



*"I don't believe in psychology.
I believe in good moves."
– Bobby Fischer*



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Total Prizes
975

Late Bharatbai Halkude Memorial

LBHM Chess Festival, Pune

AICF Event Code : 462632 / 462636 / 462635 / MH(R) / 462634 / MH(B) / 2026

18th – 26th May 2026

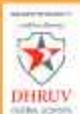
BLITZ RATING
Rs.2,01,000
22 May

RAPID RATING
Rs.4,02,000
23 May

OPEN
Rs.14,14,101
18-22 May

BELOW 1800
Rs.12,05,010
24-26 May

Total Prize Fund
Rs.32,22,111



Venue - DHRUV GLOBAL SCHOOL, UNDRI

Sr. No. 26/2/1, Abnave Nagar, Handewadi, Katraj Bypass Road, Undri, Pune.



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Why to Play LBHM Chess Tournaments?

A Legacy of Excellence in Competitive Chess

The Late Bharatbai Halkude Memorial (LBHM) Chess Festival is one of Pune's most prestigious and professionally managed chess events. With a strong legacy and consistent growth over 19 editions, LBHM has earned the trust of players, parents, coaches, and arbiters across India.



1. **One of Pune's Most Prestigious Chess Events LBHM (Late Bharatbai Halkude Memorial)** is a recognized and respected chess festival with strong participation from across India. It's not just a tournament - it's a chess celebration.



2. **Massive Prize Fund one of the major attractions of LBHM** : Attractive cash prizes, Wide prize distribution, Category-wise rewards, Recognition for emerging players & Strong motivation for every rating group.



3. **Professional & Corporate Level Organization** - FIDE Rated Events, Experienced arbiters, Proper pairing system, Well-structured schedule, Transparent prize distribution & Players get a smooth, professional experience.



4. **Excellent Venue – Dhruv Global School, Undri (Pune)** Spacious playing hall, Comfortable seating, Good lighting & Ventilation, Easy city connectivity & Professional tournament atmosphere.



5. **Strong Competitive Field** : Compete with International rated players, National & State-level champions, Talented upcoming juniors & Best opportunity to gain rating and experience.



6. **Perfect Platform for Rating Growth LBHM provides** : High-quality opposition, Serious tournament environment, Multiple rating opportunities & Ideal for improving FIDE rating.



7. **Legacy & Reputation 19th Edition reflects** : Consistency, Trust Strong organizer credibility, Growing popularity every year & Players return because of experience and fairness.



8. **Well-Managed Hospitality & Support** : Clear communication, Responsive organizing team, Smooth on-ground coordination & Player-friendly environment.

More Than a Tournament - A Chess Celebration

LBHM Chess Festival is not just about competition. It is about legacy, sportsmanship, discipline, and building the future of Indian chess.

Message from the Organizer

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the **LBHM CHESS FESTIVAL MAY 2026**.

LBHM was established with a vision to provide a professionally managed, transparent, and internationally rated platform for chess players to compete and grow. Over the years, the tournament has earned a strong reputation for its high standards, disciplined organization, and competitive environment.

With a **Prize Fund of Rs. 32,22,111** and participation from talented players across India, **LBHM** continues to promote excellence, sportsmanship, and the true spirit of chess.

I sincerely thank all players, parents, arbiters, sponsors, and supporters for their continued trust and encouragement. Your support motivates us to elevate the event year after year.

I wish all participants a successful and memorable tournament.

