



INTERNATIONAL FIDE RATED CHESS TOURNAMENT - 2026

1ST MASTERS CUP INTERNATIONAL FIDE RATED

(Below 1600)

CHESS TOURNAMENT - 2026



AICF Event Code: 484461/TN/2026



TNSCA Approval No: RR-17/TNV/26-27



TDCDA Approval No: 002/R/26-27



DATE

12 - 14
SEPTEMBER 2026



VENUE

Government
Law College
Tirunelveli
- 627011.



TOTAL PRIZE MONEY

₹ 6,00,000/-



ENTRY FEE

₹ 3000/-

Organized by

MASTERS CHESS CLUB

(Affiliated to Tirunelveli District Chess Development Association)



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PRIZE STRUCTURE

TOTAL PRIZE FUND

₹ 6,00,000/-

OPEN



₹ 1,00,000

+ TROPHY

1400 - 1500



₹ 30,000

+ TROPHY

UNRATED



₹ 30,000

+ TROPHY

BEST FEMALE
(16 AND ABOVE)



₹ 5,000

+ TROPHY

BEST TIRUNELVELI
PLAYER



₹ 5,000

+ TROPHY

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

OPEN		1400 - 1550		UNRATED	
RANK	PRIZE (₹)	RANK	PRIZE (₹)	RANK	PRIZE (₹)
1	1,00,000 + Trophy	1	50,000 + Trophy	1	50,000 + Trophy
2	75,000 + Trophy	2	30,000 + Trophy	2	30,000 + Trophy
3	50,000 + Trophy	3	15,000 + Trophy	3	15,000 + Trophy
4	30,000	4	10,000	4	10,000
5	20,000	5	7,000	5	7,000
6	15,000	6	6,000	6	6,000
7	10,000	7	4,000	7	4,000
8	8,000	8	3,000	8	3,000
9	7,000	9	2,000	9	2,000
10	6,000	10	2,000	10	2,000
11	5,000	11	2,000	11	2,000
12	4,000	12	2,000	12	2,000
13	4,000	13	2,000	13	2,000
14	4,000	14	2,000	14	2,000
16	4,000	15	2,000	15	2,000
17	3,000				
18	3,000				
19	3,000				
20	3,000				
21	3,000				
23	3,000				
24	3,000				
25	3,000				

CATEGORY PRIZES

UNDER-07
BOYS & GIRLS



10 TROPHIES EACH

UNDER-09
BOYS & GIRLS



10 TROPHIES EACH

UNDER-11
BOYS & GIRLS



10 TROPHIES EACH

UNDER-13
BOYS & GIRLS



10 TROPHIES EACH

UNDER-15
BOYS & GIRLS



10 TROPHIES EACH



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SCHEDULE

DAY 1  12 SEPTEMBER 2026	 PLAYERS MEETING	09:00 A.M.
	 ROUND 1	09:30 A.M.
	 ROUND 2	01:00 P.M.
	 ROUND 3	04:00 P.M.
DAY 2  13 SEPTEMBER 2026	 ROUND 4	09:30 A.M.
	 ROUND 5	01:00 P.M.
	 ROUND 6	04:00 P.M.
DAY 3  14 SEPTEMBER 2026	 ROUND 7	08:00 A.M.
	 ROUND 8	11:30 A.M.
	 ROUND 9	03:00 P.M.
	 PRIZE DISTRIBUTION	06:00 P.M.

9 ROUNDS SWISS SYSTEM



TIME CONTROL



30 + 30

30 Minutes + 30 Seconds
increment per move
from move no. 1

DEFAULT TIME



Default time is 15 minutes.
Players have to be at the
boards within 15 minutes
from the start of the round.

MODE OF TOURNAMENT



Total 9 rounds
shall be played.

IMPORTANT NOTES



All players must
report on time
and follow the
schedule strictly.



Mobile phones
are strictly
prohibited in the
tournament area.



Decisions of the
Chief Arbiter
shall be final and
binding.



Fair play is the
spirit of chess.
Let's keep it
alive!

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REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

ENTRY FEE

₹ 3000/-

ENTRY FEE CAN BE PAID THROUGH

 www.easypaychess.com

 www.chessentry.in

 www.chessfee.com

 www.signinchess.com

BANK DETAILS

 ACCOUNT NAME : MASTERS CHESS CLUB

 ACCOUNT NUMBER : 910201010000026

 BANK NAME : UNION BANK

 BRANCH NAME : KTC NAGAR,
TIRUNELVELI - 627011

 IFSC CODE : UBIN0591025



After completing the payment, kindly send the payment proof along with the player details to the following email address:

masterschessclub13@gmail.com

4-STEP REGISTRATION PROCESS

1



REGISTER

Register yourself with AICF / TNSCA / TDCDA (if applicable) well before the tournament.

2



PAY FEE

Pay the entry fee of ₹3000/- through any of the above websites or bank transfer.

3



SEND PROOF

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4



CONFIRMATION

You will receive a confirmation reply with your entry details.



IMPORTANT NOTES

-  AICF Player Registration is compulsory for all Indian players.
-  TNSCA Player Registration is compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players.
-  TDCDA Registration is compulsory for Tirunelveli district players.
-  Entries close at **6.00 P.M. on 10-09-2026**



RIGHTS OF ADMISSION

The AICF / TNSCA / TDCDA / Organizer Masters Chess Club reserve the rights of admission to the venue.



WRIST WATCHES

As per AICF regulations, wrist watches are not allowed while playing in FIDE Rated events.



CERTIFICATES

E-Certificates will be provided to all Participants.



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RULES & 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

30 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move from move no. 1



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TIE BREAK

Buchholz tie-break system will be applied. In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.



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WITHDRAWALS

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PROTESTS

Protests if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with protest fee of ₹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.



APPEALS COMMITTEE

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.



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S RIGHTS

For further interpretations of the rule(s), and deciding any aspect not covered by the said tournament prospectus, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all the participants. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition / deletion / amendment to these rules. However, such changes shall be displayed on the notice board with the prior approval from AICF & TNSCA.



SPECIAL NOTE

- Winner of any prize should collect it at the venue only, during the Prize Distribution Function. Prizes will not be given next day.
- No substitute or Third person will be permitted to collect the prize, Concern player must receive their own prize.



PLAYER REGISTRATION (MANDATORY)



AICF PLAYER REGISTRATION



₹300/-

FOR THE YEAR
2026 - 2027

- Compulsory for all Indian players.
- Registration is accepted only through online from 01 September, 2017 onwards.
- New entrants registration is mandatory.



Website: www.aicf.in

TNSCA PLAYER REGISTRATION



₹150/-

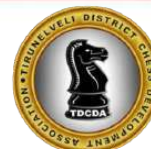
FOR THE YEAR
2026 - 2027

- Compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players.
- Registration should be done well before the start of the event.
- New entrants registration is mandatory.



Website: <https://registration.tamilchess.com>

TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT PLAYER REGISTRATION



₹75/-

FOR THE YEAR
2026 - 2027

(For Tirunelveli district players only)



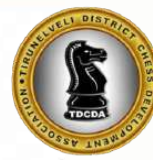
NOTE FOR REGISTRATIONS

For fresh registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph (less than 1MB) and birth certificate and a valid email address ready before the registration process.

Note: Only passport size (less than 1MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE



MR. EPHRAIME M
Vice President, TNSCA



MR. PRAGADEESH P
Joint Secretary, TNSCA



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BUILDS
CHAMPIONS”

