



38th TAMIL NADU STATE UNDER-13 OPEN & GIRLS FIDE RATED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2026

(AICF Event Code: 467456/467457/TN(S)/2026 & TNSCA APPROVAL No. SO-09/DPI/26-27)

Organized by

**VIVEKANANDA CHESS ACADEMY, DHARMAPURI &
SRI VIJAY VIDYALAYA MATRIC. HR. SEC. SCHOOL (BOYS)**

On behalf of

**DHARMAPURI DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION
TAMIL NADU STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION**

Date : 20.05.2026 to 24.05.2026

**Venue : SRI VIJAY VIDYALAYA MATRICULATION HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL (BOYS),
Pennagaram Main Road, Dharmapuri.**



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**Total
Cash
Prizes**

Rs. 50,000/-

(Rs.25,000/- for Open & Rs.25,000/- for Girls)

**Entry
Fee**

Normal (District Selected)

Entry Fee: **Rs.500/-**

Special Entry Fee: **Rs.1200/-**

Prizes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 to 10
Boys	Rs.5000/-	Rs.4000/-	Rs.3500/-	Rs.3000/-	Rs.2500/-	Rs.2000/-	Rs.1250/-
Girls	Rs.5000/-	Rs.4000/-	Rs.3500/-	Rs.3000/-	Rs.2500/-	Rs.2000/-	Rs.1250/-

Age Category Special Prize 20 Trophies for U08,U10 **5 Prizes** in Each Category Boys & Girls Separate
All Under-07 Participants Will get Trophies.

Tournament Schedule

20-05-2026	Arrival	08.00 AM	22-05-2026	5 th Round	09.30 AM
	Managers Meeting & Inauguration:	09.30 AM		6 th Round	03.00 PM
20-05-2026	1 st Round	11.00 AM	23-05-2026	7 th Round	09.30 AM
	2 nd Round	04.00 PM		8 th Round	03.00 PM
21-05-2026	3 rd Round	09.30 AM	24-05-2026	9 th Round	09.00 AM
	4 th Round	03.00 PM		Prize Distribution	03.00 PM

Entries can be paid through :

<https://registration.tamilchess.com/online-entry/>

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Rules and Regulations

Age Eligibility:

Those born on or after 01.01.2013 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 at college hostel campus as first preference. For special entry players rooms are subject to availability. Only one accompanying person is allowed. (with common rest room). 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 college premises itself.

AICF Player Registration:

AICF player registration is compulsory for all players. AICF Player Registration fee is Rs.300/- for the year 2026-2027. AICF player registrations will be accepted only through online. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Championship). For renewing AICF registration of existing players, please click <http://aicf.in/players/> and click extend membership. For (New)

Fresh AICF registration please click <http://aicf.in/online-player-registration/> For fresh AICF registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address(unique) not used by any other person/ player for AICF, ready before the registration process.

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

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.

Dharmapuri District Player Registration:

Dharmapuri DCA Registration fee is Rs.75/- for the year 2026 – 2027 (for Dharmapuri district 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:

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

Tie-break Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn Berger Direct encounter, and 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.

Chess Clocks:

Each association is requested to provide at least two chess clocks for every four players.

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 plus two reserves 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.

Tournament Committee:

The tournament committee consisting of the General Secretary, TNSCA or his representative, the host Dharmapuri 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 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 DPI 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.

Certificate:

Participation E-certificates to all participants will be issued only by TNSCA after the completion of the championships.

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-13 Chess Championship. Hence participation in this State Championship is COMPULSORY.

Note to District Chess Associations: Advise all your U-13 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 12.05.2026. No entry will be entertained after 12.05.2026.

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.

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.
3. The TNSCA General Secretary can nominate one entry.
4. The top four rankers from TN State Under – 13 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Ramanathapuram.
5. The champion from TN State Under – 11 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Tiruvallur.
6. The host DPI DCA (Dharmapuri District Chess Association) is entitled to field one additional entries.
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 Dharmapuri 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 – 13 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Dharmapuri
Girls: Gold (3) – Trichy, Silver (2) – Tiruvallur & Bronze (1) – Madurai.
Open: Gold (3) – Chengalpattu, Silver (2) – Chennai & Bronze (1) – Tiruvallur.
12. All GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs are eligible to play as seeded players in the eligible category

Chief Arbiter: **Mr.Athulan S, IA**

Deputy Chief Arbiter: **Mr.Anand A, IA**

DHARMAPURI DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS

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Best Wishes

Mr.D.C.Elangovan, Chairman,
Sri Vijay Vidyalaya Group of Institutions &
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mr.P.STEPHEN BALASAMY - General Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Chess Association.