Warm regards,

Halkude Nagnath

Founder & Chief Organizer
LBHM Chess Festival

Yogesh Mahamuni

Founder & Tournament Director
LBHM Chess Festival





HIGHLIGHTS OF LBHM CHESS FESTIVAL 2026

Air Cooled Playing Hall - Separate Halls For Parents

Non - AC dormitory accommodation

Is available at the venue only 200 players

8 Prizes More than 1,00,000 | 9 Prizes More than 50,000

9 Prizes More than 25,000 | 7 Prizes More than 15,000

29 Prizes More than 10,000 | 74 Prizes More than 7,000

Total Prize Fund

Rs.32,22,111

18-22 May

22 May

23 May

24-26 May

OPEN

BLITZ

Total Prizes

975

RAPID

B-1800

Prize Fund
Rs.
14,14,101

Prize Fund
Rs.
2,01,000

Prize Fund
Rs.
4,02,000

Prize Fund
Rs.
12,05,010

Cash Prizes
100

Cash Prizes
95

Cash Prizes
389

Cash Prizes
95

Cash Prizes
99

Trophies
77

Trophies
70

Trophies
294

Trophies
70

Trophies
77

Medals
73

Medals
73

Medals
292

Medals
73

Medals
73

CONTACT : NAGNATH HALKUDE - 7875984545



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TOTAL PRIZES

250

CASH PRIZES

100

OPEN PRIZE STRUCTURE

TROPHIES

77

MEDALS

73

WINNER

1,11,000 + 🏆 + 🏅

Runner-up

1,01,101 + 🏆 + 🏅

1st Runner-up

51,000 + 🏆 + 🏅

MAIN

PRIZES	RS.
4	25000
5	15000
6	12000
7	11500
8	11000
9	10500
10	10000
11	7000
12	7000
13	7000
14	7000
15	7000
16-25	7000

RATING CATEGORY PRIZES

PRIZES	0-1500	1501-1650	1651-1850
1	100000+🏆	100000+🏆	100000+🏆
2	50000+🏆	50000+🏆	50000+🏆
3	25000+🏆	25000+🏆	25000+🏆
4	12000	12000	12000
5	10000	10000	10000
6	7000	7000	7000
7	7000	7000	7000
8	7000	7000	7000
9	7000	7000	7000
10	7000	7000	7000





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Youngest
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Most Senior
Most Senior Pune
Best Academy - I
Best Academy - II
Best Academy - III



SPECIAL CATEGORY PRIZES

PRIZES	Female (15+)	Veteran (55+)	Specially Abled	Pune	Mah.
1st	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆
2nd	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆
3rd	3000+ 🏆	3000+ 🏆	3000+ 🏆	3000+ 🏆	3000+ 🏆
4th	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆
5th	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆

AGE GROUP CATEGORY PRIZES

PRIZES	U-07		U-09		U-11		U-13		U-15	
	Boys	Girls								
1st	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆	7000+ 🏆
2nd	6000+ 🏆	6000+ 🏆	6000+ 🏆	6000+ 🏆	6000+ 🏆	6000+ 🏆	6000+ 🏆	6000+ 🏆	6000+ 🏆	6000+ 🏆
3rd	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆
4th-10th	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	ROUND	TIME	ROUND	TIME
18.5.2026	Monday	1	11:00 am	2	04:30 pm
19.5.2026	Tuesday	3	09:30 am	4	03:30 pm
20.5.2026	Wednesday	5	09:30 am	6	03:30 pm
21.5.2026	Thursday	7	09:30 am	8	03:30 pm
22.5.2026	Friday	9	08:00 am		

Arrival

18th May 2026 @ 8:30 AM

**Inauguration followed by
players meeting**

18th May 2026 @ 9:30 AM

Prize Distribution

22nd May 2026 @ 1:00 PM



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TOTAL PRIZES

249

CASH PRIZES

99

**BELOW
1800
PRIZE
STRUCTURE**

TROPHIES

77

MEDALS

73

WINNER

1,05,010 + 🏆 + 🏅

Runner-up

65,000 + 🏆 + 🏅

1st Runner-up

50,000 + 🏆 + 🏅

MAIN	
PRIZES	RS.
4	25000
5	15000
6	10000
7	10000
8	10000
9	10000
10	10000
11	7000
12	7000
13	7000
14	7000
15	7000
16-25	6000

RATING CATEGORY PRIZES			BEST LBHM
PRIZES	0-1550	1551-1700	*LBHM Player
1	100000 + 🏆	100000 + 🏆	25000 + 🏆
2	50000 + 🏆	50000 + 🏆	11000 + 🏆
3	25000 + 🏆	25000 + 🏆	10000 + 🏆
4	15000	15000	8000 + 🏆
5	10000	10000	7000 + 🏆
6	6000	6000	🏆
7	6000	6000	<p>Eligibility for Best LBHM Player Prize Players are eligible for the Best LBHM Player Prize if they have participated in any one of the LBHM Chess Festival Below Tournaments held in 2023, 2024 or 2025.</p>
8	6000	6000	
9	6000	6000	
10	6000	6000	
11	6000	6000	
12	6000	6000	



