





h2e Power Systems Maharashtra

24th LBHM

Under 07 Open & Girls

STATE SELECTION CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP – 2026

30th & 31st May 2026



UNDER THE AEGIS OF
Pune District Chess Circle &
Maharashtra Chess Association

ORGANIZED BY
Aryans Chess Academy, Pune
IN ASSOCIATION WITH
Sinhgad Sports Association Pune

VENUE PARTNER



Sinhgad Institutes,
Vadgaon campus, Pune

1. Invitation:

Aryans Chess Academy has the honour to invite all chess players from the State of Maharashtra to participate in the **"h2e Power Systems Maharashtra 24th LBHM - State Under 7 Open and Girls Chess Championship 2026."**

2. Recognition: The championship is held under the auspices of **MCA & PDCC.** The said is **organized by Aryans Chess Academy, Pune in association with Sinhgad Sports Association, Pune** and will serve as selection event for the **National Under - 07 Chess Championship 2026.**

3. Eligibility Criteria:

- Only the players apt in to the following conditions are eligible to play the said chess championship.
- Born on and after 01-01-2019
- All entries should be strictly routed through the respective District Chess Associations affiliated to MCA.
- Each district association is entitled to field 2 players in Open & 2 in Girls for this championship.
- 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.

Following districts will have additional entries for this championship:

Girls: Pune (5 entries) and Chh. Sambhajinagar (1 entry)
Open: Pune (3 entries) and Nagpur (3 entries)

4. Exemption Criteria:

Participation in the state selection chess tournaments of Maharashtra is mandatory for everyone. 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.

5. Selection of Maharashtra Team:

Top 5 Open and Top 4 girls will be selected to represent Maharashtra State in forthcoming 39th National Chess Championship for the same age group. Players participating in this championship will only be allowed to participate in **39th National Chess Championship.**

Participation in this championship is compulsory if any player wishes to take part in the national championship.



6. 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.

7. Registration & Entry fee:

- District Selected Player: Rs. 800/-
- Donor Entry: Rs. 1,500/-
- Link: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/Registration/registration_form.php
- Last date and time: 28th May 2026, 5:00pm

8. Appeals:

In case of any discrepancy in a decision given by the Chief Arbiter, 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.

9. Event Schedule:

Date	Particular	Time
29-05-2026	Arrival	01:00 PM onwards
30-05-2026 (Saturday)	Inauguration	09:00 AM
	Technical Meeting	09:30 AM
	Round 1	10:00 AM
	Round 2	12:00 PM
	Round 3	02:30 PM
31-05-2026 (Sunday)	Round 4	04:30 PM
	Round 5	09:00 AM
	Round 6	11:00 AM
	Round 7	01:30 PM
	Round 8	03:30 PM
	Prize Distribution	05:30 PM



10. MCA Registration:

- All participants in the State Championship should be registered with MCA for the year 2026-27. Online MCA registration link is given below. No entry will be accepted without valid MCA players registration for 2026-27 and such players will not be paired.

- **MCA ID registration link:**
https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php
- **MCA ID renewal link:**
https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/existing_entry.php
- **Search for your MCA ID:**
https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/all_player_list.php

11. System of Play:

- Tournament will be played with 8 rounds Swiss system. The format may be changed in emergency cases with the discretion of Chief Arbiter & Tournament Director with prior approval from MCA.
- Time control will be 30 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move 1.

12. Default Time (Walkover Time):

- The default time will be 15 minutes.

13. **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.**

14. Tiebreaks:

Buchholz Cut 1

Buchholz

Sonneborn Berger

Direct Encounter

number of wins (including forfeit)

number of wins with black



15. Accommodation:

- Only selected players will be given Free Dormitory sharing accommodation by the organizers.
- 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 27th May 2026.
- Aryans Chess Academy will not be responsible for selected players and parents who will not contact organisers up to 27th May 2026 for accommodation.

15. Prizes:

Total prize fund Rs. 22,200

Rank	Open	Girls
1 st	2,000 + Trophy	2,000 + Trophy
2 nd	1,500 + Trophy	1,500 + Trophy
3 rd	1,300 + Trophy	1,300 + Trophy
4 th	1,200 + Trophy	1,200 + Trophy
5 th	1,100 + Trophy	1,100 + Trophy
6 th	1,000 + Trophy	1,000 + Trophy
7 th	900 + Trophy	900 + Trophy
8 th	800 + Trophy	800 + Trophy
9 th	700 + Trophy	700 + Trophy
10 th	600 + Trophy	600 + Trophy
11 th – 15 th	Trophy	Trophy
16 th -20 th	Trophy	Trophy

Participation certificates will be issued on the MCA website within 21 working days from the end of the selection championship.

Tournament Committee

Tournament Director: Nagnath Halkude - 7875984545
Organising Chairman: Dr. Kaustubh Manikrao Gaikwad,
 Sinhgad Sports Association
Organising Secretary: Yogesh Mahamuni - 9822067936

Venue Committee

Mr. Abhijeet Joshi, Member PDCC Events Committee - 9850023202
Mr. Laxman Pawar, Member PDCC Events Committee - 8421214874

Accommodation:

Devidas Wadke – 9822050549 (Calls between 9am to 7pm)
Aryan Halkude – 9529032510 (WhatsApp only)

Tournament Coordinator:

IA Rajendra Shidore, Organising Secretary PDCC – 9890485666
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Mr. Rohit Tembe (MCA Office) – 8007944674
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IA Deepti Shidore (PDCC Office) – 9604737183
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