H2E Power System Maharashtra State Open Chess Championship - 2026

30th October to 1st November, 2026

Tournament Venue: **Annasaheb Vartak College, Vasai Road, Maharashtra**

Venue Location: https://share.google/OUEri3w0PLa8GD3XO

Invitation

Palghar District Chess Association and Imperial Chess World (ICW), warmly invite players from across Maharashtra to participate in the Maharashtra State Open Chess Championship 2026, to be held from 30th October to 1st November 2026.

Eligibility

Only residents of Maharashtra State are eligible to participate in the Championship.

Playing Conditions

The championship will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess and will follow an 8-round Swiss League format.

Each player shall have 60 minutes for the entire game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

The default time shall be 30 minutes. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the expiry of the default time shall lose the game, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.

Prize Money

Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
1st Rank:	₹ 20,000.00	6th Rank:	₹ 4,000.00
2nd Rank:	₹ 15,000.00	7th Rank:	₹ 3,000.00
3rd Rank:	₹ 10,000.00	8th Rank:	₹ 3,000.00
4th Rank:	₹ 8,000.00	9th Rank:	₹ 2,000.00
5th Rank:	₹ 5,000.00	10th Rank:	₹ 2,000.00

Playing Schedule

The Championships will be played according to the Swiss System of eight rounds as per the schedule given below:

Date	Day	Time	Event
29th October, 2026	Thursday	After 17:00 hrs.	Arrival
30th October, 2026	Friday	09:00 hrs.	Opening Ceremony / Technical Meeting
30th October, 2026	Friday	09:30 hrs.	Round-1
30th October, 2026	Friday	12:30 hrs.	Round-2
30th October, 2026	Friday	15:30 hrs.	Round-3
31st October, 2026	Saturday	09:00 hrs.	Round-4
31st October, 2026	Saturday	12:00 hrs.	Round-5
31st October, 2026	Saturday	15:00 hrs.	Round-6
1st November, 2026	Sunday	09:00 hrs.	Round-7
1st November, 2026	Sunday	12:00 hrs.	Round-8
		15:30 hrs.	Closing & Award Ceremony
1st November, 2026	Sunday	Before 17:00 hrs.	Departure

Entry Fee & Mode of Payment

The entry fee for participation is
₹ 2000.00 for Non selected players
₹ 1000.00 for selected players

The entry fee shall be paid online through the secure payment gateway of the Maharashtra Chess Association (MCA) at the following link:
https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/Registration/registration_form.php

Last Date of Entry and Late Fee

- Last Date of Entry without Late Fee: 25 October 2026
- **Last Date of Entry with Late Fee of ₹500: 28 October 2026**

Entries received after 28 October 2026 shall not be accepted.

Refund of Entry Fee

Full entry fee will be refunded if informed before pairing of round 1 is done. Entry withdrawal is to be informed via email only to maharashtrachessassociation@gmail.com.

Recognition

The championship is officially recognised and conducted under the auspices of the All India Chess Federation (AICF), Maharashtra Chess Association (MCA), and Palghar District Chess Association (PDCA).

AICF Registration for 2026-27

All players must be registered with AICF for the 2026-2027 season. Online registration can be completed at www.aicf.in by paying a fee of ₹300. Players must ensure their AICF registration is completed before submitting their tournament entry.

MCA Registration for Maharashtra Players (2026-2027)

All players must be registered with MCA for the 2026-2027 season. Online registration can be completed at www.mcachess.in. Players must ensure their MCA registration is completed before submitting their tournament entry.

Competition Rules

Tie Breaks:

1) Bucholz Cut 1
2) Bucholz
3) SB
4) Direct Encounter
5) Greater Number of Wins (including forfeit points)
6) Greater Number of Wins with Black

Default Time:

Any player arriving at the chessboard 30 minutes after the scheduled start of the round shall forfeit the game. The default time is 30 minutes.

Arbitration Of Protest:

Any objection to the Chief Arbiter's decision must be submitted in writing, along with a protest fee of ₹2,000 (₹ Two Thousand Only), within 30 minutes of the incident. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

Fair Play Regulations:

Players are strictly prohibited from carrying bags, mobile phones, or any other electronic devices into the playing arena. The tournament will adhere to FIDE & AICF Fair Play regulations, and all players are required to respect and abide by these rules.

Exemption criteria

Players having classical rating of 2000 and above are exempted from taking part in this championship. If any player wishes to skip this State Selection Championship and directly take part in National Championship then he/she will have to pay a non-refundable privilege fee of Rs. 3,500/- to MCA.

Selection

Top 4 players will be selected to represent Maharashtra state in forthcoming National Open Chess Championship.

Participation Certificates

The participation certificates will be uploaded on the website of MCA (www.mcachess.in) within 30 days of the conclusion of the championship

Appeals Committee:

A five-member Appeals Committee, including two reserves, will be constituted from among the players. The decision of this committee shall be final and binding on all participants.

Interpretation:

For any interpretation of the rules or matters not covered in this tournament prospectus, the decision of the Tournament Director, Mr. Pradip Suthar, shall be final and binding on all participants. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make additions, deletions, or amendments to these rules. Any such changes will be displayed on the notice board.

Accommodation:

All Selected players except from Mumbai Suburban District, Mumbai City District, Thane District and Palghar District will be provided non ac dormitory accommodation from 29th October to 1st November 2026.

Selected players are required to confirm their availability to avail accommodation before 25th October 2026. Any request for accommodation after that will not be considered.

Players who required paid ac or non-ac accommodation they can contact accommodation team for details.

About The Venue:

Annasaheb Vartak College, located in Vasai Road West, is a well-connected educational institution situated near Vasai Road Railway station offering convenient accessibility from various parts of Mumbai and the surrounding suburbs.

Important Contacts

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