

6th



SkillCraft Below 1900

Classical Chess Tournament

21st & 22nd March 2026

Venue: Delhi (full address will be out soon.)



Total Cash Prize :

₹1,21,000/-

**It's a practice tournament prior to the
2nd SkillCraft International below 1800 Classical FIDE
RATED chess tournament.**

Main Prizes

1st ₹11,000

2nd ₹7,000

3rd ₹5,000

4th ₹4,000

5th ₹3,000

6. ₹2,500

7. ₹2,500

8. ₹2,000

9. ₹2,000

10. ₹2,000

11. ₹1,500

12. ₹1,500

13. ₹1,500

14. ₹1,500

15. ₹1,500

16. ₹1,200

17. ₹1,200

18. ₹1,200

19. ₹1,200

20. ₹1,200

Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 participants.

Rating Category Prizes

Rank	Best 1700-0	Best 1550-0	Best UnRated
1st	₹3,000 	₹3,000 	₹3,000 
2nd	₹2,500 	₹2,500 	₹2,500 
3rd	₹2,000 	₹2,000 	₹2,000 
4th	₹1,500 	₹1,500 	₹1,500 
5th	₹1,000 	₹1,000 	₹1,000 

Age Category

Rank	Under 08	Under 10	Under 12	Under 14
1st	₹3,000 	₹3,000 	₹3,000 	₹3,000 
2nd	₹2,000 	₹2,000 	₹2,000 	₹2,000 
3rd	₹1,000 	₹1,000 	₹1,000 	₹1,000 
4th-5th	Trophy 	Trophy 	Trophy 	Trophy 
Best Girl*	₹1,500 	₹1,500 	₹1,500 	₹1,500 

**Best Girl: 1. ₹1500+T 2.-5. T (In each age group)

Medals will be awarded to all U14, U12, U10 & U08 Participants.

Special Category Prizes

Rank	Best Female (15+)	Best Veteran (55+)	Best Diff. Abled
1st	₹2,500 	₹2,500 	₹1,500 
2nd	Trophy 	₹Trophy 	Trophy 
3rd	Trophy 	Trophy 	Trophy 

Best Academy: 1. Trophy & 4Medals 2. Trophy & 4Medals

Best School : 1. Trophy & 4Medals 2. Trophy & 4Medals

The average points of the top four players will be taken into account.

TOURNAMENT

SCHEDULE

21-03-2026 **Day 1** **Saturday**

Reporting Time	09:00
Round 1	09:30
Round 2	12:00
Lunch Break	
Round 3	15:00
Round 4	17:30

22-03-2026 **Day 2** **Sunday**

Round 5	09:00
Round 6	11:30
Lunch Break	
Round 7	14:30
Prize Distribution	17:30

Entry Fee:

All Players: ₹1400/-

Early Bird Discounts!! till 8th February 2026

Other Players : ₹1200

SkillCraft Players* : ₹900

****The players participating in the 2nd SkillCraft**

International below 1800 Classical FIDE RATED Chess

Tournament only.

Late Fee!? from 15th March 2026

All Players: ₹2000/-

Please use one of the following links to register:

[**https://circlechess.com/registration?id=49930**](https://circlechess.com/registration?id=49930)

(via Circle Chess)

OR

[**https://forms.gle/FxrAWckdvk8p6QsY7**](https://forms.gle/FxrAWckdvk8p6QsY7)

(via Google Form)



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TOURNAMENT RULES:

System of Play:

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 7 rounds.

Time Control:

30 Minutes + 30 seconds increment from Move 1 to 60.

Default Time:

Full time for the 1st round, and 15 Minutes from 2nd round onwards.

Tie Break:

In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect.

The Cash prizes however will not be shared and one player will be eligible for one higher prize only.

Wrist Watches & Mobile Phones:

Players are instructed not to wear wrist watches while playing.

Mobile phones must be kept in switch off mode. Violating the rule in both cases will lead to the loss of the game.

Protest:

In case of any dispute, the decision of the organizer shall be final and binding on all players concerned.

Organizers reserve the right to accept or reject entries without assigning any reason.

Cut off Dates:

U-08: Born on or after 1.Jan.2018

U-10: Born on or after 1.Jan.2016

U-12: Born on or after 1.Jan.2014

U-14: Born on or after 1.Jan.2012

Whatsapp Group Link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EG14zsqmPm5DoczIhRAOLp>

What is Classical Chess ?

Classical chess is a time format in which each player is allotted a minimum of 60 minutes to make their first 60 moves.

Eg. 45 Minutes + 15 Minutes (15 Seconds x 60 Moves) = 60 Minutes

Why are we organizing a Classical Chess Tournament?

Because Classical chess is highly beneficial for improving your chess game, due to several reasons:

- 1. Deep Strategic Thinking:** With longer time controls, players have more opportunities to contemplate various strategies, evaluate positions, and plan several moves ahead. This helps in developing a deeper understanding of positional concepts, pawn structures, and long-term planning.
- 2. Calculation and Analysis:** Longer timeframes in classical chess allow players to delve into complex variations, calculate tactics, and analyze different continuations more thoroughly. This enhances calculation skills and improves the ability to foresee potential threats and opportunities.
- 3. Decision-making Skills:** The extended time in classical chess encourages players to carefully weigh their options, leading to more informed decisions. This helps in honing decision-making skills, crucial not just in chess but in various aspects of life.
- 4. Building Endgame Skills:** Classical time controls often lead to more games reaching the endgame phase. This offers valuable practice in endgame techniques, improving proficiency in handling different types of endgame positions.
- 5. Developing Patience and Stamina:** Playing longer games requires patience, concentration, and endurance. Building these qualities during classical chess sessions can benefit players in handling pressure and maintaining focus in competitive situations.

Overall, classical chess serves as an excellent training ground for honing various aspects of the game, contributing significantly to a player's improvement and overall skill development.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is it a Rated Tournament?

A. No, it is an Unrated Tournament.

Q. Is it a Knockout Tournament?

A. No, the tournament employs the Swiss system, ensuring that every player participates in all 7 rounds of play.

Q. Do we need to have a rating to play in this tournament?

A. No, it is an Open Tournament and anyone can participate in this tournament.

Q. Is Notation compulsory?

A. No, it is not mandatory. However, if you want to claim threefold repetition or 50 moves draw you must have the notations as proof.

Q. Do we need to bring our Chess board or clock?

A. No, we will arrange everything.

Q. Will we get certificates?

A. Yes, all participants will get an E-Certificate.

Q. This is our first participation in your tournament. Could you please provide details regarding the arrangements? Additionally, can we expect the tournament to commence as scheduled?

A. Please read the reviews attached below to get an idea.

