other electronic devices in the tournament hall during play.
- 8) Chief Arbiters decision is final and binding to all
- 9) Protests: Protests, if any, should be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1500/ within 10 minutes from incident occurrence. Appeals Committee, formed by the organizers will give their final judgment.
- 10) Prize Money will not be shared (one player will be eligible for one prize only, whichever is higher).
- 11) Players will have to abide by Rules & Regulations of AICF & SBDS

\* Entry fee once paid can't be refunded

\* Prize money will not be shared in case of tie

\*\* Players will be eligible for only one (higher) prize

\*\* Indian Income Tax rules will apply

# Event B: All India Open Blitz Tournament

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**Date** : January 8, 2026

**Format** : 7 Rounds Swiss with time control of 3'+ 2" Secs.

**Eligibility** : Open to all players. First 250 players will be allowed on first come first basis.

**Entry Fee** : GM/IM/WGM/WIM – Free  
Other players - Rs 500/-

The last date of Entry :  
January 5, 2026 (till 4pm) or first 250 entries,  
whichever is earlier.



**Form Link** : [https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival--event-b/evnt\\_kLAvzmWG7p6001](https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival--event-b/evnt_kLAvzmWG7p6001)  
(Only online entries will be accepted)

**Prizes** :

1st : 15,000 + Trophy	6th - 7th : 2,000/- each
2nd : 10,000/-	8th - 15th : 1,000/- each
3rd : 5,000/-	Best Women : 1,000/-
4th : 4,000/-	(Above 15yrs)
5th : 3,000/-	

**Schedule** : 1st round will start at 1.30 pm

**Prize Distribution** : 04.30 pm

# Event B:

## All India Open Blitz Tournament

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### Rules & Regulations

- : 1) Eligibility: Open to all players (Only Indian Citizen).
- 2) System: The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 7 rounds.
- 3) Time Control: 3 minutes plus 2 seconds increment for each player from move 1.
- 4) Tie-Break: In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect.
- 5) AICF Registration is mandatory for the year 2025-2026  
New Registration AICF Link : <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>  
Renewal AICF : <https://prs.aicf.in/>
- 6) SBDS Registration: SBDS registration for the year 2025-2026 is mandatory for West Bengal Players Only  
SBDS New Registration link:  
<https://www.sbd chess.in/player-registration.php>  
SBDS Renewal : <https://www.sbd chess.in/player-search.php>
- 7) Restrictions: Players are not allowed to carry mobile phones, wrist watches (all type of watches) or any other electronic devices in the tournament hall during play.
- 8) Chief Arbiters decision is final and binding to all
- 9) Protests: Protests, if any, should be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/ within 5 minutes from incident occurrence. Appeals Committee, formed by the organizers will give their final judgment.
- 10) Prize Money will not be shared (one player will be eligible for one prize only, whichever is higher).
- 11) Players will have to abide by Rules & Regulations of AICF & SBDS

\* Entry fee once paid can't be refunded  
\* Prize money will not be shared in case of tie  
\*\* Players will be eligible for only one (higher) prize  
\*\* Indian Income Tax rules will apply



# Event C:

## All India Women Rapid Chess Tournament

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**Date** : January 9, 2026

**Format** : 7 Rounds Swiss with time control of 15 minutes plus 5 seconds increment from move 1 to each player

**Entry Fee** : GM/IM/WGM/WIM – Free  
Other players - Rs 500/-

The last date of Entry :  
January 7, 2026 (till 4pm) or first 150 entries,  
whichever is earlier.



**Form Link** : [https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival:-event-c/evnt\\_rw8Cn2ZTAW3517](https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival:-event-c/evnt_rw8Cn2ZTAW3517)  
(Only online entries will be accepted)

**Total Prize Fund** : Rs. 1,00,000/-

**Prizes** :

1st : 20,000 + Trophy	6th : 5,000/-
2nd : 15,000/-	7th : 4,000/- each
3rd : 10,000/-	8th & 10th : 3,000/- each
4th : 8,000/-	11th - 15th : 2,500/- each
5th : 7,000/-	16th - 20th : 1,500/- each
	Best Veteran : 2,000/- (Above 55yrs)

