





26th National Youth Under-25 Chess Championship 2017 Organized by Andaman Nicobar Chess Association Under the Aegis of All India Chess Federation AICF Event Code: 160903/AN/2017 Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkiya Mahavidhyalaya Port Blair Date : 12.07.2017 to 21.07.2017

1.Tournament Schedule

Particulars	Date	Day	Time	
Arrival	12 July 2017	Wednesday	after 12 noon	
Managers Meeting	13 July 2017	Thursday	2:00 PM	
Inauguration	13 July 2017	Thursday	3:00 PM	
Round – 1	13 July 2017	Thursday	3:30 PM	
Round – 2	14 July 2017	Friday	9:00 AM	
Round – 3	14 July 2017	Friday	3:00 PM	
Round – 4	15 July 2017	Saturday	9:00 AM	
Round – 5	16 July 2017	Sunday	9:00 AM	
Round – 6	und – 6 16 July 2017		3:00 PM	
Round – 7	17 July 2017	Monday	9:00 AM	
Round – 8	18 July 2017	Tuesday	9:00 AM	
Round – 9	19 July 2017	Wednesday	9:00 AM	
Prize Distribution	19 July 2017	Wednesday	5:00 PM	
Departure	20/21/July 2017	Thursday/ Friday	8:00 AM	

2. Total Prize fund : Rs.1,00,000/- (Regular) + Rs.1,77,000- (Additional by Andaman Nicobar Chess Association).

The cash prize amounting to Rs. 2,77,000/- shall be distributed to top 25 position holders as under :

	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1.	50,000/-	6.	12,000/-	11.	8,000/-	16.	6,000/-	21.	5,000/-
2.	30,000/-	7.	10,000/-	12.	8,000/-	17.	6,000/-	22.	5,000/-
3.	20,000/-	8.	10,000/-	13.	8,000/-	18.	6,000/-	23.	5,000/-
4.	16,000/-	9.	10,000/-	14.	8,000/-	19.	6,000/-	24.	5,000/-
5.	14,000/-	10.	10,000/-	15.	8,000/-	20.	6,000/-	25.	5,000/-

3. Age Limit: Players should be born on or after 1.1.1992

Age Proof: Each participant must produce a valid Birth Certificate to prove his/her age. <u>Certificates from School are not enough</u>. Certificates should preferably be from the Panchayat, Municipality or Corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without date of birth certificates will not be allowed to participate.

** The date of birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate. No state association shall recommend any player who doesn't come under the above criteria.

If any doubt arises about the claimed age of a player, the Tournament Committee has the right to refer the player during the championship for a due evaluation of age by competent medical experts. A player if declared over-age by such experts shall not continue in the championship and the matter shall be reported to AICF. Protest about the age of players may be made to the Chief Arbiter in writing along with a fee of Rs. 5000/- per player. This will not be refunded. **No Protest about over age of a player will be entertained after 2nd round of the championship.**

Only the Coach or Manager deputed by participating State Chess Association can lodge such protests. The Tournament Committee has the right to decide the day, time and place for such medical evaluation of age. AICF / Organizers will have the right to refer any player to the medical evaluation of age at any time during the Championship. Players refusing to take the test as decided by the Tournament Committee shall be deemed to have failed the test and shall be disqualified from the Championship.

4.Eligibility: Subject to age limit following players can participate:

- i) Four players from each affiliated State Association/ Special Member of the AICF. If any Association/Special Member fails to send its full quota, the vacancies so caused shall not be filled.
- ii) The top four from the 2016 National Youth U-25 Championship subject to age stipulation.
- iii) The top two from the 2016 National Junior Championship.
- iv) Champion of the 2016 National Under 17 Championship.
- v) 2016 World Champion in any category subject to age stipulation.
- vi) 2016 World Junior 2nd and 3rd place.
- vii) 2016 Asian Junior Champion.
- viii) Champion of the 2016 National Junior Girls Championship.
- xi) Champions of current National Challengers & National Premier subject to age stipulation.
- x) All GMs & IMs are seeded to play subject to age limit.
- xi) Any player who remits the Special Entry fee of Rs.3,000/- Such entries must come through the concerned State Chess Association.
- xii) The host Association Andaman Nicobar Chess Association is entitled to field two additional players.
- xiii) The AICF Secretary has a discretionary seat in this championship.
- xiv) Two players approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no State Chess Association exists.
- xv) In the event of the total number of entries being odd, then the host Association may add one more entry to make it an even number.
- xvi) In addition to the above, those State Associations can field additional entries by virtue of their players' winning Gold (3), Silver (2) and Bronze (1) in the previous 2016 National U-25 Championship. Chandigrah (Gold) 3, Andra Pradesh (Silver) 2 and Gujrat (Bronze) 1. And these entries from the State Associations shall be given only from the Rank list of their respective State Championship with proof and not to anybody else.
- xvii) Only Indian Nationals are allowed to participate.

5.Dress Code: As per AICF regulations on Dress Code for players participating in all the National championships, all State Associations should send their players including special / donor entry players with proper uniform (As regards special / donor entry players, the respective state chess associations may collect the cost of the uniform from the players). Players should at least wear uniform T Shirts / formal shirts (same colour and brand with the name of the State printed prominently at the back and the state chess emblem in the front left side). The name / logo of the sponsors can be permitted. Girls / Women to be also given appropriate uniform dress. The above rule will also be applicable to Special units. Players without proper uniform will not be permitted to take part in the championship. This will be strictly enforced.

6. Entries/Entry Fee: All entries including special entries should come through the concerned State Association. However AICF will have the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason. The Entry form should be sent together with attested copy of original date of birth certificate (Birth Certificates from Panchayat / Municipality / Corporation only accepted) and entry fee* by a crossed Demand Draft drawn in favour of Andaman Nicobar Chess Association payable at Port Blair, S. Andaman.

ANCA Bank Account details for direct remittance of entry fee :

Bank : Canara Bank	Branch : Aberdeen Bazar, Port Blair
Account No.: 1185101018125	IFSC Code: CNRB0001185

*Entry Fee Structure: Ordinary entry: Rs.1,000/- Special entry: Rs.3,000/-

There is a 50% concession in the entry fee for participants from North Eastern States, Andaman & Nicobar Island.

Recommendation of State Association is mandatory for participation in the Championship. Without State Association approval no player will be allowed to participate.

Late Fee: Entries received after 03.07.2017 will be subject to a late fee of Rs. 250/-per player. However no entry will be entertained after 10.07.2017.

Entries and Enquiries should be sent to:-

Mr. H. Dinesh Hony. Secretary Andaman Nicobar Chess Association C/o Hotel TSG Emerald View, Phoniex Bay, Port Blair, S. Andaman Mob: +91-9434281709, e-mail: <u>dineshh_ahw@rediffmail.com</u> & <u>anchessassociation@gmail.com</u>

7. System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. Totally nine rounds shall be played. Players from the same state should not be paired against each-other in the last round of a National championship, except National Premier and Women Premier. However, they may be paired if there is no compatible opponent with the same point group or score group with a maximum difference of 1 point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

8. Default Time: Default time for arriving to the chess board is 15 minutes.

9. Time Control: The rate of play shall be 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move number one.

10. Chess Clocks: Each participating State Chess Association must provide at least one clock in working order for every two players entered into the Championship.

11. Tie Break: Following is the order of tie-break:

- 1) Direct encounter
- 2) Buchholz Cut 1
- 3) Buchholz
- 4) Sonneborn Berger
- 5) The greater number of wins

In case of tie, cash prizes will not be shared.

12. Protest : Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/-within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

13. Appeals Committee: Before the commencement of the tournament, a five member appeals committee shall be formed by the AICF/organizers. All the members and reserves shall be from different states. No member of the Committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own States is involved and in such case(s) the reserves member(s) shall take his place in the committee.

