Smart Chess Academy 4th International Open FIDE RAPID Rating Chess Tournament Karur 2026

(AICF EVENT CODE: 506279/TN(R)/2026, TNSCA EVENT CODE: RFR-24/KAR/26-27, KDCA: 25/2026-27/KAR)

(Under the aegis of All India Chess Federation, Tamil Nadu State Chess Association and Karur District Chess Association)

Date : 15/11/2026 (Sunday) (One Day Only)

Venue : Jairam Vidya bhavan Matric Hr. Sec. School, Karur – 639 002

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY & TROPHIES

Rs. 2,50,000/- & 94 CASH PRIZES & 296+ TROPHIES

TOTAL No. OF PRIZES: 390+, All Participants will get CERTIFICATE + MEDAL

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

15/11/2026 (Sunday) Arrival/Reporting: 08.30 am Inaugural Function: 08.45 am

15.11.2026	Round 1	09.30 am	15.11.2026	Round 6	02.20 pm
15.11.2026	Round 2	10.30 am	15.11.2026	Round 7	03.10 pm
15.11.2026	Round 3	11.20 am	15.11.2026	Round 8	04.00 pm
15.11.2026	Round 4	12.10 pm	15.11.2026	Round 9	04.50 pm
15.11.2026	Round 5	01.30 pm	15.11.2026	P D	06.00 pm

15 & above entries through Academy or School or College will get Shields

FREE ACCOMMODATION



ENTRY FEE

For All Players

Rs.1250

Free for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs

Last Date for Registration: 12.11.2026

Time Control : Each 10 minutes + 05 seconds increment per Move

CHIEF ARBITER: IA UMAPATHY M 9843331032

DEPUTY CHIEF ARBITER: SNA MANIGANDAN R 9976789573

REGISTRATION

Contact Organizer	Entry Fee can be paid online through the following website	Scan & Pay
Mr. R. MANIGANDAN 9976789573	signinchess.com, chessfee.com chessentry.in, easypaychess.com bookmyfee.com, thoovitickets.com ticket360.co.in/event, circlechess.com	manigandan ayyappan

BANK DETAILS

Current A/c No : 1808202100000336, Beneficiary Name : SMART CHESS ACADEMY, Bank Name : PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, IFSC : PUNB0180820, Branch : KARUR M.G. ROAD, Send details to **Email ID : timeican8789@gmail.com**

PRIZE DETAILS

Place	Main Prize	Rated Between (1400-1500)	Rated Between (1501-1600)	Rated Between (1601-1800)	Unrated Players
1st	Rs.20,000+T	Rs.4,000+T	Rs.4,000+T	Rs.4,000+T	Rs.4,000+T
2nd	Rs.17,500+T	Rs.3,000	Rs.3,000	Rs.3,000	Rs.3,000
3rd	Rs.15,000+T	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000
4th	Rs.12,500	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000
5th	Rs.10,000	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500
6th	Rs.8,000	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500
7th	Rs.7,000	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500
8th	Rs.6,000	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250
9th	Rs.5,000	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250
10th	Rs.4,500	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250
11th	Rs.3,000	Best Women (26 & Above Years)	Best Specially Challenged Players	Best Veterans (50 & Above Years)	Best Karur District Male
12th	Rs.3,000				
13th	Rs.2,000				1st - 2,000+T
14th	Rs.2,000	1st - 1,500+T	1st - 1,500+T	1st - 1,500+T	2nd - 1,500
15th	Rs.2,000	2nd - 1,300	2nd - 1,300	2nd - 1,300	3rd - 1,300
16th	Rs.1,500	3rd, 4th & 5th Place will receive Trophies			4th - 1,250
17th	Rs.1,500	Best Andhrapradesh, Best Karnataka, Best Kerala, Best Pondicherry, Best Telangana, Best Other State Players Each Rs.1,500+T (Total Rs.9,000 & 24 Trophies) 2nd to 5th Place will receive Trophies			5th - 1,250
18th	Rs.1,500				Best Karur District Female
19th	Rs.1,500				
20th	Rs.1,500	Best Other Country Players 1. Rs.2,000+T, 2. Rs.1500 3rd to 5th Place will receive Trophies			1st - 2,000+T
21st to 30th	Each Rs.1,250				2nd - 1,500
		After 94 Cash Prizes, Each District Topper in Tamil Nadu will receive a Big Trophy (38 Districts = 38 Trophies)			3rd - 1,300
					4th - 1,250
					5th - 1,250

