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MADURAI

DEC 22 - 31, 2026

5 CATEGORIES

A, B, C, D & E

TOTAL CASH PRIZE

INR 58,00,000/-

(61000 USD APPROX.)



3 BRAND NEW CARS



21 ROYAL ENFIELD BIKES



3 EV BIKES



200 CHESS CLOCKS

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FREE ACCOMMODATION & LUNCH TO ALL PLAYERS
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Welcome to Madurai

In a city where temples touch the sky and tradition runs in every stone, a different kind of legacy continues - one built on intellect, foresight, and the pursuit of excellence.

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FIVE CATEGORIES

ONE TOURNAMENT. ENDLESS POSSIBILITEIS



CATEGORY A

(2100 & ABOVE)

Entries are restricted to 80 players (40 Titled and 40 Untitled Players)

DEC. 22ND
TO
DEC. 31ST

AMIKA HOTEL,
269/1D1, Airport Mattuthavani Ring Rd, Rajamanichammadar Nagar, Avaniyapuram, Madurai, Tamil Nadu 625012.



CATEGORY B

(BELOW 2100)

DEC. 22ND
TO
DEC. 25TH

VALLABA VIDYALAYA
CBSE SCHOOL
AlagarKovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104.



CATEGORY C

(BLITZ)

DEC. 25TH

VALLABA VIDYALAYA
CBSE SCHOOL
AlagarKovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104.



CATEGORY D

(BELOW 1800)

DEC. 26TH
TO
DEC. 28TH

VALLABA VIDYALAYA
CBSE SCHOOL
AlagarKovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104.



CATEGORY E

(BELOW 1600)

DEC. 29TH
TO
DEC. 31ST

VALLABA VIDYALAYA
CBSE SCHOOL
AlagarKovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104.

CATEGORY A

THE GRANDMASTER SUMMIT

(2100 & ABOVE)



TOTAL CASH PRIZE RS. 20,00,000/-

DEC. 22ND TO DEC. 31ST

AMIKA HOTEL, 169/1D1, Airport Mattuthavani Ring Rd, Rajamanickamnadar Nagar, Avaniyapuram, Madurai, Tamil Nadu 625012.

ENTRY DETAILS

FREE

GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs

GM/IM/WGM/WIM Titled players' entries are accepted on a **limited seat basis**. Those who wish to participate are kindly requested to express their interest by sending an email to **ananthichessacademy@gmail.com**.

INR 10,000/-

For All Rated Players

INR 9,000/-

For Madurai District Players

ENTRY FEE CAN BE PAID VIA

www.ananthichessacademy.com

www.bookmychess.com

BANK DEPOSIT

Account Name :
Ananthi Chess Academy
A/C No: 625601010050603
IFSC: UBIN0562564
Type : Current Account
Bank : Union Bank of India

LAST DATE OF ENTRY

19th Dec 2026

DD IN FAVOUR OF

Ananthi Chess Academy
Payable at Madurai

NOTE:

All chess players are welcome to participate in the tournament, provided they have a minimum Standard **FIDE Rating of 2100** as per the December 1 rating list.All participating players are required to stay at the official hotel. Only **40 slots** are available for Untitled Players (Norm Seekers). Such players will be accepted strictly on a first-come, first-served basis and must stay at the official hotel. Interested players may send their willingness to participate to **ananthichessacademy@gmail.com**. Kindly do not pay the entry fee until you receive a confirmation email regarding your participation. **Players rated below 2100 are requested not to send special requests for participation, as no exceptions will be considered.**

PRIZES - OPEN (INR)

1st	4,00,000 + Trophy
2nd	3,00,000
3rd	1,50,000

4TH	1,00,000	10TH - 11TH	25,000
5TH	75,000	12TH - 14TH	20,000
6TH	50,000	15TH - 19TH	16,000
7TH	45,000	20TH	15,000
8TH	35,000	21ST - 25TH	12,000
9TH	30,000	26TH - 30TH	10,000

