



Asian Junior Open & Girls Chess Championships 2026

16th to 26th August 2026, India

Invitation

The All India Chess Federation under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE invites National Chess Federations of Asia to participate in the Asia Junior Open & Girls Chess Championships 2026 to be held from 16th to 26th August 2026 in India.

Participation

1. Entitled to participate are Chess players from Chess Federations affiliated to the Asian Chess Federation. The participants must not have reached their 20th birthday, respectively, before January 1st, 2026.

1.1 Each country may register one official player each and any number of additional players to participate in the U-20 championships for Boys and Girls.

Under 20: Born on or after 1st January 2006.

1.2 The players placed 1-3 in the Asian Junior Open & Girls Championship-2025 and the Asian Open and Girls Under-18 Champions of 2025 will have personal right and will be accepted as official players if they fulfil the condition of Article 1,1.

1.3 In case there are fewer than ten players and five federations in a category both events shall be merged.

1.4 For eligibility of Indian players, please contact the All India Chess Federation via indianchessfed@gmail.com.

Playing Schedule

2.1 The Championships will be played according to the Swiss System of 9 rounds in Standard format and 7 rounds each in Rapid & Blitz formats or round robin for 8-10 players in all formats as below schedule:

Day No.	Day	Date	Type	Rounds	Time
Day 1	Sunday	16-08-2026	Arrival	---	---
Day 2	Monday	17-08-2026	Technical meeting	---	09:30
			Opening ceremony	---	
			Blitz	All rounds in one day	10:00
			Rapid	Round 1	16:00
Day 3	Tuesday	18-08-2026	Rapid	Rounds 2 to 7	10:00
Day 4	Wednesday	19-08-2026	Standard	Round 1	15:00
Day 5	Thursday	20-08-2026		Round 2	09:30
				Round 3	15:30
Day 6	Friday	21-08-2026		Round 4	15:00
Day 7	Saturday	22-08-2026		Round 5	15:00
Day 8	Sunday	23-08-2026		Round 6	09:30
				Round 7	15:30
Day 9	Monday	24-08-2026		Round 8	15:00
Day 10	Tuesday	25-08-2026		Round 9	10:00
			Closing ceremony	---	16:00
Day 11	Wednesday	26-08-2026	Departure	---	---

Playing Conditions

3. The tournament will be played according to the rules of play of FIDE.

3.1 The games shall be played using electronic clocks. The time control is 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1. Forfeit time is 30 minutes.

3.2. Time control for Rapid Chess is 15 minutes plus 10 second increment per move from move 1.

3.3 Time control for Blitz chess is 3 minutes plus 2 second increment per move from move 1.

3.4 According to FIDE regulations, players from the same federation may play each other in the last round.

Chief Arbiter and his Assistants

4. The Asian Chess Federation President will - after consultation with the organizing Federation - nominate the Chief Arbiter, as well as the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials.

4.1 The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Asian Chess Federation, issue additional written regulations to inform the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

4.2 Protests/ appeals, including protests, against a decision of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within fifteen minutes after completion of the relevant game. A protest shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of \$200 or its equivalent in local currency. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned; otherwise it shall be forfeited to the organizing Federation. No protests/ Appeals will be entertained for Rapid and Blitz and Chief Arbiters decision is final there.

Appeals Committee

5. The Technical Delegate who will be the Chairman of appeals shall be nominated by the Asian Chess Federation President in consultation with the organizing federation. Two other members and two reserves, all from different Federations, were chosen from among the representatives of the National Federations present.

5.1 No member of the committee shall have the right to decide on questions concerning his own federation. In such cases the member concerned shall have the right only to partake in the discussions of the committee.

Designation of the winners

6.1 The order of the players is determined according to the number of points obtained. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied, the tie shall be broken by the tiebreak systems in the following order:

a) Direct Encounter

b) The greater number of wins (forfeits counted)

c) Buchholz Cut 2,

d) Buchholz Cut 1

e) Blitz Match or tournament between tied players only on the top spot.

6.2 In case the above still does not produce a decision, it shall be decided by a draw of lots.

Titles and Awards

7.1 A minimum number of federations for Direct titles in standard chess is 5 federations per category and the minimum number of participants is ten. (kindly refer <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B012024>)

7.2 Direct titles shall be awarded for Standard Chess in accordance with FIDE handbook <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2026>. Gold medalists shall be awarded a grandmaster norm and the title of international master (IM) (for women a WGM norm and the Woman International Master (WIM) title. Players who score same number of points as that of the champion will also get the IM/WIM title. Otherwise, the silver & bronze medal winners shall be awarded the IM/WIM norm, in addition to FIDE Master (FM)/Woman FIDE Master (WFM) title. For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time or other a minimum rating as follows: IM 2200 WIM 2000 FM 2100 WFM 1900

Accommodation

8.1 All players should stay at the official five/ four star hotels booked by the organizers. The cost of full board and lodging per day to be paid to the Organizing Committee as given below:

Single occupancy per person per day	Double occupancy per person per day	Triple occupancy per person per day
160 USD	120 USD	80 USD

8.2 The official players for one player each, per section from a country will be accommodated in Double/ Triple rooms on the organizers' account. If any player needs a room upgrade, the difference should be paid by the participant.

8.3 The venue is ITC Maratha in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

Registration and Fees

9.1 The Federation should send the intention of participation with the number of contingent (including players, officials, and accompanying persons) by 15th July 2026. Please submit the completed registration form and passport copies by 31st July 2026, the deadline of registration. Late registration can be accepted till 7th August 2026 with USD 100 additional fee.

9.2 A registration fee to the Organizing Committee of USD 110 is required for every participant (player official or accompanying person). This amount must be paid to the Organizing Committee at the time of registration.

9.3 An entry fee for every official player is USD 75 and an additional Player is USD 150 including participation into STD, RPD & BLITZ. This must be paid to the Organizing Committee at the time of registration.

9.4 A digital scan of the passport and ID photo of each player and each accompanying person must be sent by email to the Organizing Committee. All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their National Federation.

9.5 Payments should be made to:

A/c name – Maharashtra Chess Association

Bank & Branch – Kotak Mahindra Bank, SB Road, Pune

Current A/c No. – 1146360584

IFSC Code – KKBK0001779

SWIFT Code – KKBKINBB

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