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h2e Power Systems & G.H. Raisonni Memorial Maharashtra State Under-15 Open & Girls Selection FIDE Rating Chess Championship 2026

AICF Event Code Open : 494561/MH(S)/2026

AICF Event Code Girls : 494562/MH(S)/2026

Event Dates: 11th to 13th September 2026

Organized by: Sangli District Chess Association

In Association with GH Raisonni Sports and Cultural Foundation

Under the Aegis of:

Maharashtra Chess Association, All India Chess Federation & FIDE

Venue – Reshimgathi Hall, Vishrambag, Sangli, Maharashtra 416416

Location https://maps.app.goo.gl/3MgyDGj4ULPr4mmn6?g_st=ac

1. Invitation:

Sangli District Chess Association has the honour to invite all Chess Players from the State of Maharashtra to participate in the “h2e POWER SYSTEMS & G.H. Raisonni Memorial MAHARASHTRA UNDER-15 OPEN & GIRLS SELECTION FIDE RATING CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026”

2. Recognition:

The championship is held under the auspices of All India Chess Federation, & Maharashtra Chess Association & Sangli District Chess Association will serve as selection event for the National Sub Junior (U-15) Chess Championship 2026.

3. Eligibility Criteria:

- Only the players apt in to the following conditions are eligible to play the said chess championship.
- Born on and After – 1st January, 2011
- All entries should be strictly routed through the respective District Chess Associations affiliated to MCA.
- Each district association is entitled to give entry of 4 Players in Open & 4 Players in Girls as 'Selected player'. Following districts will have additional entries for this championship.

Open:	Nagpur (3 Entries), Chandrapur (2 Entries), Pune (1 Entry)
Girls:	Nagpur (5 Entries), Pune (1 Entry)

- 'Selected Player' means the player selected from the respective District Selection Events. Besides the above, the District Associations may enter an unlimited number of players as a Donor Entry.

4. Exemption Criteria :

Participation in the state selection chess tournaments of Maharashtra is mandatory for everyone except for certain exemptions who can directly give their entry for respective national tournament which are mentioned below:

State Under 15 Open Players with classical rating of 1800 and above exempted from participation.

State Under 15 Girls Players with classical rating of 1800 and above exempted from participation.

If any player wishes to skip the state selection championships and directly take part in national championships then she will have to pay privilege fee of Rs. 3,500 to MCA for each state selection championship which they desire to skip. It is mandatory for any player to take part in at least one state selection chess championship for she to be exempted from paying the privilege fee in current year.

5. Date of Birth Certificates:

- Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his / her age. School ID card / 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. Selection of Maharashtra Team:

- Top 4 boys and Top 4 girls from each age group will be selected to represent Maharashtra State in forthcoming National Under 15 Chess Championship to be held in Telangana 12-20 October 2026.

Participation in this championship is compulsory if any player wishes to take part in national championship

7. 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: 9th September 2026 – 5:00 pm

8. Event Schedule:

DATE	PARTICULARS	TIME
11 Sept, 2026 Friday	Player's meeting	09.00am
	Opening Ceremony	09.30am
	Round 1	10.00am
	Round 2	01.30pm
	Round 3	05.00pm

DATE	PARTICULARS	TIME
12 Sept, 2026 Saturday	Round 4	09.00am
	Round 5	12.30pm
	Round 6	03.30pm

DATE	PARTICULARS	TIME
13 Sept, 2026 Sunday	Round 7	09.00am
	Round 8	12.30pm
	Prize Distribution	03.30pm
	Departure	04.30pm

10. System of Play :

- Tournament will be played with 8 rounds Swiss system. The format may be changed in case of an emergency at the discretion of Chief Arbiter & Tournament Director with prior approval from MCA & AICF.
- Time control will be 60 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move 1.