Category Prizes: Under 07,09,11,14,25 Players will be awarded with 225 Mega Trophies

Category	Trophies	Category	Trophies	Karur District Players		Born on or after
Under 07 Boys	20	Under 07 Girls	15	Boys - 5	Girls - 5	01.01.2019
Under 09 Boys	20	Under 09 Girls	15	Boys - 5	Girls - 5	01.01.2017
Under 11 Boys	20	Under 11 Girls	15	Boys - 5	Girls - 5	01.01.2015
Under 14 Boys	20	Under 14 Girls	15	Boys - 5	Girls - 5	01.01.2012
Under 25 Boys	20	Under 25 Girls	15	Boys - 5	Girls - 5	01.01.2001

All Under-06 Youngest Players will get Special Trophies (Born on or after 01.01.2020)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules	The Latest FIDE RAPID Rules in force shall apply and the Swiss System will be followed.
System of Play	Total **Nine Rounds** shall be played.
Time Control	Each **10 minutes plus 5 seconds increment** from Move No. 1
Default time	Default time is 10 minutes. Players have to be at the board within 10 minutes from start of the round.
Tie Breaks	Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn Berger, Direct encounter, Number of wins (forfeit included) & Number of wins with Black pieces tie-break rules will be applied. In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.
Accommodation	**Free Accommodation**. Dormitory Type Hall **(Class Rooms)** will be provided. Bring your own beddings.
AICF Player Registration	AICF player registration is compulsory for all Indian players. AICF Player Registration fee is **Rs. 300/-** for the year 2026-2027. As per latest AICF regulation dated 31.07.2017, it is informed that from 01 September, 2017 all AICF registrations will be accepted only through online. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that AICF player's registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament. For renewing AICF registration of existing players, please click https://prs.aicf.in/playersFor fresh AICF registration please click https://prs.aicf.in/new-registerFor fresh AICF registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address (unique) not used by any other person/ player for AICF, ready before the registration process. Note: Only passport size (less than 1MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.
TNSCA Player Registration	TNSCA player registration is compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players. TNSCA Player Registration fee is **Rs.150/-** for the year 2026-2027. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that TNSCA player's registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament. For renewing TNSCA player registration of existing players, please click https://registration.tamilchess.com/For fresh TNSCA registration please click https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/For fresh TNSCA registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address ready before the registration process. Note: Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.
Karur District Player Reg.	KDCA player registration fee is **Rs. 75/-** for the year 2026-2027 (for Karur District Players only)
Protest	Protests if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with protest fee of Rs.500/- 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.
Withdrawals	A player may withdraw at any stage of the event, after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.
Right of admission	The AICF/TNSCA /KAR DCA/Organizer SMART Chess Academy reserves the rights of admission.
Wrist watches Mobile	As per AICF regulation, wrist watches and any other electronic devices like mobiles are strictly prohibited inside the playing hall in FIDE rated events.
Silence in the Hall	Strict silence must be observed in the Tournament Hall. Players who have finished their games shall not remain in the tournament hall. Players shall not analyze the game in the tournament hall.
COVID Protocol	All the participants must follow the latest COVID Protocol as started by Government of Tamil Nadu & India.
Cash Prize	Prize Money will be distributed by CASH only.
Note	Birth Certificate is necessary for Category Prize. 'Smoking' Strictly Prohibited inside the School Campus.
Last Date	Entries will be closed at 10.00 pm on 12/11/2026. Strictly No Spot Entries.

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FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT

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CHIEF GUESTS

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R. AYYAPPAN
VICE - PRESIDENT/SMART CHESS ACADEMY, KARUR

Venue : Walkable distance near Karur Round-Turn,
Free Accommodations, Parking & Canteen Facilities are available