BEST MADURAI DISTRICT PLAYER 1,00,000

2201 - 2300

1st	1,00,000
2nd	60,000
3rd	40,000

2101 - 2200

1st	1,00,000
2nd	60,000
3rd	40,000

*Indian income tax rules will be applicable

ROUND SCHEDULE

Inaugural ceremony: 22-12-2026 - 03:00 PM

ROUND 1 22-12-2026 04:00 PM	ROUND 2 23-12-2026 03:00 PM	ROUND 3 24-12-2026 03:00 PM	ROUND 4 25-12-2026 09:30 AM	ROUND 5 26-12-2026 03:00 PM
ROUND 6 27-12-2026 03:00 PM	ROUND 7 28-12-2026 03:00 PM	ROUND 8 29-12-2026 03:00 PM	ROUND 9 30-12-2026 03:00 PM	ROUND 10 31-12-2026 09:30 AM

Prize Distribution ceremony: 31-12-2026 - 03:00 PM

Note: Round 4 will begin at 9:30 AM. Free pickup and drop-off vehicles will be available from the main venue (Category A) to the Blitz tournament venue (Category C). Vehicles will depart from Amika Hotel at 2:30 PM.

RULES

SYSTEM OF PLAY:

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with **10 rounds**.

TIME CONTROL

90 Min for 40 moves followed by **30 Min + 30 Sec Increment from Move 41**

TIE BREAK

In case of a tie, the latest **FIDE Rules** shall come in to effect.
The cash prizes however will not be shared.

DRAW OFFER

Players shall not agree for a draw before **30th move of black**.

NOT ALLOWED

As per AICF regulations wrist watches are strictly prohibited inside the playing area.

ACCOMMODATION

Reporting at Amika Hotel

ACCOMMODATION

- All GMs will be provided free A/C Hotel accommodation* on double sharing basis.
- All WGMs / IMs / WIMs will be provided free A/C Hotel accommodation* on triple sharing basis.



FOR OFFICIAL HOTEL ACCOMMODATION CONTACT

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Mr. Lokesh N

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Mr. Saurav

For other details kindly refer general instructions

CATEGORY B

THE RISING MASTERS

(BELOW 2100)



TOTAL CASH PRIZE RS. 10,00,000/-

DEC. 22ND TO DEC. 25TH

VALLABA VIDYALAYA CBSE SCHOOL,
Alagar Kovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104.



1 BRAND NEW CAR



7 ROYAL ENFIELD BIKES



50 CHESS CLOCKS

ENTRY FEE

INR 5,000/-
For All Rated Players

INR 4,500/-
For Madurai District Players

ENTRY FEE CAN BE PAID VIA

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Type: Current Account
Bank: Union Bank of India

LAST DATE OF ENTRY

19th Dec 2026

DD IN FAVOUR OF

Ananthi Chess Academy
Payable at Madurai

REPORTING:

ALL THE PLAYERS MUST REPORT AT

VALLABA VIDYALAYA CBSE SCHOOL,

Alagar Kovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104..

PRIZES - OPEN (INR)

1st **1,00,000**
+ Car + Trophy



2nd **75,000**
RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	40,000	6th & 7th	15,000	16th -20th	7,000
4th	25,000	8th - 14th	10,000	21th -24th	6,000
5th	15,000	15th	8,000	25th - 40th	5,000

1651 - 1800

1st **50,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



2nd **30,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	15,000	7th	6,000	10th-15th	5,000
4th	10,000	8th	6,000		
5th - 6th	7,000	9th	5,000		

1501 - 1650

1st **50,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



2nd **30,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	15,000	7th	6,000	10th-15th	5,000
4th	10,000	8th	6,000		
5th - 6th	7,000	9th	5,000		

0 - 1500

1st 50,000
+ RE Bike + Trophy



2nd 30,000
+ RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	15,000	7th	6,000	10th-15th	5,000
4th	10,000	8th	6,000		
5th - 6th	7,000	9th	5,000		

PRIZES FOR BOYS & GIRLS CATEGORIES (SEPERATELY)

	UNDER 07	UNDER 09	UNDER 11	UNDER 13	UNDER 15
1st	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
2nd	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
3rd	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
4th	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
5th	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK

*Indian income tax rules will be applicable for all & also Please refer Prize Distribution terms & Conditions

