

CASTLEMASTERS CHESS INDIA PVT. LTD.

UNDER THE AEGIS OF

**ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION
THE HARYANA CHESS ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION, GURGAON**

PRESENTS

**1ST CASTLEMASTERS
INTERNATIONAL OPEN
RAPID FIDE RATED
CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026**

AICF EVENT CODE 492568/HR(R)/2026

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

**VENUE PARTNER
SATYA SCHOOL, SECTOR 49, GURGAON**

&

CO-SPONSORS





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Prize Pool
★ **₹ 7,00,000/-** ★

DATE

21 - 22 NOVEMBER 2026

VENUE

**SATYA SCHOOL, SECTOR 49
GURGAON, HARYANA**



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Time Control
25min + 10sec

EVENT SCHEDULE DAY - 1

Date	Day	Time	Particulars
21-November	Saturday	8:30am	Reporting time
21-November	Saturday	9:00am	Inauguration & Technical Meeting
21-November	Saturday	9:30am	Round 1
21-November	Saturday	11:30am	Round 2
21-November	Saturday	1:30pm	Lunch
21-November	Saturday	2:00pm	Round 3
21-November	Saturday	4:00pm	Round 4
21-November	Saturday	6:00pm	Round 5

DAY - 2

22-November	Sunday	8:30am	Round 6
22-November	Sunday	10:30am	Round 7
22-November	Sunday	12:30pm	Round 8
22-November	Sunday	2:30pm	Lunch
22-November	Sunday	3:00pm	Round 9
22-November	Sunday	6:00pm	Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

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PRIZE STRUCTURE



MAIN CATEGORY PRIZE

RANK	PRIZE	RANK	PRIZE	RANK	PRIZE
1	₹51,000/- + 🏆	11	₹5,000/- + 🏆	21	₹3,500/- + 🏆
2	₹35,000/- + 🏆	12	₹5,000/- + 🏆	22	₹3,500/- + 🏆
3	₹25,000/- + 🏆	13	₹5,000/- + 🏆	23	₹3,500/- + 🏆
4	₹21,000/- + 🏆	14	₹5,000/- + 🏆	24	₹3,500/- + 🏆
5	₹15,000/- + 🏆	15	₹5,000/- + 🏆	25	₹3,500/- + 🏆
6	₹12,000/- + 🏆	16	₹4,000/- + 🏆	26	₹2,500/- + 🏆
7	₹10,000/- + 🏆	17	₹4,000/- + 🏆	27	₹2,500/- + 🏆
8	₹8,000/- + 🏆	18	₹4,000/- + 🏆	28	₹2,500/- + 🏆
9	₹8,000/- + 🏆	19	₹4,000/- + 🏆	29	₹2,500/- + 🏆
10	₹6,000/- + 🏆	20	₹4,000/- + 🏆	30	₹2,500/- + 🏆

🏆 Medals for all other participants 🏆
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RATING CATEGORY PRIZE

RANK	UNRATED	1400 - 1599	1600 - 1799	1800 - 1999
1	₹15,000/- + 🏆	₹15,000/- + 🏆	₹15,000/- + 🏆	₹15,000/- + 🏆
2	₹10,000/- + 🏆	₹10,000/- + 🏆	₹10,000/- + 🏆	₹10,000/- + 🏆
3	₹8,000/- + 🏆	₹8,000/- + 🏆	₹8,000/- + 🏆	₹8,000/- + 🏆
4	₹7,000/- + 🏆	₹7,000/- + 🏆	₹7,000/- + 🏆	₹7,000/- + 🏆
5	₹5,000/- + 🏆	₹5,000/- + 🏆	₹5,000/- + 🏆	₹5,000/- + 🏆
6	₹3,500/- + 🏆	₹3,500/- + 🏆	₹3,500/- + 🏆	₹3,500/- + 🏆
7	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆
8	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆
9	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆
10	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆	₹2,500/- + 🏆
11 - 15	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆

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SPECIAL CATEGORY PRIZE

RANK	Females	Veterans (55Yrs & Above)	Haryana Players
1	₹7,000/- + 🏆	₹7,000/- + 🏆	₹7,000/- + 🏆
2	₹5,000/- + 🏆	₹5,000/- + 🏆	₹5,000/- + 🏆
3	₹4,000/- + 🏆	₹4,000/- + 🏆	₹4,000/- + 🏆
4	₹3,500/- + 🏆	₹3,500/- + 🏆	₹3,500/- + 🏆
5	₹3,500/- + 🏆	₹3,500/- + 🏆	₹3,500/- + 🏆

