



38th TAMIL NADU STATE UNDER – 07 OPEN AND GIRLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP – 2026

TNSCA Approval No. SO-01/CHE/26-27

Venue:

**Velammal Matriculation Higher Secondary School,
88, Krishna Nagar Main Road,
T.S. Krishna Nagar, Mogappair East,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Pin - 600037.**

Date :
25.04.2026 (Sat)
to
28.04.2026 (Tue)

Organized by

**CHENNAI DISTRICT
CHESS ASSOCIATION**

On Behalf of

**TAMIL NADU STATE
CHESS ASSOCIATION**





Total Cash Prize
Rs. 50,000/-

Prizes	1	2	3	4	5&6	7&8	9&10
Open	Rs.6000/-	Rs. 4500/-	Rs.3000/-	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2000/-	Rs.1500/-	Rs.1000/-
Girls	Rs.6000/-	Rs. 4500/-	Rs.3000/-	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2000/-	Rs.1500/-	Rs.1000/-



Normal
(District Selected) Entry Fee: Rs.500/-
Special Entry Fee: Rs.1200/-

Entries can be paid through :
<https://registration.tamilchess.com/online-entry/>

****Please note that only the players who take part in this State Championship will be permitted to represent Tamil Nadu as selected/special entries in the forthcoming National U-07 Chess Championship. Hence participation in this State Championship is COMPULSORY****

Note to District Chess Associations: Advise all your U-07 players to take part in this State Championship.

All entries, be it regular or special, should be routed through the respective district chess association on or before 17.04.2026 (Friday). No entry will be entertained after 17.04.2026.

Entries / Entry fee : All entries including be normal / special entries should come through the concerned district chess association. Entries paid through online portal (<https://registration.tamilchess.com/online-entry/>) only will be accept the above championship and no other payment mode will be accepted. Players submitting their entry should upload their date of birth certificate for verification. Provisional list of players list will be prepared only after obtaining the prior recommendations from concern district chess association.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Arrival: 25.04.2026 at 08.00 AM

Managers Meeting and Inauguration:

25.04.2026 at 9.30 AM

1st Round	25-04-2026	11.00 AM	6th Round	27-04-2026	09.30 AM
2nd Round	25-04-2026	04.00 PM	7th Round	27-04-2026	01.30 PM
3rd Round	26-04-2026	09.30 AM	8th Round	28-04-2026	09.30 AM
4th Round	26-04-2026	01.30 PM	9th Round	28-04-2026	01.00 PM
5th Round	26-04-2026	05.00 PM	PD	28-04-2026	04.00 PM

CHIEF ARBITER

Mr. Dhanasekaran. V

International Arbitrer

DEPUTY CHIEF ARBITER

Mrs. Janani. J

International Arbitrer

TOURNAMENT COORDINATORS

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Mr. Hemnath. V - 81241 26464

VENUE COORDINATORS

Ms. Sudharshana. M.V - 72002 42268

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ELIGIBILITY: Subject to Age Stipulation

- 1 Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate
- 2 Every affiliated District Chess Association / Special Unit of TNSCA is entitled to field two entries in each category. Only Tamil Nadu players are eligible to participate.
- 3 The TNSCA General Secretary can nominate one entry.
- 4 The top four rankers from TN State Under – 07 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Villupuram.
- 5 The champion from TN State Under – 09 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Trichy.
- 6 The host CHE (Chennai District Chess Association) is entitled to field one additional entry in each category.
- 7 Any players who pay the prescribed entry fee: Open & Girls - Rs.1200/- may be considered for participation with recommendation of the respective District Chess Association.
- 8 In the event of odd entry, the host Chennai DCA is entitled add one more entry to make total number as even in each category.
- 9 Those who have qualified to represent the country in official FIDE events.
- 10 Any Current National Champion in any category is to be seeded to All State Championships subject to age stipulation.
- 11 In addition to above the following Districts can field additional entries by virtue of three medal winners (Gold, Silver and Bronze) secured by their players in the last Tamil Nadu State Under – 07 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Villupuram
Boys: Gold (3) – Cuddalore, Silver (2) & Bronze (1) – Chennai.
Girls: Gold (3) – Tirupur, Silver (2) – Namakkal & Bronze (1) – Chennai.
- 12 All GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs are eligible to play as seeded players in the eligible category

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Age Eligibility:

Those born on or after 01.01.2019 are eligible to participate. Age proof is required. Certificate should be from the Panchayat/Municipality or corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without the date of birth certificate will not be allowed to participate. As per the rules of AICF, only players whose dates of birth are registered within one year of their birth are permitted to take part in respective age group State/ Nationals. Other country passport holders shall not be allowed to participate in the State Chess Championship.

Boarding & Lodging:

Lodging will be provided to seeded/selected players and one manager per team near venue as first preference. Only one accompanying person is allowed. Players are requested to bring their own beddings. Seeded/Selected players are requested to confirm the accommodation while sending entry. Male & female will be provided a separate accommodation irrespective of age. Canteen facilities are available on payment basis at the school premises itself.

TNSCA Player Registration:

TNSCA player registration is compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players. TNSCA Player Registration fee is Rs.150/- for the year 2026 – 2027. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that TNSCA players registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament. For renewing TNSCA player registration of existing players, please click <https://registration.tamilchess.com/>

For fresh TNSCA registration please click <https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/>

For fresh TNSCA registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address ready before the registration process.