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1st	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹
2nd	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹
3rd	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹
4th	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹
5th	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹

AGE GROUP CATEGORY PRIZES

PRIZES	U-07		U-09		U-11		U-13		U-15	
	Boys	Girls								
1st	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹	7000+ ₹
2nd	6000+ ₹	6000+ ₹	6000+ ₹	6000+ ₹	6000+ ₹	6000+ ₹	6000+ ₹	6000+ ₹	6000+ ₹	6000+ ₹
3rd	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹	5000+ ₹
4th-10th	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	ROUND	TIME	ROUND	TIME
24.5.2026	Sunday	1	11:00 am	2	02:00pm
		3	05:00pm		
25.5.2026	Monday	4	09:30 am	5	01:00 pm
		6	04:30 pm		
26.5.2026	Tuesday	7	08:30 am	8	12:00 am
		9	03:30 pm		

Arrival

24th May 2026 @ 9:00 AM

**Inauguration followed by
 players meeting**

24th May 2026 @ 9:30 AM

Prize Distribution

26th May 2026 @ 7:00 PM



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TOTAL PRIZES

238

CASH PRIZES

95

RAPID PRIZE STRUCTURE

TROPHIES

70

MEDALS

73

WINNER

50,000 + 🏆 + 🏅

Runner-up

25,000 + 🏆 + 🏅

1st Runner-up

15,000 + 🏆 + 🏅

MAIN	
PRIZES	RS.
4th	12000
5th	10000
6th	5000
7th	4500
8th	4000
9th	3500
10th	3000
11th	2500
12th	2500
13th	2500
14th	2500
15th	2500
16th-20th	2000

BEST LBHM		RATING CATEGORY PRIZES				
PRIZES	*LBHM Player	Unrated	1400-1500	1501-1600	1601-1700	1701-1900
1st	10000+🏆	10000+🏆	10000+🏆	10000+🏆	10000+🏆	10000+🏆
2nd	5000+🏆	5000+🏆	5000+🏆	5000+🏆	5000+🏆	5000+🏆
3rd	3000+🏆	3000+🏆	3000+🏆	3000+🏆	3000+🏆	3000+🏆
4th	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
5th	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000

Eligibility for Best LBHM Player Prize

Players are eligible for the Best LBHM Player Prize if they have participated in any one of the LBHM Chess Festival Rapid Tournaments held in 2023, 2024 or 2025.





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 Best Academy - I
 Best Academy - II
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SPECIAL CATEGORY PRIZES

PRIZES	Female (15+)	Veteran (55+)	Specially Abled	Pune	Mah.
1st	1500+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹
2nd	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹
3rd	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹
4th	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹
5th	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹

AGE GROUP CATEGORY PRIZES

PRIZES	U-07		U-09		U-11		U-13		U-15	
	Boys	Girls								
1st	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹	3000+ ₹
2nd	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹	2500+ ₹
3rd	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹	2000+ ₹
4th-10th	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	ROUND	TIME	ROUND	TIME
23.5.2026	Saturday	1	09:30 am	2	10:25am
		3	11:20am	4	12:15am
		5	01:15 pm	6	02:45pm
		7	03:45 pm	8	04:45pm
		9	05:45 pm		

Arrival

23rd May 2026 @ 8:00 AM

**Inauguration followed by
players meeting**

23rd May 2026 @ 8:30 AM

Prize Distribution

23rd May 2026 @ 7:00 PM



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BLITZ PRIZE STRUCTURE

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70

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Runner-up

15,000 + 🏆 + 🏅

1st Runner-up

10,000 + 🏆 + 🏅

MAIN	
PRIZES	Rs.
4th	5000
5th	4000
6th	3300
7th	2800
8th	2500
9th	2200
10th	2000
11th	1500
12th	1400
13th	1300
14th	1200
15th	1100
16th-20th	1000

BEST LBHM		RATING CATEGORY PRIZES				
PRIZES	*LBHM Player	Unrated	1400-1500	1501-1600	1601-1700	1701-1900
1st	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆	5000+ 🏆
2nd	2500+ 🏆	2500+ 🏆	2500+ 🏆	2500+ 🏆	2500+ 🏆	2500+ 🏆
3rd	1500+ 🏆	1500+ 🏆	1500+ 🏆	1500+ 🏆	1500+ 🏆	1500+ 🏆
4th	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
5th	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000

Eligibility for Best LBHM Player Prize

Players are eligible for the Best LBHM Player Prize if they have participated in any one of the LBHM Chess Festival Blitz Tournaments held in 2024 or 2025.