**Schedule** : 09-01-2026 : Playing Time: 10 am to 3.30 pm (7 Rounds)

**Prize Distribution** : 4 pm

# Event C:

## All India Women Rapid Chess Tournament

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### Rules & Regulations

- : 1) Eligibility: Open to all players (Only Indian Citizen).
- 2) System: The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 7 rounds.
- 3) Time Control: 15 minutes for each player with 05 seconds increment from move 1.
- 4) Tie-Break: In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect.
- 5) AICF Registration is mandatory for the year 2025-2026  
New Registration AICF Link : <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>  
Renewal AICF : <https://prs.aicf.in/>
- 6) SBDS Registration: SBDS registration for the year 2025-2026 is mandatory  
SBDS Registration link:  
<https://www.sbd chess.in/player-registration.php>  
Renewal : <https://www.sbd chess.in/player-search.php>
- 7) Restrictions: Players are not allowed to carry mobile phones, wrist watches (all type of watches) or any other electronic devices in the tournament hall during play.
- 8) Chief Arbiters decision is final and binding to all
- 9) Protests: Protests, if any, should be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/ within 5 minutes from the end of the relevant session. Appeals Committee, formed by the organizers will give their final judgment.
- 10) Prize Money will not be shared (one player will be eligible for one prize only, whichever is higher).
- 11) Players will have to abide by Rules & Regulations of AICF & SBDS



# Event D: All India Open Age Group(U-19) Chess Tournament-2026

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**Date** : January 10 to 11, 2026

**Format** : 9 Rounds Swiss with time control of 15 minutes plus 5 seconds increment from move 1 to each player

**Eligibility** : Open to all players (Indian citizen).  
Under-19 (Born on or after 01-01-2007)

**Entry Fee** : Rs.500/-

The last date of entry :  
7th January, 2026 (4pm) or first 250 entries,  
whichever is earlier.  
Entries will be accepted strictly through online



**Form Link** : [https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival:-event-d/evnt\\_0PsvyLjd5j5354](https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival:-event-d/evnt_0PsvyLjd5j5354)  
(Only online entries will be accepted)

<b>Main Prizes</b> :	1st : 10,000/- + Trophy	8th - 10th : 1,000/- each
	2nd : 6,000/-	Special Prizes (Only for Girls)
	3rd : 4,000/-	1st : 10,000/- + Trophy
	4th : 3,000/-	2nd : 6,000/-
	5th : 2,000/-	3rd : 4,000/-
	6th - 7th : 1,500/- each	

**Consolation Prizes** : Under 8 Boys / Under 10 Boys / Under 12 Boys  
Trophies for top 5 ranks

Under 8 Girls / Under 10 Girls / Under 12 Girls  
Trophies for top 3 ranks

**Schedule** : 10-01-2026 : 5 Rounds ( 1st Round starts at 10 am )  
11-01-2026 : 4 Rounds ( 6th Round starts at 11 am )

**Prize Distribution** : 03.30 pm

# Event D:

## All India Open Age Group(U-19) Chess Tournament-2026

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### Rules & Regulations

- : 1) Eligibility: Open to all players (Only Indian Citizen).
- 2) System: The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 9 rounds.
- 3) Time Control: 15 minutes for each player with 05 seconds increment from move 1.
- 4) Tie-Break: In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect.
- 5) AICF Registration is mandatory for the year 2025-2026  
New Registration AICF Link : <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>  
Renewal AICF : <https://prs.aicf.in/>
- 6) SBDS Registration: SBDS registration for the year 2025-2026 is mandatory for west bengal players only  
SBDS Registration link:  
<https://www.sbd chess.in/player-registration.php>  
Renewal : <https://www.sbd chess.in/player-search.php>
- 7) Restrictions: Players are not allowed to carry mobile phones, wrist watches (all type of watches) or any other electronic devices in the tournament hall during play.
- 8) Chief Arbiters decision is final and binding to all
- 9) Protests: Protests, if any, should be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/ within 10 minutes from the end of the relevant session. Appeals Committee, formed by the organizers will give their final judgment.
- 10) Prize Money will not be shared (one player will be eligible for one prize only, whichever is higher).
- 11) Players will have to abide by Rules & Regulations of AICF & SBDS

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\* Prize money will not be shared in case of tie  
\*\* Players will be eligible for only one (higher) prize  
\*\* Indian Income Tax rules will apply