14. Tournament Committee: The organisers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.

15. Interpretation: For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by the above rules of the tournament, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Committee has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules, without notice. However, such changes/ or inclusion will be subject to AICF clearance. Such changes will, however, be displayed in the tournament hall.

16. Withdrawal: If any player withdraws from the last two rounds in any National Championship on medical grounds, he/she should undergo Medical Test/Examination by a Doctor recommended and supervised by the tournament committee.

17. Disqualification: No participant will leave the venue before the Prize Distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule will be suspended for one year.

18. Registration of Players with AICF: All participants in the National Championship should be registered with AICF for the year 2017-18. Application forms are available in the website <u>www.aicf.in</u> Those who have already obtained registration cards from AICF Website for 2017-18 should send photo copy of the same. Those who have paid the AICF Registration fee but are yet to receive the AICF Registration card should send a photo copy of the acknowledgment for having paid the fee to organizers of earlier tournaments or to their association.

19. Arrears: All arrears of affiliation fee/tournament fee including those of current year must be cleared by the Affiliated Association at the time of submitting the entries; otherwise the entries are liable to be rejected.

20. Lodging & Boarding : Free Hotel accommodation in triple sharing & Boarding will be provided to seeded/ selected players (normal entries) and one accompanying official (Manager) nominated by the concerned State Chess Association.

20.A) for Special Entries : Rs.5,000/- towards boarding and lodging till 21 July, 2017 8.00A.m. in triple sharing basis

20.B) for accompanying persons : Rs.1,000/- per day per person towards boarding and lodging in triples sharing basis

21. How to reach Port Blair: Daily flight are plying between Port Blair and Chennai, Kolkatta, New Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kochi & Mumbai

For more details, please contact :

- 1. Mr. H. Dinesh
 : 9434281709/9476050661/9679587541
- 2. Mr. Sashi Kumar : 9434270905/7063923735
- 3. Mr. B. Neelaiah : 9434293379
- 4. Mr. P. Venkata Nagendra : 9434283802
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- 6. Smti Rashmi : 9476042655

In a historic decision the All India Chess Federation has allocated the conduct of National Under 25 Championship to Andaman & Nicobar Chess Association. The same will be organised at Port Blair from 12th to 21st July 2017. The organisers have graciously agreed to host the players for two more days for sightseeing. As an one time measure, AICF has decided to extend air ticket from Chennai to Andaman & back to one player (presumably the State 25 Champion) from each affiliated State Association who is selected by the State Association on merit to participate in the above Nationals. Apart from the above players, lodging & Boarding (in lieu of Rs.1000 lumpsum given by the Federation) will be provided by the organisers for the selected & seeded players as per rules. All other players/ State Associations shall make their own travel arrangements.

We therefore request all State Associations & players to make use of this opportunity and to visit Port Blair so that an effort can be made to popularise the game in the island.

Entry Form

To, Organising Secretary, 26th National Youth (U-25) Chess Championship 2017 Hotel TSG Emerald View,

Dear Sir, Sub: <u>Entry for 26th National Youth (U-25) Chess Championship 2017.</u>

Kindly enroll the entry of our players for the 26th National Under-25 Chess Championships-17. Particulars of the Entry fee paid/being paid by crossed DD in favor of "Andaman Nicobar Chess Association".

Amount: Rs.D.D. No.Date:Bank & Branch:

We understand that the Championship is held for only AICF Registered Players. All team members, whose particulars are given below, will abide by the Rules & Regulations of AICF.

No	Name of Player	FIDE ID	Rating	Date of Birth	Ordinary/Special Amount (Rs.)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

(Copy of age proof should be enclosed)

Signature
Name of State/Special unit:(Affiliated to All India Chess Federation)_____

Name/ Signature with Seal_____

Place : Date :