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Tournament Committee:

Mrs.Mahalakshmi M | Mr.Silambarasan P | Mr. Prathap M | Mr.Vadamalai S
Mrs.Aishwarya V | Mrs.Menaka K

THE PREVIOUS WINNERS LIST

Year	City	Boys	Girls	Year	City	Boys	Girls
1989	Coimbatore	T.N.Murall	M.Safira Shanaz	2007	Palani	M.Hariharasudan	J.Mohanapriya
1990	Pollachi	V.Krishnakumar or Asif Mohammed	M.Safira Shanaz	2008	Rajapalayam	Vasantharubavarmam	J.Vaishnavi
1991	Salem	S.Vinit Kumar	M.Safira Shanaz	2009	Coimbatore	G.Akash	P.Michelle Catherina
1992	Madurai	G.Vinod	R.Anita	2010	Madipakkam	Karthikeyan Murali	M.Mahalakshmi
1993	Madurai	VMS.Lenin	M.Sigappi	2011	Salem	B.Kumaran	R.Dharani Sree
1994	Madurai	TV.Karthikeyan	PL.Sivagami	2012	Karur	B.Vignesh	R.Valshall
1995	Madurai	R.R.Laxman	M.R.Sangeetha	2013	Tiruvarur	R.Prajesh	D. Meera
1996	Selalalur	K.Dwarak	S.Sasi Rekha	2014	Kanyakumari	V S Rathavel	A.Harshini
1997	Coimbatore	R.R.Laxman	Beulah Alagammai	2015	Hosur	H.Balasubramaniam	L.Jyothisna
1998	Chennai	S.Poobesh Anand	J.E.Kavitha	2016	Tirupur	Harshavardhan G B	Poorna Sri M.K
1999	Sivakasi	S.Poobesh Anand	C.Delphin	2017	Namakkal	H.Balasubramaniam	L.Jyothisna
2000	Chennai	R.S.Prassanna	M.Kasthuri	2018	Coimbatore	Vignesh.N	Mohana.R
2001	Salem	M.K.Narasimhan	R.Mahima	2019	Krishnagiri	Nikhil Magizhnan	Akshaya Rajaraman
2002	Tiruvallur	S.Arun Prasad	L.Ishwarya Shobana	2021	Tirunelveli	Aswath S	Pragnya H G
2002	Madurai	Sa.Kannan	J.Rajasurya	2022	Erode	Aakash G	Siyona Judith C
2003	Karaikudi	R.Prem Nath	H.Sowmya	2023	Sivagangai	Vignesh, Kannan P	Nivedita V C
2004	Chennai	P.Syaam Nolhil	A.Seethalatchmi	2024	Thanjavur	Pranav, Ganesh Prabhu	Nivedita V C
2005	Tirunelveli	M.Shyam Sundar	Pon.N.Krithika	2025	Ramnad	Sai Abhinav Kuchibhotla	Pavithra R V
2006	Chennai	K.Priyadarshan	J.Saranya	2026	Dharmapuri	It might be you	It might be you

BEST COMPLIMENTS, DHARMAPURI DISTRICT

Dr.J.Balaji, Pediatrician and Neonatologist TR Child & New Born Health Care Clinic, Dharmapuri

Dr.D.G.Umashankar, Pediatrician, Sri Annai Hospital, Dharmapuri

Mr R.Sriprasath, Secretary, Sri Venkateshwara & Sri Lakshmi Narayan Group of Institutions, Dharmapuri

Dr.K.Saroja, Vijaya Poly Clinic, Kadathur
M.P.Karthikeyan, Vel Khadi Bhavan, Kadathur

Dr.R.Shankaranath, M.D(R.D) FRCR(UK)
Consultant Radiologist, Shankar Scans, Dharmapuri

Dr.J.Anand, President, Sakthi Chess Academy, Harur
Dr.M.Arun Kumar, M.D.(S) Kurinji Siddha Clinic,DPI.

Mr.S.Ramesh, B.T Asst., Dharmapuri
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Dental Surgeon & Consultant Oral & Maxillofacial Pathologists & Implantologist.
Rakshan Dental Speciality Clinic

Dr.V.Arun Kumar,MBBS.,MD.,(Gen Med),
Royal Hospital, Krishnagiri.

Mr.Karthikeyan Mani, Manager, CRO,
Mr. Prabakaran, Sri Sai Traders, Dharmapuri.

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FOOD & ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for Seeded and Selected Players:

Free Dormitory Accommodation in Dorm Type Bed With cot attached Bathroom for boys (Boys Hostel) & Girls (Girls Hostel)

Accommodation for Special Entry Players & All the Accompanying Person:
To pay Rs.300/- Per day, Total amount 5Days Rs.1500/- Per Person dormitory accommodation in Dorm Type Bed With cot attached both room for boys (Boys Hostel) & Girls (Girls Hostel)

Food Type: 20.05.2026 Breakfast to 24.05.2026 Lunch Rs.1250/- Per Person to all.

Note:

- 1.Limited Accommodation for special entry and accompanying person
- 2.Mandatory filling of Google form for food and accommodation all the type of persons.
- 3.Accommodation From 19th May evening after 6.00pm upto 24th May Morning 9.00 am .

<https://forms.gle/Btps84SSddNiFosT8>

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Food and Accommodation



Contact Details: Mr.Rajasekaran P, secretary, DDCA - 8973 773 773



Tournament Hall



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Accommodation