ROUND SCHEDULE

Inaugural ceremony: 22-12-2026 - 09:00 AM

ROUND 1 22-12-2026 09:30 AM	ROUND 2 22-12-2026 01:00 PM	ROUND 3 23-12-2026 09:30 AM	ROUND 4 23-12-2026 01:00 PM	ROUND 5 23-12-2026 04:30 PM
ROUND 6 24-12-2026 09:30 AM	ROUND 7 24-12-2026 01:00 PM	ROUND 8 24-12-2026 04:30 PM	ROUND 9 25-12-2026 09:30 AM	

Prize Distribution ceremony: 25-12-2026 - 07:30 PM

Note: The Category C Blitz Tournament will be held after the conclusion of the Category B tournament, followed by the Prize Distribution ceremony for both Categories B & C at approximately 7:30 PM (subject to slight variation).

RULES

SYSTEM OF PLAY:

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with **9 rounds**.

TIME CONTROL

60 Minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1 for entire game.

TIE BREAK

In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect. The prizes however will not be shared.

DRAW OFFER

Players can't make an agree for draw before **30th move of black**.

NOT ALLOWED

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ACCOMODATION

ALL THE PLAYERS WHO NEED ACCOMMODATION MUST REPORT AT

Vallaba Vidyalaya CBSE School, Madurai

All participants will be provided FREE unfurnished dormitory for entire duration of the event. Each unfurnished dormitory can accommodate 10-15 persons. Beddings will be available on rental basis.

Each Accompanying person will be charged INR 1000/- for the entire tournament includes dormitory and lunch.

NOTE:*** Please be informed that male players will not be allowed to share accommodation with female parents, and female players will not be permitted to stay with male parents under any circumstances. **Accommodation for all has been arranged in the same building but on separate floors to ensure safety and privacy for everyone.** We kindly request you not to make any special requests or phone calls regarding this matter, as no exceptions will be entertained. ***

FOOD:

Food Coupon will be given to all the players at the venue. Canteen facilities will be available for players / parents / accompanying person on payment basis.

TRANSPORT:

Free pickup and drop off services from Matuthavani Bus Stand for Outstation participants and Accompanying persons staying in Hotels.

(Timings will be published on the **www.chess-results.com** one day before the start of the tournament)

CHECK IN TIME:

DEC 21ST - 11.00 A.M

CHECK OUT TIME:

DEC 25TH - 08.30 A.M

Late check out will not be allowed strictly.

ELIGIBILITY

CAREER RATING MUST BE 2099 & BELOW

Players having Career rating of 2099 & below for the last three years (from 1st December 2023) are only eligible to participate in the event.

CONTACT

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Mrs. Sivaranjani

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Mr. Nagarajan G

For other details kindly refer general instructions

CATEGORY C

THE BLITZ CHALLENGE

(BLITZ)



TOTAL CASH PRIZE RS. 4,00,000/-

DEC. 25TH 2026

VALLABA VIDYALAYA CBSE SCHOOL,
Alagar Kovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104.



3 EV BIKES



50 CHESS CLOCKS

ENTRY FEE

FREE
For all GMs/WGMs/ IMs & WIMs

INR 2,000/-
For all other Players

ENTRY FEE CAN BE PAID VIA

www.ananthichessacademy.com

www.bookmychess.com

BANK DEPOSIT

Account Name:
Ananthi Chess Academy
A/C No: 625601010050603
IFSC: UBIN0562564
Type: Current Account
Bank: Union Bank of India

LAST DATE OF ENTRY

22nd Dec 2026

DD IN FAVOUR OF

Ananthi Chess Academy
Payable at Madurai

REPORTING:

ALL THE PLAYERS MUST REPORT AT

VALLABA VIDYALAYA CBSE SCHOOL,
Alagar Kovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104.