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SPECIAL CATEGORY PRIZES

PRIZES	Female (15+)	Veteran (55+)	Specially Abled	Pune	Mah.
1st	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹
2nd	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹
3rd	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹
4th	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹
5th	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹

AGE GROUP CATEGORY PRIZES

PRIZES	U-07		U-09		U-11		U-13		U-15	
	Boys	Girls								
1st	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹	1500+ ₹
2nd	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹	1200+ ₹
3rd	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹	1000+ ₹
4th-10th	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	ROUND	TIME	ROUND	TIME
22.5.2026	Friday	1	03:00 pm	2	03:30pm
		3	04:00pm	4	04:30pm
		5	05:00 pm	6	05:30pm
		7	06:00 pm	8	06:30pm
		9	07:00 pm		

Arrival

22nd May 2026 @ 2:15 PM

Inauguration followed by
 players meeting

22nd May 2026 @ 2:30PM

Prize Distribution

22nd May 2026 @ 7:30 PM



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AC ACCOMMODATION

FOR OPEN TOURNAMENT

(Check in at 01.00 pm on 17th May 2026 to Check out at 10.00 am on 22nd May 2026)

GMs/WGMs/IMs/WIMs (Are required to pay rs. 3000/- as a refundable accommodation deposit. Refund will be after playing 1st round)

1. **For Free Accommodation Confirmation Needed before 20th April 2026**
2. If the player wants to stay in **Single** room pay **Rs.5000/-** for entire duration of tournament.

OTHER PLAYERS

(Check in at 01.00 pm on 17th May 2026 to Check out at 10.00 am on 22nd May 2026)

1. If the player wants to stay in **Triple Occupancy** need to be paid **Rs 3000/-** each for entire duration of tournament.
2. If the player wants to stay with **Guardian** in **Double Occupancy** need to be paid **Rs 8000/-** for entire duration of tournament.

FOR BELOW 1800 TOURNAMENT

(Check in at 01.00 pm on 23rd May 2026 to Check out at 10.00 am on 26th May 2026)

1. If the player wants to stay in **Triple Occupancy** need to be paid **Rs 1800/-** each for entire duration of tournament.
2. If the player wants to stay with **Guardian** in **Double Occupancy** need to be paid **Rs 5000/-** for entire duration of tournament.

FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS

(Check in at 01.00 pm on 17th May 2026 to Check out at 10.00 am on 26th May 2026)

1. If the player wants to stay in **Triple Occupancy** need to be paid **Rs 5400/-** each for entire duration of tournament.
2. If the player wants to stay with **Guardian** in **Double Occupancy** need to be paid **Rs 14500/-** for entire duration of tournament.

NON AC ACCOMMODATION

- Only for outstations players
- Non-AC dormitory accommodation is available at the venue.
- Charges for parents : Rs. 200/- per day
- Charges for players : Rs. 100/- per day

ACCOMMODATION PAYMENT

Phone Pay / Gpay No. - 9922834515 (Mahadev Dhole)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The rooms with option facilities are limited in number and will be allotted on first cum first serve basis.
2. Players need to pay the amount in advance to the given mobile number by Gpay and Phone Pay. Confirm the same by email - lbhm.tmt.pune@gmail.com.
3. Dormitory accommodation is available on a **first - come, first - serve** base.

All accommodations available till date 30th April 2026.
After that, Please make your own accommodation.

