



37th NATIONAL UNDER-9 OPEN & GIRLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2024

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Date: 27th December 2024 to 2nd January 2025

Organized by
Maharashtra Chess Association

Under the aegis of
All India Chess Federation

Supported by
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India

**Venue: Boxing Hall, Shri Shiv Chhatrapati
Sports Complex, Mahalunge, Balewadi-Baner Road, Pune -
411045.**

Total Prize Fund: Rs. 5,00,000/-

Tournament Schedule

	Date	Day	Time
Arrival	26 th December	Thursday	14:00
Inauguration	27 th December	Friday	09:00
Technical Meeting	27 th December	Friday	09:30
Round 1	27 th December	Friday	10:00
Round 2	27 th December	Friday	16:00
Round 3	28 th December	Saturday	09:30
Round 4	29 th December	Sunday	09:30
Round 5	29 th December	Sunday	15:30
Round 6	30 th December	Monday	09:30
Round 7	30 th December	Monday	15:30
Round 8	31 st December	Tuesday	09:30
Round 9	1 st January	Wednesday	09:30
Round 10	1 st January	Wednesday	15:30
Round 11	2 nd January	Thursday	09:30
Prize Distribution	2 nd January	Thursday	15:30
Departure	2 nd January	Thursday	16:30

2. Age Limit: Players should be born on or after 1.1.2015.

3. Age Proof: Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his /her age. **Certificates from the Schools will not be accepted.**

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 player 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 second round of the championship.

Only the coach or manager deputed by the 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. Prizes: Total Prize Fund – Rs. 5,00,000/-

Rank	Open	Girls
1 st	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
2 nd	36,000/-	36,000/-
3 rd	30,000/-	30,000/-
4 th	24,000/-	24,000/-
5 th	20,000/-	20,000/-
6 th	14,000/-	14,000/-
7 th	12,000/-	12,000/-
8 th	10,000/-	10,000/-
9 th	8,000/-	8,000/-
10 th	6,000/-	6,000/-
11 th - 20 th	4,000/-	4,000/-

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

(a) 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.

(b) Top four players from 2023 National (Under-9) Open & Girls Chess Championships (held in Jamshedpur, November 2023) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories subject to age stipulation.

(c) Top two players from 2023 National Under 7 (Open & Girls) Chess Championship (held in Kolkata, September 2023) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.

(d) World Champion in any over the board category for the year 2023 subject to age stipulation.

(e) World number 2 & 3 in under 8 & 10 categories for the year 2023, subject to age stipulation.

- (f) Top three rankers in the Asian Under 10 Championships 2023, subject to age stipulation.
- (g) Asian Under-8 2023 Champion
- (h) Current over the board national champion in any higher category subject to age stipulation.
- (i) Any other player who remits the prescribed special entry fee of Rs.6,250/-. Such entries should come through the respective affiliated State Association.
- (j) Host Maharashtra Chess Association is entitled to fill two additional players in each category.
- (k) The AICF Secretary has a discretionary seat in each category in this Championship.
- (l) Two players in each category approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no State Association exists.
- (m) The winner and runner up of 2023 National Under 9 Girls Championship (held in Jamshedpur, November 2023) are eligible to play in open section subject to age stipulation.
- (n) The winner of 2023 National Under-7 Girls Championship (held in Kolkata, September 2023) is eligible to play in open section.
- (o) 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.
- (p) Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in the championships.
- (q) In addition to the above, three additional entries from the state which won Gold, two entries from the State which won the Silver and one additional entry from the State which won the Bronze in the National Under-9 (Open & Girls) Chess Championships (held in Jamshedpur, November 2023) shall be accepted.
- Open:** Maharashtra (Gold) – 3, Puducherry (Silver) – 2,
Andhra Pradesh (Bronze) – 1
- Girls:** Telangana (Gold) – 3, Tamil Nadu (Silver) – 2,
Kerala (Bronze) – 1

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.

6. 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 color 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 have also to be given appropriate uniform. 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.

7. Entries/Entry Fee: All entries including special entries should come through the concerned State Association. The entry form should be sent together with attested copy of original date of birth certificate (Birth Certificates from Panchayat / Municipality / Corporation only accepted).

Entry Fee Structure:

Ordinary entry: Rs.1250/- (Rs one thousand two hundred and fifty only)

Special entry: Rs.6250/- (Rupees six thousand two hundred and fifty only)

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

Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through:

<https://prs.aicf.in/entry>.

For clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries:

aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

Late fee: Please note entry fee structure is valid till **13th December 2024**. Thereafter a late fee of Rs.250/-per player will be levied. **20th December 2024**.

8. System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. A total of eleven rounds shall be played.

Players from the same state 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 1 point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

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

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

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

- (a) Buchholz Cut1
- (b) Buchholz
- (c) Sonneborn Berger
- (d) Direct encounter
- (e) The greater number of wins (forfeit included)
- (f) The greater number of wins by black. In case of tie, cash prizes will not be shared.

12. Draw Agreement: Players shall not agree for a draw without the consent of the arbiter, before each player makes 30 moves.

13. Protest: Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000/- within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be

refunded if the appeal is up held.

14. 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.

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

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 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.

17. Withdrawal: 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. The entry fee once paid shall not be refunded if the withdrawal from Championship is done after the publication of first round pairings.

18. 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.

19. Registration of Players with AICF: All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2024-25 before the registration on AICF Online portal for the entries. Online AICF registration can be done at the website www.aicf.in/players.

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

21. Electronic Devices: All electronic items including mobiles and wrist watches (all types of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. Players in possession of such items will be declared lost.

22. All FIDE FAIRPLAY REGULATIONS ARE APPLICABLE.

23. Accommodation: Free dormitory accommodation will be provided to all the selected and seeded 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 15th December, 2024. **Accompanying persons of selected players have to pay 750/- per day for official lodging on or before 15th December 2024.** Special entry players have to make their own arrangements. Any queries please send an email to accommodationsmca@gmail.com.

24. Boarding: A lump sum of Rs.1,500/- (Rupees fifteen hundred only) will be paid by the organizer towards the boarding expenses, only to the affiliated State Associations' seeded and selected players who play this championship under normal entry fee.

25.Existing provisions of Income Tax as on date of the championship are applicable for prize money.

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