PRIZES - OPEN (INR)

1st 50,000 + Trophy	2nd 30,000 + Trophy	20,000 ·ophy

4th	15,000	7th	8,000	15th -20th	3,000
5th	13,500	8th	6,000	21st - 30th	2,000
6th	10,000	9th -14th	4,000		

FOR MADURAI PLAYERS — 1st 5,000 + Trophy | 2nd 3,000 | 3rd 2,000

1651 - 1850

1st 15,000 + Bike + Trophy 	2nd 12,500	3rd 8,000

4th	6,000	6th - 8th	3,000
5th	4,000	9th & 10th	2,000

1501 - 1650

1st 15,000 + Bike + Trophy 	2nd 12,500	3rd 8,000

4th	6,000	6th - 8th	3,000
5th	4,000	9th & 10th	2,000

0 - 1500

1st 15,000 + Bike + Trophy 	2nd 12,500	3rd 8,000

4th	6,000	6th - 8th	3,000
5th	4,000	9th & 10th	2,000

PRIZES FOR BOYS & GIRLS CATEGORIES (SEPERATELY)

	UNDER 07	UNDER 09	UNDER 11	UNDER 13	UNDER 15
1st	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
2nd	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
3rd	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
4th	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
5th	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK

*Indian income tax rules will be applicable for all & also Please refer Prize Distribution terms & Conditions

ROUND SCHEDULE

ROUND 1 25-12-2026 03:00 PM	ROUND 2 25-12-2026 03:30 PM	ROUND 3 25-12-2026 04:00 PM	ROUND 4 25-12-2026 04:30 PM	ROUND 5 25-12-2026 05:00 PM
ROUND 6 25-12-2026 05:30 PM	ROUND 7 25-12-2026 06:00 PM	ROUND 8 25-12-2026 06:30 PM	ROUND 9 25-12-2026 07:00 PM	

Prize Distribution ceremony: 25-12-2026 - 07:30 PM

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; Concerned player must receive his/her own prize.

RULES

SYSTEM OF PLAY:

The Blitz Championship will be played under the **FIDE's laws of Chess (Blitz)** and the Swiss System. Totally nine rounds shall be played.

TIME CONTROL

In the Blitz Championship, each player will have **3 Minutes + 2 seconds increment from move 1.**

TIE BREAK

Tie Break - **AICF Tiebreak system** will be applied.
In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the Tournament.

PROTEST:

Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of **Rs.1, 000/-** within **10 minutes** of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

APPEALS COMMITTEE:

Before the commencement of the tournament, a **five member appeals committee** shall be formed by the Organizers.

RIGHTS OF ADMISSION:

The **AICF/TNSCA/MDCC/ACA** - Organizer reserves the right to admit/release any entry without assigning any reason thereof.

PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE

E-Certificates will be awarded to all participants.

FOR OTHER DETAILS KINDLY REFER GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

CATEGORY D

THE EMERGING STARS

(BELOW 1800)



TOTAL CASH PRIZE RS. 12,00,000/-

DEC. 26TH TO DEC. 28TH

VALLABA VIDYALAYA CBSE SCHOOL,
Alagar Kovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104.



1 BRAND NEW CAR



8 ROYAL ENFIELD BIKES



50 CHESS CLOCKS

ENTRY FEE

INR 6,000/-
For All Rated Players

INR 5,500/-
For Madurai District Players

ENTRY FEE CAN BE PAID VIA

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BANK DEPOSIT

Account Name:
Ananthi Chess Academy
A/C No: 625601010050603
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Type: Current Account
Bank: Union Bank of India

LAST DATE OF ENTRY

23rd Dec 2026

DD IN FAVOUR OF

Ananthi Chess Academy
Payable at Madurai

REPORTING:

ALL THE PLAYERS MUST REPORT AT

VALLABA VIDYALAYA CBSE SCHOOL,
Alagar Kovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104.

PRIZES - OPEN (INR)

1st **1,00,000**
+ Car + RE Bike + Trophy



2nd **50,000**
RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	30,000 + Trophy	7th & 8th	12,000	21st - 40th	6,000
4th	20,000	9th & 10th	10,000		
5th & 6th	15,000	11th - 20th	8,000		

1551 - 1700

1st **1,00,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



2nd **40,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	20,000	6th & 7th	7,000	10th-15th	6,000
4th	10,000	8th	6,000		
5th	10,000	9th	6,000		

1400 - 1550

1st **1,00,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



2nd **40,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	20,000	6th & 7th	7,000	10th-15th	6,000
4th	10,000	8th	6,000		
5th	10,000	9th	6,000		

