

MEPCO SPORTS ACADEMY

1ST INTERNATIONAL FIDE RATED OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

AICF EVENT CODE: 472436/TN/2026

TNSCA APPROVAL NO: RO-11/VNR/26-27



VENUE

MEPCO SCHLENK ENGINEERING COLLEGE

(SIVAKASI - VIRUDHUNAGAR ROAD)

SIVAKASI - 626 005. TAMIL NADU

17.06.2026 to 21.06.2026

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: Rs. 5,00,000/-

FIRST PRIZE
Rs.70,000/-

TOTAL PRIZES
175



Organized by

Mepco Schlenk Engineering College, Sivakasi



Sivakasi Chess Sparklers, Sivakasi

Tournament Director

Dr.S.Arivazhagan

Principal, Mepco Schlenk Engg. College

Organizing Secretary

Mr.N.Narendran Kamak

Sivakasi Chess Sparklers, Sivakasi.

Contact : 9843426884

ENTRY FEE

RATING	ENTRY FEE
RATED BELOW 1799 & UNRATED	Rs. 2250
RATED ABOVE 1800 & VNR DISTRICT	Rs. 2000
For GMs, IMs, WGMs & WIMs	FREE

Early bird offer of **Rs. 250/-off** will be provided
for entries before 06.06.2026

For details mail to: mepcosportsacademy@gmail.com

Main Prizes		Rating 1400-1599		Rating 1600-1799		Rating 1800-1999		Unrated		VNR District	
1	70000+T	1	10000+T	1	10000+T	1	10000+T	1	5000	1	5000
2	50000+T	2	7000+T	2	7000+T	2	7000+T	2	4000	2	4000
3	35000+T	3	5000+T	3	5000+T	3	5000+T	3	3500	3	3500
4	20000	4	4000	4	4000	4	4000	4	3000	4	3000
5	15000	5	3500	5	3500	5	3500	5	2500	5	2500
6	13000	6	3000	6	3000	VETERAN 1. 5000 2. 3500		Best Women (Age above 15) 1. 2500		Best Differently Abled Player 1. 2500	
7	11000	7-14	2500	7-14	2500						
8	10000	Age Category Prizes									
9	9000	Category	Boys (Open)	Girls (Open)	Boys (VNR District)				Girls (VNR District)		
10	8000	Under 8	10 Cups	5 Cups	5 Cups				3 Cups		
11	7000	Under 10	10 Cups	5 Cups	5 Cups				3 Cups		
12	6000	Under 12	10 Cups	5 Cups	5 Cups				3 Cups		
13	5000	Under 15	10 Cups	5 Cups	5 Cups				3 Cups		
14	4000	Youngest player of the Tournament - 1 Cup									
15	3000	* Those born before 01.01.1966 are eligible for Veteran Prizes.									
16-35	2500	* All prize winners are required to attend the prize distribution function.									
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Entry & Payment Details

Entries must be submitted on or before 6:00 p.m. on 13 June 2026. The entry fee may be paid through any of the following platforms: signinchess.com, chessfee.com, easypaychess.com, or circlechess.com

Rules and Regulations

System of Play	The Latest FIDE Rules in force shall apply and the Swiss system will be followed.
Mode of Tournament	Total 9 rounds shall be played.
Time Control	90 minutes each + 30 seconds increment per move from move no.1.
Tie break	Buchholz Cut-1, Buchholz, Sonneborn-Berger, Direct encounter number of wins (forfeit included) and number of wins with black tiebreak systems. In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.
Default Time	15 Minutes.
AICF Player Registration	- AICF player registration is compulsory for all Indian players. AICF player registration fee is Rs.300/- for the year 2026-2027. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). - For renewing AICF registration of existing players, please click http://aicf.in/players/ - For 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, birth certificate and a valid email address (unique) not used by any other person/ player for FIDE, ready before the registration process. Note: Only passport size (less than 1MB) 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.

Virudhunagar
District Player
Registration

Protests

Appeals
Committee

Withdrawals

Last date

Rights of
Admission

Electronic
Devices

VDCA registration fee is **Rs.50/-** for the year 2026 – 2027 (for Virudhunagar district players only)

Protests if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with protest fee of Rs.1000/- within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident to the appeals committee. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

Before the commencement of the tournament, appeals committee will be formed from the senior participants present at the players meeting. The appeals committee decisions will be final and binding on all players concerned.

A player may withdraw at any stage of the event, after informing the chief arbiter in writing.

Entries close at 6.00P.M on 13.06.2026.

The AICF/ TNSCA/Virudhunagar DCA/organizer Sivakasi Chess Sparklers and Mepco Schlenk Engineering college reserve the rights of admission to the venue.

As per AICF Regulations all the electronics devices are restricted while playing in FIDE rated events. They may be kept in separate bag in switch off mode. Possession of any kind of watch is forbidden.

Lodging & Boarding Details

Single / Shared Room Hostel accommodation will be provided along with quality food, at a cost of **Rs. 1,250/-** per person for 5 days. Players are requested to bring their own bedding. Payment for accommodation, including food, must be made directly on the day of arrival. Those who require accommodation must fill out the Google Form <https://forms.gle/RuUALyFb7QmbyGd28> For GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs A/C double sharing room will be provided at the cost of organizers.

All participants
MUST be registered with
AICF before they participate in the
tournament.

Entries to be filled through

Google form only

The last date of Entry **13.06.2026**

<https://forms.gle/RuUALyFb7QmbyGd28>

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Chief Arbiter

Prof. R. Anantharam, IA

ROUND SCHEDULE

17.06.26 (Wednesday)	09.00 A.M 10.00 A.M 10.30 A.M 03.30 P.M	Players Arrival Inauguration Round 1 Round 2
18.06.26 (Thursday)	09.30 A.M 03.00 P.M	Round 3 Round 4
19.06.26 (Friday)	09.30 A.M 03.00 P.M	Round 5 Round 6
20.06.26 (Saturday)	09.30 A.M 03.00 P.M	Round 7 Round 8
21.06.26 (Sunday)	09.30 A.M 03.30 P.M	Round 9 Prize Distribution

The college is located at 11 Kms from Sivakasi & 15 Kms from Virudhunagar.



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