



h2e Maharashtra State (Under 17) Open and Girls Selection FIDE Rated Chess Championship

AICF Event Code : 467485/MH(S)/2026 467486/MH(S)/2026

Event Dates : 12th to 14th March 2026

Organized By - Amrish Chess Academy

**Under the Agis of
Maharashtra Chess Association, ADCA, & AICF**

**Venue - Tirumala Mangal Karyalay, Pundlik Nagar,
Gajanan Maharaj Mandir Road,
Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, MH - 431001.**

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1. Invitation:

Amrish Chess Academy has the honour to invite all Chess players from the State of Maharashtra to participate in the "Maharashtra State Selection Under-17 Open and Girls Chess Championship".

2. Recognition:

The championship is held under the auspices of the MCA, AICF & FIDE. The said championship will serve as the selection event for the National Under 17 Chess Championship.

3. Eligibility Criteria:

- Only the players who fulfil the following conditions are eligible to play in the said chess championship.
- Born on or after 1st January 2008.
- All entries should be strictly routed through the respective District Chess Associations affiliated with MCA.
- Each district association is entitled to field 2 players in the Open & 2 in Girls in each of the Under 17 categories. Additional Seats for last year's medal winners are as follows.

Under 17 Open : Mumbai Suburban -3, Mumbai Suburban-2, Ahilyanagar-1.

Under 17 Girls : Pune - 3, Kolhapur-2, Mumbai Suburban-1

- 'Selected Player' means the player selected from the respective District Selection Events. Besides the above, the District Associations may enter an unlimited number of players as a Donor Entry.



4. Selection of Maharashtra Team:

The top 2 boys and Top 2 girls from each age group will be selected to represent Maharashtra State in the forthcoming National Chess Championship for the Same Age Group. Players participating in this championship will only be allowed to participate in National Chess Championship. Additional Information about extra seats will be shared in the technical meeting/prize distribution ceremony in the tournament hall.

- Participation in this championship is compulsory if any player wishes to take part in National Under-17 Chess Championship.
- 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 Rs. 3,500 to MCA. Privilege fee will not be collected if the player has participated in any one of the state selection championships 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.
- State Under 17 Open Players with classical rating of 1800 and above exempted from participation
- State Under 17 Girls Players with classical rating of 1800 and above exempted from participation

5. Date of Birth Certificates:

- Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. School ID card/Aadhar Card won't be accepted as DOB proof. Certificates should preferably be from the Panchayat, Municipality or Corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without date of birth certificates will not be allowed to participate.
- The date of birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate.
- If any doubt arises about the claimed age of a player, the Tournament Committee has the right to refer the player during the championship for a due evaluation of age by competent medical experts. A player if declared over age by such experts shall not continue in the championship and the matter shall be reported to AICF. Protest about the age of players may be made to the Chief Arbiter in writing along with a fee of 5000/- per player. This will not be refunded. No protest about over age of a player will be entertained after 2nd round of the championship.

6. Registration & Entry Fee:

District Selected Player: Rs. 1000/-

Donor Entry: Rs. 2000/-

Tournament Registration Link:

https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/Registration/registration_form.php

Last Date and time: 10th March 2026 - 8:00 pm





7. Event Schedule:

11/03/2026 :

Arrival after 9:00 pm onwards.

12/03/2026 :

Players/Managers Meeting: 9:15 am; Opening Ceremony : 9:30 am;
1st Round - 9:30 am; 2nd Round - 1:30 pm; 3rd Round - 5:00 pm.

13/03/2026 :

4th Round - 9:00 am; 5th Round - 01:00 pm; 6th Round - 04:00 pm.

14/03/2026 :

7th Round - 09:00 am; 8th Round - 1:00 pm;
Prize Distribution Function - 04:00 pm.

8. AICF Registration:

All participants in the State Championship should be registered with AICF for the year 2025-26. The online AICF registration link is given below. No entry will be accepted without an AICF player's registration for 2025-26 and such players will not be paired.

