



**1st NATIONAL SCHOOLS TEAM UNDER-12 & UNDER-18
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2023**

**AICF Event Code: 329951 /PON/2023
& 329952 /PON/2023**

Date: 23-25 June, 2023

Organised by

Pondicherry Chess Association

On Behalf of

All India Chess Federation

Venue:

**Amalorpavam Higher Sec. School
Arumai Primary Building
Vanarapet
Pondicherry – 605001**

1. Tournament Schedule:

Day 1	23 June 23	Arrival	09:00 Hrs
Day 1	23 June 23	Technical meeting	09:30 Hrs
Day 1	23 June 23	Inauguration	10:00 Hrs
Day 1	23 June 23	Round - 1	11:00 Hrs
Day 1	23 June 23	Round - 2	14:00 Hrs
Day 1	23 June 23	Round - 3	17:00 Hrs
Day 2	24 June 23	Round - 4	09:30 Hrs
Day 2	24 June 23	Round - 5	12:30 Hrs
Day 2	24 June 23	Round - 6	15:30 Hrs
Day 3	25 June 23	Round - 7	09:30 Hrs
Day 3	25 June 23	Round - 8	12:30 Hrs
Day 3	25 June 23	Round - 9	15:30 Hrs
Day 3	25 June 23	Closing Ceremony	18:00 Hrs

2. Age Limit: Players should be born on or after 1.1.2011 for Under-12 Category and 1.1.2005 for Under-18 Category.

3. Age Proof: Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. **Certificates from School will not be accepted.** Certificates should 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 player alone will be recognized and allowed to participate. No school 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 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 second round of the championship.

Only the Coach or Manager deputed by the participating school 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. Bonafide Certificate : All the players of a team must be bonafide students of the same school for the academic year 2023-24 and the same must be certified by Principal/Headmaster of the school with signature and stamp.

5. Prizes

Team Rank	Under-12	Players		Under-18	Players
1 st	Trophy	Gold Medals		Trophy	Gold Medals
2 nd	Trophy	Silver Medals		Trophy	Silver Medals
3 rd	Trophy	Bronze Medals		Trophy	Bronze Medals

Gold, Silver & Bronze medal will be awarded to top three board prize winners in all five boards.

Merit Certificate will be issued to all the medal winners

The event serves as selection event for the World School Team Chess Championship scheduled to be held at Kazakhstan from 03-08 August 2023. Champions in both categories will be granted official status and their boarding & lodging as well as travel expenditure will be taken care.

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

Players born on or after 1st January 2011 are eligible to participate in Under-12 category.

Players born on or after 1st January 2005 are eligible to participate in Under-18 category.

- (a) All the players of a team must be bonafide students of the same school for the academic year 2023-24 and the same must be certified by Principal/Headmaster of the school with signature and stamp.
- (b) Each school can enroll any number of teams with suffixing the letters "A", "B" and "C" with their school's name.
- (c) No restriction for team composition (only boys or only girls or mixed). Each team shall consist of four players and one reserve player and a non-playing captain.
- (d) Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in the championships.
- (e) No teams will be allowed to play in Club/Academy names.
- (f) All the players must belong to same school.

7. Dress Code: As per AICF regulations on dress code for players participating in all the National championships, the players must wear the school uniform. This will be strictly enforced.

8. Entries/Entry Fee: All entries to be forwarded by respective schools directly to All India Chess Federation (aicfnationalentries@gmail.com) along with entry form (in excel format only), copy of Date of Birth Certificates, bonafide certificate signed by the Principal/Headmaster with stamp and details of entry fee paid.

9. Entry Fee Structure:

Entry Fee: Rs. 4000/- per team (Rupees four thousand only)per team.

There will be a 50% concession in the entry fee for participating schools from North Eastern states and Andaman & Nicobar islands.

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

10. Late fee: The Entry Fee is valid till 18th June 2023. No Entry fee will be entertained after 18th June 2023.

11. System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. A total of nine rounds shall be played. Pairing and standings will be based on match points.

Teams from same school shall not be paired against each other in the last round. However, they may be paired if there is no compatible opponent with the same point group or score group with a maximum difference of 2 match point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

12. Starting Rank of the team: The seeding of the teams will be done on the basis of the average rating of the best 4 players. While sending entries, the names of all the players with their FIDE ID and their respective FIDE ratings, if any, should be given to enable the arbiters to arrive at the teams' average rating for seeding purposes. These names and ratings should be reconfirmed in person at the Technical Meeting. The Fixed Board Order should be decided by the respective team Captain/Manager before/at the technical meeting.

13. Default Time: Default time for arriving to the chessboard is 15 minutes.

14. Time Control: The rate of play shall be 45 minutes with an increment of 10 second per move from move number one (rapid format)

15. Tie Break: In case of tie, the following is the order of tie-break:

- (a) Match Points (b) Direct Encounter based on Match Points (c) Game Points
- (d) Sonneborn Berger (e) Berlin.

16. Protest: Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs. 3000/- (Rupees three thousand only) within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is up held.

17. 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 State is involved and, in such case(s), the reserve member(s) shall take his place in the committee.

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

19. 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.

20. Withdrawal: Any withdrawal from the tournament must be notified to the Chief Arbiter with acceptable reasons.

21. Disqualification : No participant will leave the venue before the Prize Distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

22. Registration of Player with AICF: All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2023-2024 before forwarding the entries for the event. Online AICF Registration can be done at the website www.prs.aicf.in/players

23. Electronic Devices: All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. **Those who are having mobile phones or wearing watches during their play will be declared lost.**

24. Accommodation: All teams have to make their own arrangement for stay.

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