9. AICF and MCA Registration:

- All participants in the State Championship should be registered with AICF and MCA for the year 2026-27. Online registration links for both are given below. Those who have already obtained registration cards/Ids for 2026-27 may be asked to show the copy of the same. No entry will be accepted without AICF and MCA player's registration for 2026-27 and such player's will not be paired.
- Link for new AICF registration: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>
- AICF ID renewal and search link: <https://prs.aicf.in/players>
- Link for new MCA registration:
<https://mcachess.in/Tournament Registration/MCA Registrations.php>
- Link for MCA ID renewal: https://mcachess.in/Tournament Registration/existing_entry.php

11. Tiebreaks :

- 1) Buchholz Cut 1
- 2) Buchholz
- 3) Sonneborn Berger
- 4) Direct Encounter
- 5) Greater number of wins (including forfeit)
- 6) Greater number of wins with Black.

12. Protests :

- All protests against the decision made by the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with fee of Rs. 1,000 within 15 minutes of the incident. Protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The decision of the appeals committee will be final and binding on all.

13. Fair Play :

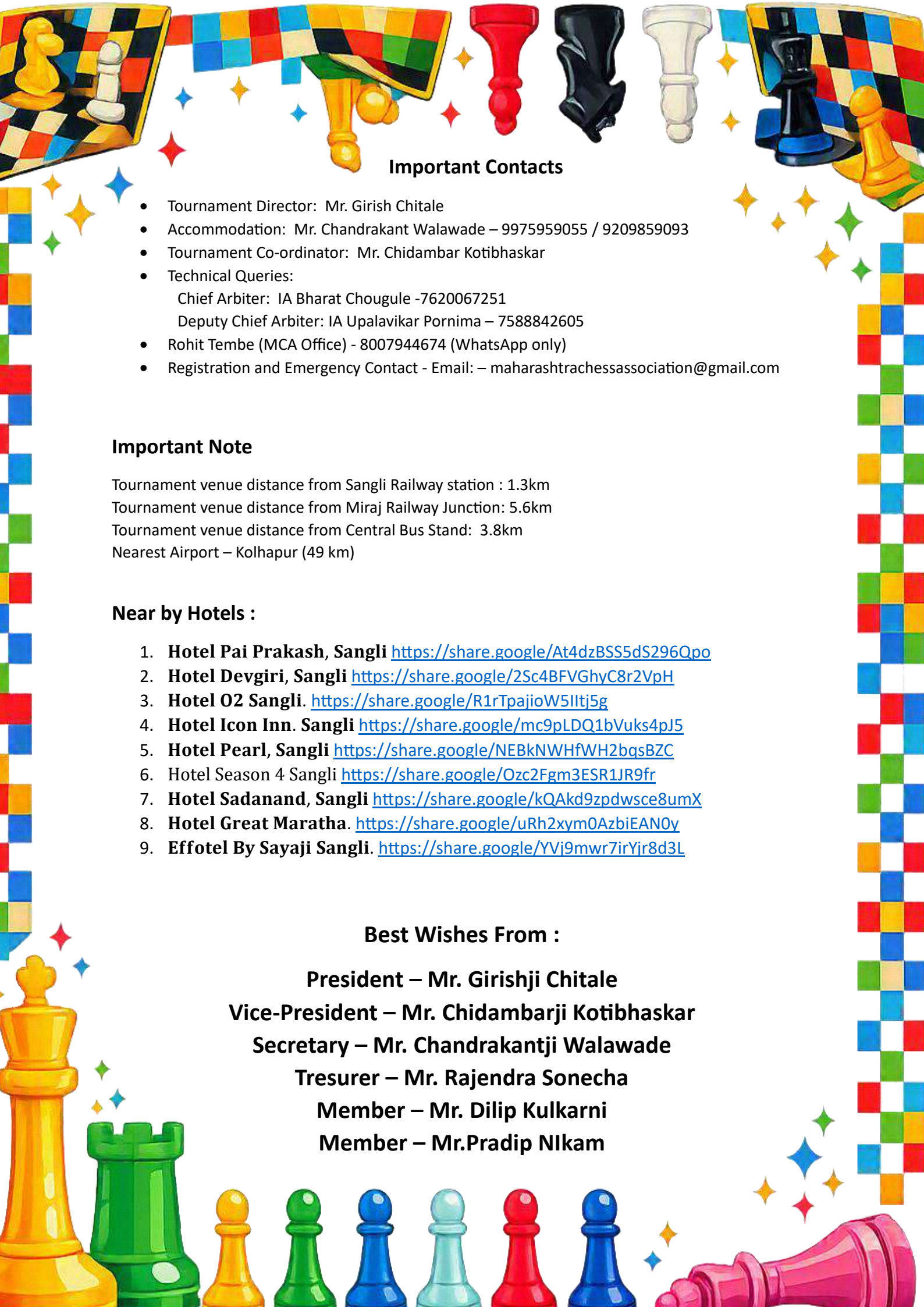
- Fair play regulations will be followed during this championship and all players will have to cooperate with the same. If players do not cooperate then they will be reported to AICF and FIDE.

