

VIT-AP Amaravati International Chess Festival

INTERNATIONAL FIDE RATING CHESS TOURNAMENTS

Under Aegis of All India Chess Federation & FIDE

Event Code

Open: 471358/AP/2026

Below 1800: 471359/AP/2026

Organizer

Andhra Chess Association

In Association with

Chess Development Association of **Guntur District**

VT Sports & Games Foundation |

SRR Charitable Trust



On 1st June to 8th June 2026.

Venue: VIT-AP University, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Cash Prize: Rs.30,00,000/-

Players Arrival ————— 31st May 2026 5PM

Players Departure ————— 8th June ————— 6PM

Playing Schedule for Open

Particulars	Date	Time
Players Meeting	01/06/2026	09:00 AM
Inauguration	01/06/2026	09:30 AM
1st Round	01/06/2026	10:30 AM
2nd Round	01/06/2026	03:30 PM
3rd Round	02/06/2026	10:00 AM
4th Round	02/06/2026	03:00 PM
5th Round	03/06/2026	10:00 AM
6th Round	03/06/2026	03:00 PM
7th Round	04/06/2026	10:00 AM
8th Round	04/06/2026	03:00 PM
9th Round	05/06/2026	10:00 AM
Prize Distribution	05/06/2026	03:00 PM

Playing Schedule for Below 1800

Particulars	Date	Time
Players Meeting	06/06/2026	09:00 AM
Inauguration	06/06/2026	09:30 AM
1st Round	06/06/2026	10:00 AM
2nd Round	06/06/2026	01:00 PM
3rd Round	06/06/2026	04:00 PM
4th Round	07/06/2026	09:00 AM
5th Round	07/06/2026	12:00 PM
6th Round	07/06/2026	03:00 PM
7th Round	08/06/2026	08:30 AM
8th Round	08/06/2026	11:30 AM
9th Round	08/06/2026	02:30 PM
Prize Distribution	08/06/2026	06:00 PM

Rules & Regulations

» System of Play:

Both tournaments will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of chess and FIDE Swiss system with 09 rounds each.

» Time Control:

For Open : 90 minutes with 30 seconds increment from move no. 1

For Below 1800 : 30 minutes with 30 seconds increment from move no. 1

» Default Time:

For Open : 30 minutes (Walkover time).

For Below 1800 : 15 minutes (Walkover time)

» Tie-Breaks: In case of a tie, the latest FIDE / AICF rules shall come in to effect

1. Buchholz Cut 1
2. Buchholz
3. Sonneborn-Berger
4. Direct encounter
5. Number of wins including forfeits
6. Number of wins with Black pieces

» Eligibility:

For Open tournament : Any Rated or Unrated Player.

For below 1800 Tournament : Any rated player whose rating has not crossed 1799 in last 36 months prior to start of the tournament & Unrated Player is eligible to participate: Players who finished first or second in any rating restricted FIDE tournament will not be eligible to play in any rating restricted tournament for one year from the date of such achievement.

» General Regulations:

- ▶ **AICF Registration (Apr 2026 - Mar 2027):** Those who are not registered with the AICF, they must do AICF registration online at <http://prs.aicf.in/players> before sending
- ▶ **Electronic Device:** Any types of electronic device will not be allowed in the playing arena.
- ▶ **Wrist Watches:** All types of wrist watch will not be allowed in the playing arena.
- ▶ **Age Groups:** Players will get prize in his/her own age category not for higher age category.
- ▶ **Withdrawal:** Player may withdraw at any stage after informing to the Chief Arbiter in writing.
- ▶ **Spectators:** Parents / Coaches / Managers/ Player who have finished their games will be treated as spectators and are not allowed in playing hall.
- » ▶ **Protest:** If any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of ₹ 5,000/- within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. Protest fee will be refunded if the appeal up held.
- » ▶ **Organizer Rights:** Organizer reserve right to accept / reject any entry without assigning any reason. Due to any unforeseen circumstances, if the event needs to be canceled, organisers obligation is limited to refunding the entry fee paid by the players.
- » ▶ **Prize Distribution:** All prize winners must attend the Prize distribution ceremony, otherwise no prize/certificates will be given to such players/without a valid reason.
- » ▶ **Certificates:** All participants will get e-Certificate(s).

OPEN Category - Main Prizes

Rank	Prize (₹)
1	1,50,001
2	1,00,000
3	70,000
4	50,000
5	40,000
6	35,000
7	30,000
8	25,000
9	15,000
10	10,000
11-20	9,000 each
21-30	8,000 each
31-40	7,000 each



Rated 1900 - 1751

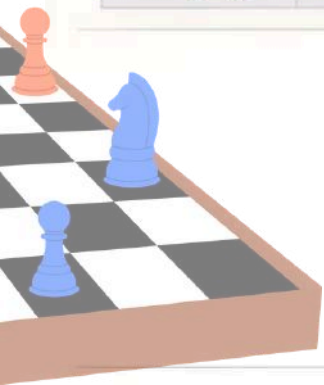
Place	Prize (₹)
1	25,000
2	16,000
3-5	8,000 each
6-10	7,000 each