**CANTEEN FACILITY AVAILABLE
AT THE VENUE @ REASONABLE RATES**

IMPORTANT DATES

Early Bird Discounts

1st Early Bird Discount – Last Date : 5th March 2026

2nd Early Bird Discount – Last Date : 5th April 2026

Entry Deadlines

Entry Fee – Last Date : 5th May 2026

Entry Fee with Late Fee – Last Date: 15th May 2026 - Open

Entry Fee with Late Fee – Last Date: 19th May 2026 – Blitz

Entry Fee with Late Fee – Last Date: 20th May 2026 - Rapid

Entry Fee with Late Fee – Last Date: 21st May 2026 – Below 1800

FOR TITLED PLAYERS (GM, GFM, IM & ICM)

Free Entry with Accommodation – Last Date: 25th April 2026

Paid Entry with Accommodation – Last Date: 15th May 2026

FOR TITLED PLAYERS (FM, WFM, CM & WCM)

Discounted Entry Fee – Last Date: 15th May 2026

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Booking – Last Date: 30th April 2026

Important Notice

All players are requested to strictly adhere to the above deadlines. After the specified dates, no requests for waiver of Entry Fee or Late Fee will be entertained under any circumstance

**Contact - Mr. Uddhav Patil -
M. : 7498547600 (Hindi / Marathi)**



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TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

- System of Play** : The Tournament will be conducted as per latest FIDE Laws of Chess & FIDE Swiss System with 09 rounds.
- Time Control** : **Open Tournament** - 90 Minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1 for entire game
: **Below 1800 Tournament** - 30 Minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1 for entire game
: **Blitz Tournament** - 03 Minutes plus 02 second increment from move 1 for entire game.
: **Rapid Tournament** - 15 Minutes plus 05 second increment from move 1 for entire game
- Default Time (Walk over Time)** : **Open Tournament** - The default time will be 30 Minutes
: **Below 1800 Tournament** - The default time will be 30 Minutes
: **Blitz Tournament** - The default time will be 03 minutes
: **Rapid Tournament** - The default time will be 15 minutes
- Tie Break** : Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, SB, Direct Encounter, Greater Number of Wins (including forfeit points), Number of Wins with Black.
- Cash Prize** : Cash prizes will not be shared. Only the highest eligible prize will be awarded.
If a player qualifies for the same cash prize in multiple categories, the prize from the main prize list will be considered first.
- Electronic Devices** : All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) will not be allowed in the tournament hall.
- Eligibility** : All rated & unrated players.
- AICF registration** : For 2026-27 is compulsory for all INDIAN participants.
For Renewal – <https://prs.aicf.in/players>
For New Registration - <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>
- MCA Registration** : For 2026-27 is compulsory for all MAHARASHTRA players.
For Renewal https://mcachess.in/tournament_registration/existing_entry.php
For New Registration https://mcachess.in/tournament_registration/mca_registrations.php

In case of dispute, the decision of Chief Arbiter's shall be final & binding for all.

Players found guilty of violating the above rules at any stage of the tournament will be withdrawn from the tournament, and the entry fee will NOT be refunded.

Entry Cancellation Policy

- If a player withdraws on or before 20th April 2026, 25% of paid Entry Fee will be deducted
- If a player withdraws on or before 5th May 2026, 50% of paid Entry Fee will be deducted
- Any entry withdrawal from 6th May 2026, **NO REFUND.**

Withdrawal Procedure

- Withdrawal requests must be sent **only by email** to : **LBHM.TMT.PUNE@GMAIL.COM**
- **Without an email request, no withdrawal will be accepted.**

Refund Processing

- Refund process will start **after 5th June 2026.**

Withdrawal Contact

- **Mr. Abhijeet Joshi**
M. : 98500 23202

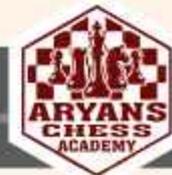
Important Notes

- No request for **waiver of entry fee or late fee** will be entertained.
Entry fee is NON-TRANSFERABLE.