UNRATED

1st **1,00,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



2nd **40,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	20,000	6th & 7th	7,000	10th-15th	6,000
4th	10,000	8th	6,000		
5th	10,000	9th	6,000		

PRIZES FOR BOYS & GIRLS CATEGORIES (SEPERATELY)

	UNDER 07	UNDER 09	UNDER 11	UNDER 13	UNDER 15
1st	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
2nd	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
3rd	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
4th	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
5th	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK

*Indian income tax rules will be applicable for all & also Please refer Prize Distribution terms & Conditions

ROUND SCHEDULE

Inaugural ceremony: 26-12-2026 - 09:00 AM

ROUND 1 26-12-2026 09:30 AM	ROUND 2 26-12-2026 01:00 PM	ROUND 3 26-12-2026 04:30 PM	ROUND 4 27-12-2026 09:30 AM	ROUND 5 27-12-2026 01:00 PM
ROUND 6 27-12-2026 04:30 PM	ROUND 7 28-12-2026 08:30 AM	ROUND 8 28-12-2026 12:00 PM	ROUND 9 28-12-2026 03:30 PM	

Prize Distribution ceremony: 28-12-2026 - 06:30 PM

Note: Refer Prize Distribution rules page for more details

RULES

SYSTEM OF PLAY:

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with **9 rounds**.

TIME CONTROL

60 Minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1 for entire game.

TIE BREAK

In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect. The prizes however will not be shared.

DRAW OFFER

Players can't make an agree for draw before **30th move of black**.

NOT ALLOWED

As Per AICF regulations wrist watches are strictly prohibited inside the Playing area.

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2. The earlier rule of threshold of 36 months remains the same (once the player crosses the rating threshold he cannot participate for the event below that rating level for next 36 months).

ACCOMODATION

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FOOD:

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TRANSPORT:

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CHECK IN TIME:

DEC 25TH - 11.00 A.M

CHECK OUT TIME:

DEC 28TH - 08.30 A.M

Late check out will not be allowed strictly.

ELIGIBILITY

CAREER RATING MUST BE 1799 & BELOW

Players having Career rating of 1799 & below for the last three years (from 1st December 2023) are only eligible to participate in the event.

CONTACT

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CATEGORY E

THE RISING CHAMPIONS

(BELOW 1600)



TOTAL CASH PRIZE RS. 12,00,000/-

DEC. 29TH TO DEC. 31ST

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1 BRAND NEW CAR



6 ROYAL ENFIELD BIKES



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BANK DEPOSIT

Account Name:
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Type: Current Account
Bank: Union Bank of India

LAST DATE OF ENTRY

26th Dec 2026

DD IN FAVOUR OF

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REPORTING:

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Alagar Kovil Main Road, Arambanur, Madurai – 625104.

PRIZES - OPEN (INR)

1st **1,00,000**
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2nd **50,000**
RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	30,000 + Trophy	6th & 7th	15,000	21st - 40th	7,500
4th	20,000	8th - 10th	10,000		
5th	20,000	11th - 20th	10,000		

1400 - 1530

1st **1,00,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



2nd **50,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	25,000	6th - 10th	10,000
4th	15,000	11th - 20th	8,000
5th	15,000		

UNRATED

1st **1,00,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



2nd **50,000**
+ RE Bike + Trophy



3rd	25,000	6th - 10th	10,000
4th	15,000	11th - 20th	8,000
5th	15,000		

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4th	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK
5th	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK	CLOCK

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ROUND SCHEDULE

Inaugural ceremony: 29-12-2026 - 09:00 AM

ROUND 1 29-12-2026 09:30 AM	ROUND 2 29-12-2026 01:00 PM	ROUND 3 29-12-2026 04:30 PM	ROUND 4 30-12-2026 09:30 AM	ROUND 5 30-12-2026 01:00 PM
ROUND 6 30-12-2026 04:30 PM	ROUND 7 31-12-2026 08:30 AM	ROUND 8 31-12-2026 12:00 PM	ROUND 9 31-12-2026 03:30 PM	

Prize Distribution ceremony: 31-12-2026 - 06:30 PM

Note: Refer Prize Distribution rules page for more details

RULES

SYSTEM OF PLAY:

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with **9 rounds**.