PRIZE FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED

RANK	PRIZES
1	₹7,000/- + 🏆
2	₹5,000/- + 🏆
3	₹4,000/- + 🏆

🏆 TROPHIES FOR TOP THREE SCHOOLS 🏆

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AGE CATEGORY PRIZE

RANK	U - 15	U - 13	U - 11
1	₹7,000/- +	₹7,000/- +	₹7,000/- +
2	₹5,000/- +	₹5,000/- +	₹5,000/- +
3	₹4,000/- +	₹4,000/- +	₹4,000/- +
4	₹3,500/- +	₹3,500/- +	₹3,500/- +
5	₹3,500/- +	₹3,500/- +	₹3,500/- +
6 - 10			

RANK	U - 09	U - 07
1	₹7,000/- +	₹7,000/- +
2	₹5,000/- +	₹5,000/- +
3	₹4,000/- +	₹4,000/- +
4	₹3,500/- +	₹3,500/- +
5	₹3,500/- +	₹3,500/- +
6 - 10		

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TEAM OF ARBITERS & ORGANISING TEAM



CHIEF ARBITER

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DEPUTY CHIEF ARBITER

IA SHARDUL SHARMA (7709012353)

FOR REGISTRATION QUERIES

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SUPPORTING AUTHORITIES & PERSONNEL



FIDE
[THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION]

ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION
[AICF]

THE HARYANA CHESS ASSOCIATION

ADVOCATE SHRI NARESH SHARMA (CHAIRMAN)

ADVOCATE SHRI V. B. KASHYAP (GENERAL SECRETARY)

DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION, GURGAON

ADVOCATE SHRI NARESH SHARMA (PRESIDENT)

ADVOCATE SHRI RAJPAL CHAUHAN (GENERAL SECRETARY)

SATYA SCHOOL, SECTOR 49, GURGAON, HARYANA

MS. MANISHA MALHOTRA (DIRECTOR / PRINCIPAL)

MR. PAWAN SEHRAWAT (HOD SPORTS DEPARTMENT)

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FEE DETAILS



1ST EARLY BIRD (UNTIL 20 SEP 2026) - ₹2800/-

2ND EARLY BIRD (FROM 21 SEP TO 18 OCT 2026) - ₹3000/-

REGULAR FEE (FROM 19 OCT TO 15 NOV 2026) - ₹3500/-

FOR HARYANA PLAYERS (DISCOUNT ₹500/-) - ₹3000/-

FOR PLAYERS FROM ARMY BACKGROUND (DISCOUNT 50%) - ₹1750/-

FOR PLAYERS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (DISCOUNT 50%) - ₹1750/-

FOR NORTH EAST PLAYERS (DISCOUNT 50%) - ₹1750/-

FOR PLAYERS FROM ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS (DISCOUNT 50%) -
₹1750/-

ENTRY IS FREE FOR GMs, WGMs, IMs & WIMs

LAST DATE OF ENTRY - 15 Nov 2026

After which Entries with Late Fee of ₹500/-

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RULES OF PLAY



ELIGIBILITY

1. Any Indian player (rated or unrated) is eligible to participate.
2. Any international player with a valid FIDE ID is eligible to participate.
3. Any Amateur player who never played any FIDE rated tournament is eligible to participate.
4. No age limit or rating restriction for participation.

SYSTEM OF PLAY

Tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess & FIDE Swiss System with 09 rounds each.

TIME CONTROL & DEFAULT TIME

25 minutes + 10 seconds increment from move 1

Default time of 15mins

TIE BREAK

Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, SB, Direct Encounter, Greater number of Wins (excluding forfeit points), Greater number of Wins with Black.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All electronic devices including wrist watches (any kind of watch) are not allowed in the playing hall.

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WITHDRAWALS

A player may withdraw at any stage of the event, after informing the Chief Arbiter. If a player misses a round, they must report to the Chief Arbiter. Failure to do so will be considered a withdrawal, and the player will be removed from the pairings.

DISCIPLINE

Any player or guardian who disrupts the decorum of the tournament will face exclusion from the event.

PROTESTS

If any against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee Rs. 2000 within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident to the appeals committee. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. Before the commencement of the Tournament, appeals committee of five members will be formed.

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AICF REGISTRATION

AICF registration is mandatory to participate in the tournament. If not registered, please register at <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>

ENTRY FEE & PRIZES

Any request towards waiver of entry fees or late fees will not be entertained. Entry Fee is non-refundable

Players qualified for more than one prizes will be considered for the higher prize only.

FOODING

Lunch will be available for purchase at the venue. Several fooding outlets also available near by venue

OTHERS

The organizing Committee has the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason. Due to any unforeseen scenario, if the event is cancelled, then obligation of the organizer is only limited to refunding the entry fees.

Organisers reserve the right to photograph/videograph all the participants of the event & use them for posting on social media

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VENUE & NEARBY DETAILS



**SATYA SCHOOL, SECTOR 49
GURGAON, HARYANA**

NEAREST METRO STATION

20mins FROM THE VENUE

Millennium (HUDA) City Centre Gurugram

NEAREST RAILWAY STATION

30mins FROM THE VENUE

Gurugram Railway Station

NEAREST AIRPORT

50mins FROM THE VENUE

Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi

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