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OFFICIAL ENTRY FEE

No.	TOURNAMENTS	1st Early Bird Till 5/03/2026		2nd Early Bird Till 5/04/2026		Entry Fee Till 5/05/2026	
		Rated/ Unrated	V/H/A/N Players	Rated/ Unrated	V/H/A/N Players	Rated/ Unrated	V/H/A/N Players
1	Blitz	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
2	Rapid	1800	1500	1900	1700	2000	1900
3	Rapid + Blitz	2800	2500	2900	2600	3000	2700
4	Below	5500	4000	5700	4500	6000	5000
5	Open	5700	4200	6100	4700	6600	5200
6	Below + Blitz	6500	5000	6700	5500	7000	6000
7	Open + Blitz	6700	5100	7100	5600	7500	6100
8	Below + Rapid	7200	5500	7400	6000	7900	6500
9	Open + Rapid	7300	5600	7800	6200	8300	6800
10	Below + Rapid + Blitz	8200	6500	8400	7200	8900	7900
11	Open + Rapid + Blitz	8300	6600	8800	7300	9300	8000
12	Open + Below	11000	8000	11500	8700	12000	9500
13	Open + Below + Blitz	11900	9000	12300	9700	13000	10500
14	Open + Below + Rapid	12800	9500	13100	10400	13700	11400
15	Open + Below + Rapid + Blitz	13500	10500	14100	11400	14700	12400

1) Group Entry (More than 20 players in a single tournament) : Contact : Mr. Nagnath Halkude

2) V/H/A/N Players: Veteran, Handicap, Armed Forces & North-East

3) Registration Deadline – Last Date for Registration : 5th May 2026

After 5th May 2026, a Late Fee of Rs. 500/- will be applicable until 15th May 2026.

Final Closing Dates (With Late Fee)

Open Tournament : 15th May 2026

Blitz Tournament : 19th May 2026

Rapid Tournament : 20th May 2026

Below 1800 Category: 21st May 2026

Special Facilities for Titled Players

TITLED PLAYERS BENEFITS

GM, IM, WGM, WIM

Free Entry

Free AC Accommodation (Double Sharing)

Free Registration till 25th April 2026

After this date :

› Free accommodation not applicable

› Accommodation charges as per normal player rules

ENTRY FEES (From 26th April 2026)

Open : ₹3,000 | Rapid : ₹1,500 | Blitz : ₹500

Last Date : 15th May 2026

Discounted Entry for
Other Titled Players

FM, WFM, CM & WCM

Eligible for

discounted entry

fee as per VHAN Players

category

Last date : 15th May 2026

Contact (Only for Titled Players)

Mr. Jayant Gokhale : 90110 13055

IM Abhishek Kelkar : 98607 98978



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DISCOUNTED ENTRY FEE

EXCLUSIVE FOR PARTICIPANTS OF LBHM CHESS FESTIVAL 2024 & 19TH LBHM (2026)

(LAST DATE : 15/03/2026)

No.	TOURNAMENTS	Rated / Unrated Players	VHAN Players
1	Blitz	900	800
2	Rapid	1600	1500
3	Rapid + Blitz	2500	2300
4	Below	5100	4000
5	Open	5400	4200
6	Below + Blitz	6000	4800
7	Open + Blitz	6400	5000
8	Below + Rapid	6700	5500
9	Open + Rapid	7000	5700
10	Below + Rapid + Blitz	7600	6300
11	Open + Rapid + Blitz	7900	6500
12	Open + Below	10500	8200
13	Open + Below + Blitz	11400	9000
14	Open + Below + Rapid	12100	9700
15	Open + Below + Rapid + Blitz	13000	10500

Last Date for Discounted Entry Fee : 15th March 2026

★ From 16th March 2026, regular entry fee will be applicable.

Eligibility for Discounted Entry Fee :

★ This discounted entry fee is applicable only to players who:

- Participated in the 19th LBHM Rapid Rating Chess Tournament held on 22nd February 2026, and / or Participated in the LBHM Chess Festival 2024

Option 1 - <https://www.game-plan.co>



Option 2



Click/Scan QR to register through CircleChess

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Abhijeet Joshi (Thane)

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Players & Parents

Q. How far is the Venue?

- ★ Dhruv Global School is located in Eastern Pune (Undri, Katraj – Saswad Bypass Road)
- Airport : 17 km
- Pune Junction Railway Station \ Metro station : 13 km
- Swargate Bus Stand \ Metro station : 11 km
- Katraj Bus Stand : 7.6 km
- Hadapsar Gadital Bus Stand : 7.6 km

Q. Can you share the venue location?

- ★ Yes. Please click the link below to view the venue location on Google Maps :
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/mr8hk4pKBke98S1f6>

Q. How to reach the venue by public transport?

- ★ PMPML Bus Route No. 188 – Timings & Frequency
From Hadapsar Depot (Gadital) - Katraj Bus Depot
- First Bus : 6:00 AM & Last Bus : 9:00 PM
- From Katraj Bus Depot - Hadapsar Depot (Gadital)
- First Bus: 7:00 AM & Last Bus: 10:00 PM
- Bus Frequency : Every 40 minutes

Q. Is a canteen facility and separate seating arrangement for parents available?

- ★ Yes. A clean and well-equipped canteen with a seating capacity of approximately 700–800 people is available on the ground floor.
Additionally, a separate seating hall for parents is available on the first floor.

