



h2e Maharashtra State Selection Under 17 Open & Girls Fide Rating Chess Championship 2026



AICF Event Code: 484274/MH(S)/2026 & 484275/MH(S)/2026



Event Date - 26th June to 28th June, 2026

Organized by - Mumbai Suburban District Chess Association (MSDCA)

Under the Aegis of - FIDE, MCA & AICF

Venue – Swami Vivekanand Internation School, MG Cross Road No. 1, Kandivali, Gokul Nagari, Kandivali West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400067

Maps - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/pFDzQ4wT3JhkvW7a9>

- 1. Invitation** - Mumbai Suburban District Chess Association, under the auspices of Maharashtra Chess Association have the honor to invite players from all the MCA affiliated District Chess Associations from Maharashtra to participate in the H2e Power Systems Maharashtra State Under 17 Open & Girls Fide Rating Chess Championship 2026
- 2. Recognition** - The Championship is held under the Auspices of MCA, AICF and FIDE. The said Championship will serve as the selection event for the National Championship 2027.
- 3. Eligibility Criteria** –

Only the players apt in to the following conditions are eligible to play the said chess championship.

- Born or and after – 1st January, 2009
- All entries should be strictly routed through the respective District Association affiliated with MCA
- Each District Association is entitled to field 2 players in Open & 2

in Girls from their district.

- Additional seats for last year's Medals Winner are as follows:
Open - Pune - 3; Mumbai Sub. - 2; Satara – 1
Girls - Chh. Sambhajinagar - 4; Kolhapur. - 2
- 'Selected Player' means the player selected from the respective District Selection Events. Beside the above, the district association may enter an unlimited number of players as a Donor Entry.
- Players have rating above 1800 are exempted from taking part in this championship.

4. Selection of Maharashtra Team:

- Top 2 Players from Boys and Girls will be selected to represent Maharashtra State in the forthcoming Under 17 Open and Girls National Chess Championship 2026. Players participating in this championship will only be allowed to participate in National Chess Championship. Additional Information about extra seat will be shared in technical meeting/ prize distribution ceremony in the tournament hall.
- Participation in this Championship is compulsory if any player wishes to take part in National Championship 2026.
- If any player wishes to Skip the State Selection and directly take part in National Championship 2025 then he/she will have to pay a non-refundable privilege fee of Rs. 3,500/- to MCA

5. Date of Birth Certificates:

- Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. School ID / Aadhar Card won't be accepted as DOB Proof. Certificates should preferably be from the Panchayat, Municipality or Corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without date of birth certificates will not be allowed to participate
- The date of birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate.
- If any doubt arises about the claimed age of a player, the Tournament Committee has the right to refer the player during the championship for a due evaluation of age by competent medical experts. A player if declared over age by such experts shall not

continue in the championship and the matter shall be reported to AICF. Protest about the age of players may be made to the Chief Arbiter in writing along with a fee of 5000/- per player. This will not be refunded. No protest about over age of a player will be entertained after 2nd round of the championship

6. Entry fee, Mode of Payment, Last Date & Submission of Entries:

Registration & Entry fee:

District Selected Player: Rs. 1,000/-

Donor Entry: Rs. 2,000/-

Link:

https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/Registration/registration_form.php

Last Date and Time: 24th June 2026, 7:00 pm

If any player wishes to withdraw his/her name from the championship then they will have to do so by informing MCA via email (maharashtrchessassociation@gmail.com) before the pairing of round 1 is done.

The entry fee once paid shall not be refunded if the withdrawal from Championship is done after the publication of first round pairings.

7. AICF/MCA Registration:

All the participants must be registered with AICF for the year 2026-2027. Online AICF/ MCA registration link is given below. Those who have already obtained registration cards from AICF/MCA for 2026-27 may be asked to show the copy of the same. No entry will be accepted without AICF/MCA player's registration for 2026-27 and such player's will not be paired.

- MCA ID registration link: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php
- MCA ID renewal link: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/existing_entry.php
- Search for your MCA ID: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/all_player_list.php
- AICF ID search & renewal link: <https://prs.aicf.in/players>
- AICF ID new registration link: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>

8. Total Prize Fund: ₹ 40,000/-

Rank	Prize For Open	Prize For Girls
1 st	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-
2 nd	Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 3,000/-
3 rd	Rs. 2,500/-	Rs. 2,500/-
4 th	Rs. 1,800/-	Rs. 1,800/-
5 th	Rs. 1,600/-	Rs. 1,600/-
6 th	Rs. 1,400/-	Rs. 1,400/-
7 th	Rs. 1,300/-	Rs. 1,300/-
8 th	Rs. 1,200/-	Rs. 1,200/-
9 th	Rs. 1,200/-	Rs. 1,200/-
10 th	Rs. 1,100/-	Rs. 1,100/-
	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 20,000/-

Participation certificates will be uploaded on the website of MCA (www.mcachess.in) within 21 days from the end date of the championship.

9. System of Play - The Championship shall be played under the FIDE Laws of Chess for a total of 8 rounds. The time control for each game shall be 60 minutes for the entire game plus and additional increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. **Default Time: 30 Mins**

10. Tie – Breakers (in the same order as given):

1) Buccholz Cut-1	2) Buccholz	3) Sonneborn Berger
4) Direct Encounter	5) Number of Wins (including forfeit)	6) Number of wins with Black

- 11. Electronic Devices** - If Players are carrying mobile phone or any electronic devices inside the tournament hall including smart watches, digital watches, and analogue watches they must be switched of and kept inside the bag. If the same is found during the game on the body of the player he/she is liable to lose the game.
- 12. Protests** - Protest if any against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a **protest fee of Rs.2,000/- within 30 minutes** of the occurrence of the incident. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- 13. Appeals Committee** - A seven-member Committee of Appeals (inclusive of 2 reserves) shall be formed from amongst players/officials/coaches present on the Inaugural day. The decisions of the Appeals Committee would be final and binding on all the participants.
- 14. Interpretation** - For interpretation of the Rule(s) and for deciding any point not covered by the above rules of the tournament, the decision of the tournament committee shall be final and binding on all. The tournament committee has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules, without notice. Such changes shall, however, be displayed in the tournament hall.
- 15. Accommodation** - Free dormitory type lodging will be provided to the four selected players from each of the participating District (provided they have conducted their selection trials). The additional players selected from last year's medal winners' districts are also eligible for free dormitory type lodging. Accommodation will be provided from 26/06/2026 to 28/06/2026 till 10 AM. Accompanying persons would be provided accommodation @ Rs.1500/- per head, per day

16. Event Schedule

Date	Time	Particular
26/06/2026	10:00 AM	Arrival
26/06/2026	12:30 PM	Technical Meeting
26/06/2026	13:00 PM	1 st Round
26/06/2026	17:00 PM	2 nd Round
27/06/2026	9:00 AM	3 rd Round
27/06/2026	13:00 PM	4 th Round
27/06/2026	17:00 PM	5 th Round
28/06/2026	9:00 AM	6 th Round
28/06/2026	13:00 PM	7 th Round
28/06/2026	17:00 PM	8 th Round
28/06/2026	20:30 PM	Prize Distribution

17. For More Information Contact:

- Mr. Nitin Warde (Joint Secretary, MSDCA): 9769434181
- Mr. Prem Pandit: 9892373350
- Emergency Contact

Mr. Vitthal Madhav (Secretary, MSDCA): 8452840009