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CHESS CLUB
ERNAKULAM

PRESENTS

30th National Under-17 Open & Girls Chess Championships - 2019

From 29th June to 07th July, 2019

AICF Event code: 219259 / 219260 / KER / 2019

Organized By:
4 QUEENS CHESS CLUB ERNAKULAM

Under the Aegis of:

**CHESS ASSOCIATION KERALA
& ERNAKULAM CHESS ASSOCIATION**

ON BEHALF OF :

ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION



Venue Partner :

**OBERON MALL (CENTRALIZED A/C HALL)
EDAPPALLY, ERNAKULAM, KERALA
INDIA, PIN: 682 024**

1. Tournament Schedule

Arrival	Saturday	29 th June 2019	6.00 Hrs.
Managers' Meeting	Saturday	29 th June 2019	10:00 Hrs.
Inauguration	Saturday	29 th June 2019	11:00 Hrs.
Round1	Saturday	29 th June 2019	15:30 Hrs.
Round2	Sunday	30 th June -2019	10:00 Hrs.
Round3	Monday	1 st July -2019	10:00 Hrs.
Round4	Tuesday	2 nd July -2019	9:30 Hrs.
Round5	Tuesday	2 nd July -2019	15:30 Hrs.
Round6	Wednesday	3 rd July -2019	10:00 Hrs.
Round7	Thursday	4 th July -2019	9:30 Hrs.
Round8	Thursday	4 th July -2019	15:30 Hrs.
Round9	Friday	5 th July-2019	10:00 Hrs.
Round10	Saturday	6 th July -2019	10:00 Hrs.
Round11	Sunday	7 th July -2019	10:00 Hrs.
Prize Distribution Ceremony	Sunday	7 th July -2019	15:30 Hrs.

1.Age Limit: Players should be born on or after 1.1.2002

Age Proof: Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age.

Certificates from School are not valid. Certificates shall 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 criterion

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 age evaluation 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 Arbitrator 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 tournament. 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.

2. Eligibility: Subject to age limit, the following players can participate:

1. Two players in each category from every affiliated State Association of AICF. If any Association fails to send its quota, the vacancies so caused will not be filled.
2. Top four players from 2018 National under -17 (Open & Girls) Chess Championships are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories subject to age stipulation.
3. The top two players from 2018 National U-15 Open and Girls Championships are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.
4. The Champions from 2018 National under 13 (Open & Girls) chess championships are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective category.
5. 2018 World Champion in any category subject to age stipulation.
6. 2018 World No.2 & 3 in under 16 and under 18 categories subject to age stipulation.
7. 2018 Asian U-18 top three rankers subject to age stipulation.
8. 2018 Asian Under-16 Champion.
9. The winner and runner up of 2018 National U-17 Girls Championship are eligible to play in open section subject to age stipulation.
10. The winner of 2018 National Under-15 Girls Championship is eligible to play in open section.
11. 2018 National Champion in any higher category subject to age stipulation.
12. Any other player who remits the prescribed Special Entry Fee of Rs.5,000/-. Such entries should come through the respective Affiliated State Association.
13. Host the Chess Association Kerala is entitled to fill one additional player in each category.
14. The AICF Secretary has a discretionary seat in each category in this Championship.
15. Two players in each category approved by AICF will be permitted from where no State Association exists.
16. If the number of participants at the start of the championship is an odd number in a category, the host association can add one entry to make it even.
17. In addition to the above, the following State can field addition seats, as their players had won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the previous year National Under - 17 Chess Championship : - Open Maharashtra 5 entries (Gold & Silver) and West Bengal 1 entry (Bronze) ; Girls Tamilnadu 6 entries (Gold, Silver and Bronze) and these entries from the State Associations shall be given only from the Rank list of their respective State Championships with proof and not to anybody else.

Only Indian Nationals are eligible to participate in the championships.

All GMs / IMs and all WIMs /WGMs are eligible to participate in their respective category as seeded players subject to age stipulation.

3. 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.

4. ENTRY FEE: NORMAL: Rs. 1000/- Special: Rs. 5000/-. Entry & Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through:

<http://aicf.in/national-tournament-registration/>

for clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries, please contact: aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

There will be a 50% concession in entry fee for participants from North Eastern States, Andaman & Nicobar Island. The entries will be accepted by only online, details as given above. Please include a Xerox Copy of Birth Certificate with your entry. **Late Fee:** Entries received after 07.06.2019 will be subject to a late fee of Rs. 250/- per player. However no entry will be entertained after 14th June, 2019 5:00P.M

5. Prizes The cash prizes will be awarded to 20 players in each category amounting to Rs.2,50,000 /- as below :

Prizes	Boys	Girls
1	25,000	25,000
2	18,000	18,000
3	15,000	15,000
4	12,000	12,000
5	10,000	10,000
6	7,000	7,000
7	6,000	6,000
8	5,000	5,000
9	4,000	4,000
10	3,000	3,000
11 to 20	2,000 each	2,000 each

6. System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. Total eleven rounds shall be played. Players from the same state shall 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 within 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.

