



**24<sup>th</sup> TN State Under – 25 Open**

**& 21<sup>st</sup> TN State Under – 25 Girls Chess Championship 2026**

**TNSCA Approval No: SO-13/RAN/26-27**

**ORGANIZED BY**

**RANIPET DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION**

on behalf of

**Tamil Nadu State Chess Association**

**Venue:**

**The Town Hall,  
Stuartpet, Arakkonam-631001, Ranipet District.**

**15.07.2026 to 19.07.2026**

**Total Cash Prizes: Rs.30,000/-**

**(Rs.15,000 for open & Rs.15,000 for girls)**

Prizes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Men	3000	2250	1750	1500	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Women	3000	2250	1750	1500	1500	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000

**Normal (District Selected) Entry Fee: Rs.800/-**

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

**Entries can be paid through :**

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

**Note to District Chess Associations: Advise all your U-25 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 07.07.2026. No entry will be entertained after 07.07.2026.**

Entries / Entry fee : All entries (normal or special) should be paid only through online portal (<https://registration.tamilchess.com/online-entry/>) along with the copy of date of birth certificate for verification. Payments made through other modes will not be accepted. Player's participation will be accepted only after obtaining the recommendations from their concern district chess association. The entry fee, once paid, shall not be refunded if the withdrawal from the championship is done after the publication of the first-round pairings.

<b>Tournament Schedule</b>					
<b>Arrival: 15.07.2026 at 08.00 AM</b>			<b>Managers Meeting and Inauguration: 15.07.2026 at 9.30 AM</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Round</b>	<b>15.07.2026</b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	<b>17.07.2026</b>	<b>03.00 PM</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>	<b>15.07.2026</b>	<b>04.00 PM</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	<b>18.07.2026</b>	<b>09.30 AM</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Round</b>	<b>16.07.2026</b>	<b>09.30 AM</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	<b>18.07.2026</b>	<b>03.00 PM</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	<b>16.07.2026</b>	<b>03.00 PM</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	<b>19.07.2026</b>	<b>09.30 PM</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	<b>17.07.2026</b>	<b>09.30 AM</b>	<b>P D</b>	<b>19.07.2026</b>	<b>03.00 PM</b>

<b>Chief Arbiter: Mr. Banel Andross J, International Arbiter</b>		
<b>Deputy Chief Arbiter: Mrs. Kaviya S, FIDE Arbiter</b>		
<b>Tournament Coordinators</b>		<b>Venue Coordinators</b>
<b>Mr. S. Cholavandan, Secretary, RAN DCA</b>	<b>Mr. A. Vijayakumar, Treasurer, RAN DCA</b>	<b>Mr. N. Saravanan, President, RAN DCA</b>

<b>Eligibility: Subject to Age Stipulation</b>	
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 in this championship
3	The TNSCA General Secretary can nominate one entry.
4	The top four rankers from TN State Under – 25 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Chengalpattu are seeded to respective category.
5	The championship of TN State Under – 19 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Tirupattur are seeded for respectively category.
6	The host RAN DCA (Ranipet 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 Ranipet 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 TN State Under – 25 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2024 held at Cuddalore. Boys: Gold (3) – Chennai + Silver (2) – Coimbatore & Bronze (1) – Tiruvanmalai Girls: Gold (3) + Silver (2) – Chennai & Bronze (1) – Madurai
12	All GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs are eligible to play as seeded players in the eligible category

## Rules and Regulations:

Age Eligibility	Those who are <b><u>born on or after 01<sup>st</sup> January 2001</u></b> 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. Other country passport holders shall not be allowed to participate in the State Chess Championship.
Lodging & Boarding:	<b>Lodging will be provided to seeded/selected players and one manager per team at the tournament venue 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.</b> <b>Seeded/Selected players are requested to confirm the accommodation while sending entry. Male &amp; female will be provided a separate accommodation irrespective of age. Canteen facilities are available on payment basis at the tournament venue itself.</b>
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 <a href="https://registration.tamilchess.com/">https://registration.tamilchess.com/</a> For fresh TNSCA registration please click <a href="https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/">https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/</a> 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.
Ranipet DCA Player's Registration:	<b>Ranipet DCA Registration fee is Rs.75/- for the year 2026 – 2027 (for Ranipet district players only). Ranipet DCA Registration fee can be paid through <a href="https://easypaychess.com/membership.asp">https://easypaychess.com/membership.asp</a>.</b>
Default time:	Default time is 15 minutes. Players have to be at the boards within 15 minutes of 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) tie-break rules will be applied. In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.
Wrist Watches	As per the AICF regulations, all sort of wrist watches are prohibited 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 of five members, three main members and two reserves members will be formed at the managers meeting. All the members and reserves shall be from different districts. No member of committee can vote on dispute in which a player from his own district/states is involved and in such case(s), the reserve member takes his 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 Ranipet 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 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 /RAN DCA organizer reserve the rights of admission to the venue and lodging.
Participation certificate	E-certificates to all participants will be issued only by TNSCA after the completion of the championships.

<b>Instruction to the District Chess Associations:</b>	<b>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.</b>
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#### Organising Coordinators

**Dr. S. Pannirselvam, MBBS, DLO. Mr. N. Saravanan, Mr. S. Cholavandan,**  
 General Secretary, The Town Hall, President, RAN DCA Secretary, RAN DCA

#### Advisory Committee:

**Mr. P. Stephen Balasamy, General Secretary, TNSCA**  
**Mr. V. Jothiprakasam, Joint Secretary, TNSCA**

### RANIPET DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION

#### Office Bearers

<b>Mr. N. Saravanan, President</b> <b>Mr. A. Abdulkareem, Vice President</b> <b>Mrs. S. Indumathi, Vice President</b> <b>Mr. A. Vijayakumar, Treasurer,</b> <b>Mr. S. Sivakumar, Joint Treasurer,</b>	<b>Mr. S. Cholavandan, Secretary</b> <b>Mr. A. Murugesan, Joint Secretary</b> <b>Mr. K. Baskaran, Joint Secretary</b> <b>Mrs. D. Thamaraiselvi, Joint Secretary</b> <b>Mr. D. Sathish, EC Member</b>
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#### Tournament Committee :

<b>Mr. A. Abdulkareem</b> <b>Mr. A. Murugesan</b> <b>Mr. M. Mohanasundaram</b> <b>Mr. B. Sankar</b>	<b>Mr. D.M. Subash Sankar</b> <b>Mr. V. Sankaran</b> <b>Mr. N. Srinivasan</b> <b>Mr. A. Vinothkumar</b>
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#### Accommodation for Seeded and Selected Players: Free

Unfurnished dormitory type of lodging will be provided to seeded / selected players and one manager per team. (Nominated by the district association). Players are requested to bring their own beddings.

All other entries and accompanying persons have to arrange accommodation of their own. Many lodges available near the tournament venue at affordable cost.

**Food:** Canteen Facility is available inside the tournament venue. Food is available on Payment basis. Many hotels also available near the tournament venue.

**Tournament director : Mr. S. Cholavandan, Secretary, RAN DCA, 9698939993.**