Link for new registration: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>

AICF ID renewal and search link: <https://prs.aicf.in/players>

9. MCA Registration:

All participants in the State Championship should be registered with MCA for the year 2025-26. The online MCA registration link is given below. No entry will be accepted without an MCA player's registration for 2025-26 and such players will not be paired.

Link for MCA New Player Registration:

https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php

Link for MCA Renewal of Registration:

https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/existing_entry.php

Search Your MCA ID:

https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/forgot_student_id.php



10. System of Play:

The tournament will be played with 8 rounds Swiss system. The format may be changed to emergency cases at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter & Tournament Director with prior approval from MCA & AICF.

The time control will be 60 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move 1.

Default Time: 15 minutes.

11. Tie breaks:

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| 1. Buchholz Cut-1 | 2. Buchholz |
| 3. Sonneborn Berger | 4. Direct Encounter |
| 5. Number of Wins (Including forfeit) | 6. Number of wins with black |

12. Electronic Devices:

No electronic devices, mobile phones, and wrist watches are allowed in the playing venue. If a player is caught with any of these then a loss will be given in his/her game straightaway.

13. Appeals:

The Chief Arbiter's Decision will be final & binding to all. In case of any discrepancy, the matter will be handed over to the Appeals Committee which will be formed during the Players' meeting before the start of the First Round. Protest Against Decision of Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a fee of Rs.1000/- within 15 minutes of incident. Fees will be refunded if appeal is upheld.

14. Accommodation:

Only selected players will be given Free Dormitory sharing accommodation by the Organizers, at **Tirumala Mangal Karyalaya**.

Team managers / Parents will not be provided with free accommodation.

Accompanying persons will have to pay the charges upfront to ensure that accommodation is confirmed.

Accommodation will be closed 2 days before, no request will be entertained for accommodation after 10th March 2026.

Organiser will not be responsible for selected players and parents who will not contact organisers upto 10th March 2026 for accommodation.

15. Prizes: Total Prize Fund: ₹ 36,000.00

Rank	Prize money for open	Prize money for girls
1.	4,000.00	4,000.00
2.	2,500.00	2,500.00
3.	2,000.00	2,000.00
4.	1,800.00	1,800.00
5.	1,500.00	1,500.00
6.	1,400.00	1,400.00
7.	1,300.00	1,300.00
8.	1,200.00	1,200.00
9.	1,200.00	1,200.00
10.	1,100.00	1,100.00
	18,000.00	18,000.00

Age Group Prizes - U7, U9, U11, U15.
Top 3 Trophies For Open & Girls

Contacts: *****Calls Between 9 am to 7 pm only*****

Accommodation : Mr. Sushil Pradhan 7030155024

Food available at venue.

5 Meals + Breakfast+Tea @ ₹_____ Shubham Caterers : 9923777474.

Other enquiries: Mr. Hemendra Patel, Secretary of ADCA Mob.: 9325228261

Technical Queries: Deputy Chief Arbiter : FA Satish Thakur 9960640602

Chief Arbiter: IA Pravin Thakare Mob. 9226375077 (WhatsApp only)

Tournament Director: FA & NI Mr. Amrish Joshi 9823522732

Venue Management - SNA Adv. Mr. Pravin Joshi 9324274191

Rohit Tembe (MCA Office) – 8007944674 (WhatsApp only)

Registration & Emergency Contact Email –

maharashtrachessassociation@gmail.com

Important Note for tournament location :

Venue distance from Railway station: 5.2 km; Main Bus Stand: 6.3 km;

Cidco Bus Stand - 2 km; Nearest Airport Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar Airport : 4.5 km.

Best Wishes From:

Shri. Atul Moreshwar Save (President, ADCA; Cabinet Minister Govt. of Maharashtra)

Shri. Niranjan Godbole, (Secretary, Maharashtra Chess Association)

Shri. Hemendra Patel (Secretary, ADCA)