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

- 8. Session:** The rate of play shall be 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move number one
- 9. Chess Clocks:** Each participating State Chess Association must provide at least one clock in working order for every two players entered in to the Championship.
- 10. Tie Break:** Following is the order of tie-break:
- 1) Direct encounter
 - 2) Buchholz Cut1
 - 3) Buchholz
 - 4) Sonneborn Berger
 - 5) The greater number of wins (Forfeits included) In case of tie, cash prizes will not be shared.
- 11. Tournament Committee:** The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.
- 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 20 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 / affiliated units. No member of the Committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own State is involved and, in such case, (s) the reserve member (s) shall take his / her place in the committee.
- 14. Withdrawal:** If any player withdraws from the last two rounds in any National Championship on the medical ground, he//she should undergo treatment by a Doctor recommended and supervised by the tournament committee.
- 15. Disqualification:** No participant shall 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.
- 16. 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 the rules, without prior notice. However, such changes should be approved by the AICF. Such changes will, however, be displayed in the tournament hall.
- 17. Registration of Players:** All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2019-2020. Online AICF registration can be done at the website www.aicf.in. Those who have already obtained registration cards from AICF Website for 2019-20 should send photo copy of the same. Those who have paid the AICF Registration fee but are yet to receive the confirmation of AICF Registration should send a photo copy acknowledgement for having paid the fee. Before the championship all the players must be registered with AICF for the year 2019 - 2020.
- 18. 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.

19. Lodging: Free Dormitory type accommodation will be provided to seeded / selected players (normal entries) and one accompanying official (Manager) nominated by the concerned State Chess Association. Request for official accommodation must reach before 10th June 2019, otherwise players/officials will have to make their own arrangements.

Special entries and other accompanying persons should make their own arrangement for their stay.

Non AC Accommodation is available on sharing basis free for selected players.

Chargeable for donor players and parents. (Call Saju Manjaly 89438857644)

Climate: In June & July climate is expected to be rainy. Non AC accommodation can be suitable for most.

20. Boarding: A lump sum of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One thousand only) will be paid by the AICF through the organizers towards the boarding expenses only to the affiliated State Chess Associations' players who play this championship under normal entry (qualified and seeded players)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT, ACCOMMODATION & FOOD FACILITIES IN ERNAKULAM

Ernakulam is well connected by Public transport such as Air, Bus & Train. It is the biggest city in Kerala, and have metro rail as well as other transportation facilities

By Air: The closest airport is Cochin International Airport in Nedumbaserry, located about 30kilometers from the venue. Most airlines operate flights to Ernakulam from all major cities in India

By Bus: The bus stop is in front of the venue. There are regular and frequent bus services.

By Train: The closest Railway Station are Ernakulam Junction, Ernakulam Town and Edapally. Many trains are available from all major cities in India. From Railway station, taxi or Auto can be hired for venue.

Food facilities and Restaurants near by

A food court, is functioning in the venue for the benefit of players. There are many other smaller cafes and refreshment outlets nearby the venue.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

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In Case of Emergency: Mr. Saju Manjaly Phone: 89438857644

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For Accommodation: Enquiries should be sent to:-

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Mrs. Mercy Thomas : 9846160797

Mrs. Mini Elizabeth George : 6282535919

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To:
The Divisional/ Commercial /Area Superintendent,
.....Railway.....

Dear Sir,

Sub: Rail Concession

This is to certify that the following players and officials are bona-fide participants of the 30th National Under-17 Open & Girls Chess Championships-2019 to be organized by us on behalf of All India Chess Federation at Oberon Mall, Edappally, Ernakulam, Kerala India, Pin: 682 024, from **29th June to 07th July, 2019**. This is a recognized event of the All India Chess Federation.

Sr. No.	Name of the Player	Date of Birth
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We therefore, request the Rail Concession order may please be issued to them to travel from _____to Ernakulam, Kerala and back. The game of Chess is recognized for Rail Concession by the Railway Board by their letter no TC/1112035/76, thdated 5 April 1971.

Thanking you ,

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Rajesh Nattakom,
General Secretary ,
The Chess Association Kerala.