



2nd Maharashtra Chess Festival Below 1800 FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2025

(For below 1800 rated players only)

ORGANISED BY: MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION

UNDER THE AEGIS OF: ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

From 25th to 28th April 2025

VENUE: AMANORA MALL

ADDRESS: MUNDHWA-KHARADI ROAD, HADAPSAR, PUNE – 411028

GOOGLE MAPS LINK: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gohxGJBRRMBbnnC1m7>

AICF EVENT CODE: 413110/MAH/2025

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY Rs. 10,00,000/-

1. Eligibility:

- The tournament is open for players who have not crossed the Standard FIDE rating of 1800 in the past 36 months prior to the start of the tournament are eligible to participate.

2. System of Play:

- The Tournament shall be played under the FIDE Laws of Chess for a total of 9 rounds on a Swiss-League basis.

3. Time Control:

- Each player shall have 60 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

4. Fair Play:

- Players who finished first or second in any rating restricted tournament will not be eligible to play in any rating restricted tournament for one year from the date of such achievement”

5. Tournament Schedule:

Date	Day	Event	Time
25 th April	Friday	Technical Meeting	9:30 am
25 th April	Friday	Inauguration	10:00 am
25 th April	Friday	Round 1	10:30 am
25 th April	Friday	Round 2	3:30 pm
26 th April	Saturday	Round 3	9:30 am
26 th April	Saturday	Round 4	2:30 pm
27 th April	Sunday	Round 5	8:30 am
27 th April	Sunday	Round 6	12:30 pm
27 th April	Sunday	Round 7	4:30 pm
28 th April	Monday	Round 8	8:30 am
28 th April	Monday	Round 9	12:30 pm
28 th April	Monday	Closing Ceremony	4:00 pm
28 th April	Monday	Departure	5:00 pm onwards

6. Entry Fee:

- From rating 1400 to 1800 – Rs. 4,000.
- For unrated players – Rs. 5,000
- Last date of entry submission – 20th April 2025
- Last date of entry submission with late fee of Rs. 500 – 23rd April 2025
- No request towards discount, waiver of entry fee or late fee will be entertained.
- Players can register via the link given below:

<https://forms.gle/akQJnR5ts3Q9x8ux5>

Bank account details for entry fee payment:

Account Name	Maharashtra Chess Association
Bank Name	Kotak Mahindra Bank
Account No.	1146360584
Branch	Senapati Bapat Road, Pune
IFSC Code	KKBK0001779
SWIFT Code	KKBKINBBXXX

- **Full entry fee will be refunded if name is withdrawn before pairing of round one is done. No refund will be given if name is withdrawn after pairing of round one is done.**
- Entry will be subject to rating verification as per the April 2025 classical rating list.

7. AICF and MCA registration 2025-2026 for Indian Players:

- All Indian participants shall be registered with AICF for the year 2025-26 before submitting entry for this tournament.

AICF ID search & renewal link: <https://prs.aicf.in/>

AICF ID new registration link: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>

- All participants from Maharashtra shall be registered with MCA for the year 2025-26 before submitting entry for this tournament.

MCA ID registration link: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php

MCA ID renewal link: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/existing_entry.php

- Search for your MCA ID:**

https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/all_player_list.php

8. Force Majeure:

The organizing committee bear no responsibility in case of a Force Majeure which might lead to cancellation or postponement of the event.

9. Prize Structure:

- Main Prizes (Total – Rs. 6,04,000):**

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 1,10,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 95,000 + trophy
3 rd Rank	Rs. 85,000 + trophy
4 th Rank	Rs. 55,000
5 th Rank	Rs. 35,000
6 th Rank	Rs. 30,000
7 th Rank	Rs. 22,500
8 th Rank	Rs. 18,000
9 th to 11 th Ranks	Rs. 15,000 each
12 th and 13 th Ranks	Rs. 13,000 each
14 th and 15 th Ranks	Rs. 12,500 each
16 th to 20 th Ranks	Rs. 11,500 each

- Category Prizes (Total – Rs. 3,96,000):**

Below 1700:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 13,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 12,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 11,000

Below 1600:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 12,750 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,750
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,750

Below 1500:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 12,500 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,500

Best Unrated:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 12,250 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,250
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,250

Best Veteran Player:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000

Best Female Player:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,500 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,500

Best Maharashtra Player:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000

Best Pune Player:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000

Best Under 15:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 12,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000
4 th to 6 th Ranks	Trophy each

Best Under 13:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,500 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000
4 th to 6 th Ranks	Trophy each

Best Under 11:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000
4 th to 6 th Ranks	Trophy each

Best Under 9:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000
4 th to 6 th Ranks	Trophy each

Prize Money Notes:

- The prizes shall not be shared and a player would be eligible for one higher prize only.
- Tax will be deducted as per the Indian Income Tax Act.
- All payments to Indian players would be made by bank transfer.
- Prize winners from foreign countries would be required to submit a copy of their passport & visa.

10. Default Time (Walkover Time):

- The default time will be 15 minutes.

11. Tie-Break:

- Following tie breaks will be implemented:
 - a. Buchholz Cut 1.
 - b. Buchholz.
 - c. SB.
 - d. Direct Encounter.
 - e. Greater number of wins (including forfeit points)
 - f. Greater number of wins with Black pieces

12. Protest:

Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only) within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The amount would be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

13. Appeals Committee:

Appeals Committee will be formed in the technical meeting. The decision of the said committee shall be final and binding on all the participants.

14. Interpretation:

For further interpretations of the rule(s) and deciding any aspect not covered by the said tournament prospectus, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all the participants. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition/deletion/amendment to these rules. However, such changes shall be displayed on the noticeboard.

15. Players are not allowed to carry bags, mobile phones, wrist watches and other electronic devices to the playing arena. Arrangements will be made for players to deposit their bags, mobile phones, etc.

16. Important Contacts:

1. Niranjan Godbole – Tournament Director – mahachessfest@gmail.com
2. Amit Kench – Coordinator - +91-9923429561
3. IA Juiy Kulkarni – Coordinator - +91-9689530900
4. IA Deepti Shidore – Coordinator - +91-9604737183

17. List of nearby hotels (distances mentioned are approximate):

1. Monarch Guestline – 1.5km from the venue
2. Cocoon Hotel – 2km from the venue
3. Itsy by Treebo Opal Suites – 2.1km from the venue
4. Staybird Business Hotel – 2.1km from the venue
5. Fairfield by Marriott – 3.1km from the venue
6. Treebo Trend The Elite Suites – 3.3km from the venue
7. Bloom Hotel – 3.5km from the venue
8. Radisson Blu – 4km from the venue
9. AR Suites Jewels Royale – 4.1km from the venue
10. Hotel Phoenix – 4.4km from the venue
11. Magnus Star Residency – 4.5km from the venue
12. Royal Orchid Central – 6km from the venue