TIME CONTROL

60 Minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1 for entire game.

TIE BREAK

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All participants will be provided FREE unfurnished dormitory for entire duration of the event. Each unfurnished dormitory can accommodate 10-15 persons. Beddings will be available on rental basis.

Each Accompanying person will be charged INR 1000/- for the entire tournament includes dormitory and lunch.

NOTE:*** Please be informed that male players will not be allowed to share accommodation with female parents, and female players will not be permitted to stay with male parents under any circumstances. **Accommodation for all has been arranged in the same building but on separate floors to ensure safety and privacy for everyone.** We kindly request you not to make any special requests or phone calls regarding this matter, as no exceptions will be entertained. ***

FOOD:

Food Coupon will be given to all the players at the venue. Canteen facilities will be available for players / parents / accompanying person on payment basis.

TRANSPORT:

Free pickup and drop off services from Matuthavani Bus Stand for Outstation participants and Accompanying persons staying in Hotels.

(Timings will be published on the **www.chess-results.com** one day before the start of the tournament)

CHECK IN TIME:

DEC 28TH - 11.00 A.M

CHECK OUT TIME:

DEC 31ST - 08.30 A.M

Late check out will not be allowed strictly.

ELIGIBILITY

CAREER RATING MUST BE 1599 & BELOW

Players having Career rating of 1599 & below for the last three years (from 1st December 2023) are only eligible to participate in the event.

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PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CAR WINNERS:

1. TEMPORARY REGISTRATION:

The car will be handed over with a temporary registration, which is valid for a limited period (typically 1-3 months, depending on local laws). During this period, the winner must complete the permanent registration in their own city or state.



2. COSTS:

The winner will be responsible for covering all costs related to permanent registration, including road tax, insurance, and any

3. WINNER UNDER 18:

If the winner is below 18 years old, they cannot register the car in their name because they are not legally eligible to drive or own a vehicle. In this case, the car can be registered under the name of a parent or a close blood relation (e.g., sibling, grandparent). Third-party registrations (non-relatives or unrelated individuals) will not be accepted.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIKE / EV BIKE WINNERS:

COURIER FACILITY:

Winners of Bike / EV Bike can avail Courier facility at the help desk during the Prize distribution ceremony. Tournament organizer and team is not responsible for sending the prize in Courier.





SPECIAL NOTE:

FOR ALL PRIZES:

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; Concerned player must receive his/her own prize.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

To enter the tournament **Hall Identity Card** is mandatory for all players.
Players must collect their Identity card from the reporting area.

AICF Registration 2026-2027 for Indian Players: Indian players should be compulsorily registered with AICF. Players not yet registered can do so by remitting a sum of Rs.300/- online on https://prs.aicf.in. (Entries from unregistered players will not be entertained)

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 players registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament. For renewing TNSCA player registration of existing players, please check https://registration.tamilchess.com/ & For fresh TNSCA registration please check 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 1MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.

Madurai DCC player Registration: Madurai DCC player registration fee is Rs.75/- for the year 2026 – 2027 (for Madurai district players only).

Default Time (Walkover Time): The default time will be 30 minutes.

The Drawn Game: The players shall not agree for a draw without consent of arbiter before each player makes 30 moves.

Tie-Break: The following tie break rules will be applicable for all the FIDE Rated Swiss Events under AICF.
i. Buchholz Cut 1
ii. Buchholz
iii. Sonneborn-Berger
iv. Direct encounter
v. The greater number of wins including forfeits
vi. Number of wins with Black pieces

Protests: If any, against the decision of the Arbiter or the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a **protest fee of Rs.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, a five-member appeals committee with two reserves shall be formed by AICF/ORGANISERS. All the members and reserves shall be from different federations/states for A, B, C, D & E categories). No member of the committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own federation is involved and in such case the reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee formed by the Organizers.

Interpretation: 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 noticeboard with the prior approval from AICF&TNSCA.

VISA ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN PLAYERS:

- Foreign players with valid FIDE ID who desire visa assistance are required to write to the All-India Chess Federation (AICF)
- ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION #101-102, A Block, First Floor, Naurang House,21, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110001
- Email: **indianchessfed@gmail.com / www.aicf.in**
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