Rated 1750 - 1551

Place	Prize (₹)
1	25,000
2	16,000
3-5	8,000 each
6-10	7,000 each

Rated 1550 - 1400

Place	Prize (₹)
1	25,000
2	16,000
3-5	8,000 each
6-10	7,000 each



Unrated Category

Place	Prize (₹)
1	25,000
2	16,000
3-5	8,000 each
6-10	7,000 each



Special Categories

Veteran 55+, Women, Disabled, U7/U9/U11/U13/U15 (Boys & Girls) - Total 13 Categories

Position	Prize (₹)
1	10,000
2	8,000
3	7,000

Best VIT-AP University Players: Rs. 10,000/-

Please Note :

Players qualified for more than 1 prize will be considered for higher prize only.
Latest Indian Income-Tax Rules are applicable.

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Rating Category: 1400–1499

Place	Prize (₹)
1	25,000
2	16,000
3–5	8,000 each
6–10	7,000 each

Rating Category: 1500–1599

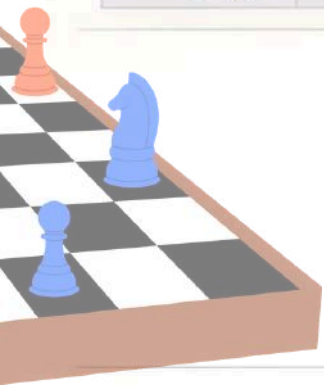
Place	Prize (₹)
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2	16,000
3–5	8,000 each
6–10	7,000 each

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Registration & Entry Fee

»» **Entry Fee : Rs. 7,500/-**

Last Date for Entry : 25-05-2026

»» **Late Fee : Rs. 500/-** from 26th May onwards, subject to availability of slots.

»» **Cancellation & Refund Policy:**

- ▶ In case of cancellation, the entry fee will be refunded within 3 working days after receipt of the cancellation request. Cancellation requests can be made personally to the tournament officials or via email at chessandhra@gmail.com.
- ▶ Cancellation requests will be accepted only until the publication of the 1st round pairings on ChessResults. After the first-round pairings are published, no cancellation requests will be entertained.

Accommodation

»» Players are requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

However, If any player/parent requires accommodation inside the University campus, they may avail the following facilities:

»» **Type of Accommodation :**

- ▶ AC Room with attached bathroom (Double / Triple occupancy).

»» **Conditions :**

- ▶ Male and female accommodation will be arranged separately. Boys below 11 years are allowed inside the Ladies' accommodation. However, girls will not be allowed inside the Men's accommodation.

»» **Food :**

- ▶ North/South indian mixed breakfast, evening snacks and dinner will be served at designated dining areas.

»» **Purified Drinking Water:** Available inside the accommodation area. Players are requested to carry their own water bottles.

»» **Distance :**

- ▶ Within the University campus

»» **Accommodation Charges** (@ Rs. 600 per day) for AC Sharing Accommodation

(@ Rs. 400 per day) for Non-AC Sharing Accommodation

This includes breakfast, lunch, evening snacks and dinner from starting day of tournament to ending day of tournament.

Tariff is same for all players, parents, and accompanying person

»» Players must request accommodation through the below Google Form for confirmation. (Links Provided in the last page)

»» Note: Spot accommodation will not be available inside the University campus.

»» AC accommodation will be provided subject to availability only even on payment basis...

Transportation

- » Players are requested to make their own transportation arrangements.

Early Bird Offer

- » **Special offer for the first 200 registered players:**
 - ▶ (As and when organizing committee receives the entry the names will be updated in chessresults server. & apchess.org. Players can check and contact officials officials.
- » ▶ Free AC sharing accommodation for the player during the entire tournament along with free boarding (breakfast, lunch, evening snacks and dinner) from the first day of tournament to last date of tournament. (Coupon set will be provided on arrival).
- » ▶ For players below 15 years, one accompanying person will also be provided free AC sharing accommodation and free boarding (breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner) from the first day of tournament to last date of tournament. (Coupon set will be provided on arrival).
- » The players or accompanying person intending to utilize this facility must fill the below Google Form compulsorily :
- » Coaches / Academies with more than 10 registrations may contact below numbers for Special offer.:

Mr. Phani Kumar, IA Tournament Director : 97007 75220

Mr. Trinath Virothi, Tournament Director : 99662 33433

- » Players / Coaches from Telangana State may contact:
 - ▶ **Mr. Chandra Mouli (70138 99328) for Assistance.**
- » Players / Coaches from Tamil Nadu State may contact:
 - ▶ **Mr. Ravichandran, IA (94442 10914)**
 - ▶ **Mr. Balaji, NI & FA (94999 15932) for Assistance**
- » Players / Coaches from other than above States may contact:
 - ▶ **Mrs. Neelima, DI (99081 21112) for assistance.**

Click below link For **Accommodation** :



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Secretary,
Andhra Chess Association

Click below link For **OPEN** Tournament Registration :



<https://apchess.org/event-list/1526>

Click below link For **Below 1800** Tournament Registration :



<https://apchess.org/event-list/1527>