Q. Is there any discount on the Entry Fee?

- ★ Yes. Considering the financial burden on players and parents, LBHM always strives to offer the maximum possible discounts.
For example, the 1st Early Bird Entry Fee for the Open Tournament is Rs. 5,700, which reflects an approximately 12% discount.

Q. Why do Different FIDE Open Tournaments have different Entry Fees?

- ★ Prize Fund Size
Tournaments with higher prize money naturally require higher Entry Fees.
- ★ Examples : If the Total prize fund is Rs. 5,00,000,
Maximum permissible Entry Fee : Rs. 2,500 (0.5% of Rs. 5,00,000)
If the Total prize fund is Rs. 12,00,000,
Maximum permissible Entry Fee : Rs. 6,000 (0.5% of Rs. 12,00,000)

Q. When will the names be updated on the chess results website?

- ★ Player names will be updated on the chess results website on the following dates : 25th February, 25th March, 25th April, 5th May, 15th May, and the final update will be done one day before the tournament, along with the pairings, if possible.

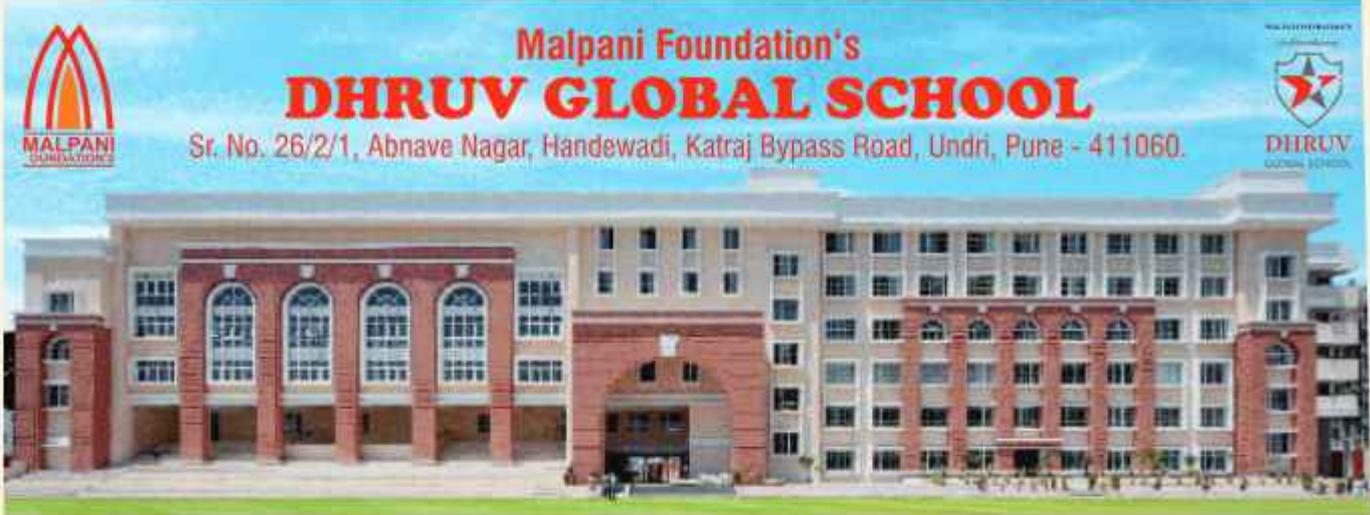
Entry Fee Regulation (As per AICF Rules)

While Entry Fees may vary, organizers are not permitted to charge more than 0.5% of the total prize fund per player for 5 days classical rating tournaments, as per AICF guidelines. This rule ensures fairness, uniformity, and transparency across tournaments in India.





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