14. Electronic Devices:

- Those who are having mobile phones, electronic devices and any other wearable devices during their game will be declared as lost

15. Prizes: Total Prize Fund Rs. 48,000/-

Rank	Prize Money for Open	Prize Money for Girls
1	₹ 5,000/-	₹ 5,000/-
2	₹ 4,000/-	₹ 4,000/-
3	₹ 3,500/-	₹ 3,500/-
4	₹ 2,500/-	₹ 2,500/-
5	₹ 2,000/-	₹ 2,000/-
6	₹ 1,800/-	₹ 1,800/-
7	₹ 1,700/-	₹ 1,700/-
8	₹ 1,300/-	₹ 1,300/-
9	₹ 1,200/-	₹ 1,200/-
10	₹ 1,000/-	₹ 1,000/-
	₹ 24,000/-	₹ 24,000/-



Important Contacts

- Tournament Director: Mr. Girish Chitale
- Accommodation: Mr. Chandrakant Walawade – 9975959055 / 9209859093
- Tournament Co-ordinator: Mr. Chidambar Kotibhaskar
- Technical Queries:
 - Chief Arbiter: IA Bharat Chougule -7620067251
 - Deputy Chief Arbiter: IA Upalavikar Pornima – 7588842605
- Rohit Tembe (MCA Office) - 8007944674 (WhatsApp only)
- Registration and Emergency Contact - Email: – maharashtrachessassociation@gmail.com

Important Note

Tournament venue distance from Sangli Railway station : 1.3km

Tournament venue distance from Miraj Railway Junction: 5.6km

Tournament venue distance from Central Bus Stand: 3.8km

Nearest Airport – Kolhapur (49 km)

Near by Hotels :

1. **Hotel Pai Prakash, Sangli** <https://share.google/At4dzBSS5dS296Qpo>
2. **Hotel Devgiri, Sangli** <https://share.google/2Sc4BFVGhyC8r2VpH>
3. **Hotel O2 Sangli.** <https://share.google/R1rTpajioW5lItj5g>
4. **Hotel Icon Inn. Sangli** <https://share.google/mc9pLDQ1bVuks4pJ5>
5. **Hotel Pearl, Sangli** <https://share.google/NEBkNWHfWH2bqsBZC>
6. **Hotel Season 4 Sangli** <https://share.google/Ozc2Fgm3ESR1JR9fr>
7. **Hotel Sadanand, Sangli** <https://share.google/kQAkd9zpdwsce8umX>
8. **Hotel Great Maratha.** <https://share.google/uRh2xym0AZbiEAN0y>
9. **Effotel By Sayaji Sangli.** <https://share.google/YVj9mwr7irYjr8d3L>

Best Wishes From :

President – Mr. Girishji Chitale

Vice-President – Mr. Chidambarji Kotibhaskar

Secretary – Mr. Chandrakantji Walawade

Tresurer – Mr. Rajendra Sonecha

Member – Mr. Dilip Kulkarni

Member – Mr. Pradip Nikam