Note : Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Chennai District Player Registration:

Chennai DCA Registration fee is Rs.75/- for the year 2026 – 2027 (for Chennai players only)

Default Time:

Default time is 15 minutes. Players have to be at the boards within 15 minutes from the start of the round.

Rules:

FIDE rules in force shall apply.

System of play:

The Tournament shall be conducted on a nine rounds Swiss System.

Time Control:

60 minutes each plus 30 seconds increment from the move one.

Tie-break

Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn Berger Direct encounter, number of wins (forfeit included) & Number of wins with Black pieces tie-break rules will be applied. In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.

Wrist Watches

AICF has banned the wrist watches while playing in FIDE Rated events. Players are instructed not to wear wrist watches while playing. It will lead to loss of the game.

Appeals Committee:

An Appeals Committee comprising five members, three main members plus two reserves members will be formed at the managers meeting. All the members and reserves shall be from different districts. No member of the committee can vote on dispute in which a player from his own district is involved and in such case(s), the reserve member takes his/her place. The decision of the appeals committee is final and binding on all players concerned.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Tournament Committee:

The tournament committee consisting of the General Secretary, TNSCA or his representative, the host Chennai DCA Secretary or his representative and representative from another district to be nominated by the TNSCA shall decide on all emergency matters

Protest:

Protest, if any against the decision of the Chief arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/- within 15 minutes of the completion of the game. The decisions of the appeals committee shall be final and binding on all concerned. The protest fee is a refundable one if the protest is upheld.

Withdrawals:

A player may withdraw from the tournament at any stage after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.

Arrears:

The players belonging to Districts which are in arrears to TNSCA will not be allowed to take part.

Rights of Admission:

The TNSCA/organizer Chennai DCA reserves the rights of admission to the venue and lodging place.

Silence in the Tournament Hall:

Strict silence must be observed in the Tournament Hall. Players who have finished their games shall not remain in the tournament hall. Players shall not analyse the game in the tournament hall.

Instruction to the District Chess Associations:

While sending the entries, District Chess Associations should certify that the players have been duly selected from the selection/District Chess Championship giving details of venue and date. If such a certificate is not sent, all their entries will be treated as special entries.

THE PREVIOUS WINNERS LIST

S.No.	Year	City	Boys	Girls
1	1989	Not held		
2	1990	Pollachi	Nithya	Suganya
3	1991	Salem	M.Guru Prasanna	Mimi vallabai
4	1992	Madurai	S.Karthick	P Sumathi
5	1993	Madurai	C.Praveen Kumar	P.N.Harini
6	1994	Madurai	P.Karthikeyan	M.Pryadarshini
7	1995	Madurai	R.Siddharth	M.Priyadarshini
8	1996	Salem	T.Abhay	Rajadarshini
9	1997	Kanyakumari	R.Ananth	V.J.Janani
10	1998	Nagercoil	J.J.ValePrasadh	
11	1999	Chennai	S.Nithin	M.Kushboo
12	2000	Devakottai	N.Srinath	C.H.Savetha
13	2001	Chennai	I.Aquino	J Mohana priya
14	2002	Tirupur	N.D.Rakeshkumar	V.Aishwarya
15	2003	Tiruchengode	J.Eshwanth Dev Kumar	G. Uma bharathi
16	2004	Saranya CC	M.Vasantharubavarman	M.Mahalakshmi
17	2005	Emmanuel CC	B.Kumaran	U.Ashwini
18	2006	Salem	B.Vignesh	S.Bharkavi
19	2007	Selaiyur	R.Adhithya	M.A.Latheckasai
20	2008	Chennai	A.RaHarikrishnan	S.Shashini
21	2009	Casle CA	R.Dileep Kumar	M.Tejasvi
22	2010	Erode	L.N.Ram Aravind	C.Lakshmi
23	2011	Trichy	M.Aditya	B.S.Samyuktha
24	2012	Tirupur	R.Praggnanandhaa	Rakshittaravi
25	2013	Trichy	M.Pranesh	Ms.Darsana
26	2014	Hosur	H.Bharathsubramaniyam	B.Savitha shri
27	2015	Erode	S.As swath	C.Kanishkaa
28	2016	Tiruvallur	A.R.Ilamparthi	R.M.Sai Neha
29	2017	Salem	Aakash G	Vidula Anbuselvan
30	2018	Chennai	Adharsh K	Lakshana Subramanian
31	2019	Salem	Sarvesh G	SreekarthikaVelmurugan
32	2020	COVID-19		
33	2021	COVID-19		
34	2022	Tiruvarur	Krithik M	Sharvaanica A
35	2023	Villupuram	Kavish Palniappan K	Sukriti Rhea S
36	2024	TIRUNELVELI	Inba Dhinesh Babu	Aaranya R
37	2025	Villupuram	Maithik N	Yaazhisai B
38	2026	Chennai	It might be you	It might be you

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Mr. Ganesan K - Vice President, TNSCA,
Ms. Ponmathi K.S. Sr.principal.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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Tournament Director

Mr. M.A Velayudham,
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