



MPL 58th Senior National Chess Championship-2022

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Organised by

UP Chess Sports Association

On behalf of

All India Chess Federation

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Date: 25.02.2022 to 03.03.2022

Venue

Ganges Club, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Total Prize Fund: Rs. 30,00,000/-

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

24/02/2022	ARRIVAL	THURSDAY	TIMINGS
25/02/2022	PLAYERS' MEETING	FRIDAY	09:00 hrs
25/02/2022	INAUGURATION	FRIDAY	09:30 hrs
25/02/2022	ROUND-1	FRIDAY	10:00 hrs
25/02/2022	ROUND-2	FRIDAY	16:00 hrs
26/02/2022	ROUND-3	SATURDAY	09:30 hrs
26/02/2022	ROUND-4	SATURDAY	16:00 hrs
27/02/2022	ROUND-5	SUNDAY	10:00 hrs
28/02/2022	ROUND-6	MONDAY	09:30 hrs
28/02/2022	ROUND-7	MONDAY	16:00 hrs
01/03/2022	ROUND-8	TUESDAY	10:00 hrs
01/03/2022	ROUND-9	TUESDAY	16:00 hrs
02/03/2022	ROUND-10	WEDNESDAY	10:00 hrs
03/03/2022	ROUND-11	THURSDAY	09:30 hrs
03/03/2022	CLOSING CEREMONY	THURSDAY	16:00 hrs

Total Prize Fund :Rs. 30,00,000/-

1st	600000	6th	250000
2nd	500000	7th	200000
3rd	400000	8th	200000
4th	300000	9th	150000
5th	250000	10th	150000

Eligibility:

1. Every Affiliated State Association/Institutional Members of All India Chess Federation shall be entitled to send four entries. If any state association / institution failed to send its full quota, the vacancies so caused shall not be filled.
2. All Grandmasters, International Masters and Women Grandmasters are seeded. Such entries should come through their respective State Associations / Affiliated Units of AICF.
3. First 6 players from previous Senior National Championship rankings other than GMs, IMs and WGMs.
4. First 2 players from 2019 Under-25 National Chess Championship.
5. National Junior Chess Champion of 2019.
6. Winner & Runner-up of the 2019 National Women Chess Championship.
7. Current World Champion in any category (OTB).
8. Current Asian Junior Champion and first three from last Asian Men Chess Championship (OTB).
9. The host Association UP Chess Sports Association shall be entitled to fill additional entries of 4 players.
10. All Board prize winners of the 2020 National Team Chess Championship.
11. Four players approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no State Chess Association exists.
12. A nominee of Hon. Secretary of AICF.
13. If total number of entries is an odd number, then the host Association UP Chess Sports Association may add one more entry to make it an even number.
14. **Special Entries : Players with current rating of 2000 or above and** remits the prescribed Special Entry fee of Rs. 12,500/-. **All such entries should come through their respective State Associations/Affiliated Units of AICF.**

Only Indian Nationals are eligible to participate in this championship.

Entries & Entry Fee :

- Regular entry Rs. 3,750/-
- Special Rs. 12,500/-

Note: There will be 50% concession in entry fee for participants from North Eastern States and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

All Entries including Special entries should come through the concerned State Chess Association/Institutional Members of AICF.

**Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through : <https://prs.aicf.in/entry>
For clarification and guidance regarding the submission of entries, please contact: aicfnationalentries@gmail.com**

Last Date of Entry : 17th February 2022. With a late fee of Rs. 250/- upto 20th February 2022

- ❖ **No entry will be accepted after 5 pm on 20th February 2022**
- ❖ **AICF Players Registration:** All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2021-2022 before the registration on AICF Online portal for National Entries. Online AICF registration can be done at the website www.aicf.in/players
- ❖ **System of Play:** The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. Totally 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. 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.
- ❖ **Default time:** Default time for arriving to the chess board is 15 minutes.
- ❖ **Draw Offer :** Players shall not agree for a draw before Black's 30th move, without the consent of the arbiter.
- ❖ **Time Control:** Time control of 90 minutes with 30 seconds increment per move from move no.1.

Chess Clocks: Each participating association must provide at least two DGT chess clocks in working order for every four players sent by that association in the championship.

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

1. Buchholz Cut 1
2. Buchholz
3. Sonneborn-Berger
4. Direct encounter
5. The greater number of wins including forfeits
6. Number of wins with Black pieces

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

Electronic Devices: All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall.

Lodging: Free accommodation will be provided to all the selected participants and one accompanying official (manager) nominated by the concerned state Chess Association for each state. Players and officials availing this facility have to inform the same on or before 17th February 2022.

Accompanying person and special entries have to make their own arrangements. If they want to avail this facility they may contact the organisers (UP Chess Sports Association) on or before 17th February 2022.

Dress Code: As per AICF regulation on dress code for player participating in all the National Championships, all State Association/Affiliated units should send their players including special entry players with proper uniform (As regards special entry players, the respective state chess association may collect the cost of the uniform from the players). Player should at least wear 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. Girl/Women to be also given appropriate uniform dress. The above rule will also be applicable to special units. Player without proper uniform will not be permitted to take part in the Championship. This will be strictly enforced.

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

Protests: Protest if any, against the decision of the chief arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee Rs.3000/- within 30 minutes of occurrence of the incident. The amount shall be refunded if appeal is upheld. The decision of the appeals committee is FINAL AND BINDING on all players concerned.

Appeals Committee : Before commencement of the tournament, a Five Member Appeals Committee shall be formed by AICF/Organizers. All members and the reserves shall be from the different states/affiliated units. No member of the committee can vote on the dispute in which a player from his own state is involved. In such case(s) reserve member(s) shall take his place in the committee. The decision of the appeals committee is FINAL and BINDING on all players concerned.

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

Disqualification: No player shall leave the venue before the prize distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule shall be suspended for one year.

Arrears: The affiliated association must clear all arrears of affiliation fee /tournament fee including those of current year at the time of submitting the entries. Otherwise the entries are liable to be rejected.

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

COVID PROTOCOL

- 1. All players are required to mandatorily adhere the Covid Protocol issued by Government of India/Government of Uttar Pradesh at the time of championship.**
- 2. All participants, above 16 years of age must be fully vaccinated. They also have to submit a negative RTPCR test obtained within 48 hours of their arrival. A covid care centre will be set up at the venue.**
- 3. Players have to sign the Self Declaration form on their arrival with respect to Covid-19.**
- 3. All players are required to maintain social distancing and hand sanitization at all times.**
- 4. Wearing of mask is mandatory at all times when the player is inside tournament hall.**
- 5. Any symptomatic players will be removed from the championship as pre-caution. All players are obliged to obey this rule and no protest can be made against this decision of Organizing Committee.**
- 6. All Officials and Arbiters will be fully vaccinated.**
- 7. Sanitization of Chess Board and Chess pieces will be carried out at regular intervals.**
- 8. Parents and accompanying persons are not allowed inside tournament hall at all times.**
- 9. Organizers take all the measures for safe championship environment. However, in case any untoward situation arises, the players will not ask damages from Organizers/All India Chess Federation.**
- 10. Due to any unforeseen scenario, if the event needs to be cancelled, then AICF's obligation is limited to refunding the entry fee paid by the players.**
- 11. By enrolling for the events, the players are abide by all the terms and conditions of the championship for participation.**

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