



KCA'S INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

Kottayam Chess Academy Presents

God's Own Country's 1ST GRANDMASTER INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT 2025

AICF EVENT CODE: 413511/KL/2025

Organized by
Kottayam Chess Academy

Under the aegis of
Chess Association Kottayam
Chess Association Kerala &
All India Chess Federation

Total
Cash Prize
₹30,00,000/-

CATEGORY A 30th April to 7th May

All players with a standard rating as of 1st April 2025 are eligible to participate.

KPS Menon Hall,
Public Library
Kottayam, Kerala

CATEGORY B 1st May to 3rd May (Below 1650)

Aithousa Convention Centre,
SH Mount, Kottayam, Kerala



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Join us for a thrilling
Chess experience in the
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Be part of History at Kerala's Inaugural
International Chess Festival,
Celebrating Chess Excellence in a Land of Beauty and Brains!

CATEGORY - A

TOTAL CASH PRIZE ₹20,00,000

Date:
30th April to 7th May

Venue:
KPS Menon Hall,
Public Library, Kottayam

ELIGIBILITY

All players with a standard rating as of 1st April 2025 are eligible to participate.
(However, accelerated pairing may be implemented)

Mode of Payment
For online Registration visit: www.chessmii.com

Technical Support
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Arrival

29-04-2025, 2 PM

Inauguration & Players Meet

30-04-2025, 2.00 PM

Round 1 30-04-2025 3.00 PM	Round 2 01-05-2025 9.30 AM	Round 3 01-05-2025 3.00 PM	Round 4 02-05-2025 2.30 PM	Round 5 03-05-2025 9.30 AM
Round 6 03-05-2025 3.00 PM	Round 7 04-05-2025 2.30 PM	Round 8 05-05-2025 2.30 PM	Round 9 06-05-2025 2.30 PM	Round 10 07-05-2025 9.30 AM

Prize Distribution Ceremony : 07-05-2025- 3.00 PM

MAIN PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE
₹3,00,000

2 nd	₹2,00,000
3 rd	₹1,50,000
4 th	₹1,00,000
5 th	₹80,000
6 th	₹70,000
7 th	₹60,000
8 th	₹50,000
9 th	₹30,000
10 th	₹25,000
11 th	₹20,000

12 th	₹20,000
13 th	₹20,000
14 th	₹20,000
15 th	₹20,000
16 th	₹15,000
17 th	₹15,000
18 th	₹15,000
19 th	₹15,000
20 th	₹15,000
21 st	₹12,000
22 nd	₹12,000
23 rd	₹12,000

24 th	₹12,000
25 th	₹12,000
26 th	₹10,000
27 th	₹10,000
28 th	₹10,000
29 th	₹10,000
30 th	₹10,000
31 st	₹10,000
32 nd	₹10,000
33 rd	₹10,000
34 th	₹10,000
35 th	₹10,000

Best Below 2300

1 st	₹70,000
2 nd	₹50,000
3 rd	₹30,000

Best Below 2200

1 st	₹70,000
2 nd	₹50,000
3 rd	₹30,000

Best Below 2100

1 st	₹50,000
2 nd	₹30,000
3 rd	₹20,000

Best Below 1999

₹50,000
₹30,000
₹20,000

Best Female

₹20,000
₹15,000
₹10,000

Best Kerala

₹20,000
₹15,000
₹10,000

Best Kottayam

₹10,000

CATEGORY - A

TOURNAMENT RULES

System of Play

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 10 rounds.

Time Control

90 Minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1 for entire game.

Tie Break

In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect. The Cash prizes however will not be shared.

Draw Agreement

Players can't agree for a draw before 30th move of black.

Fair Play Regulations

All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. FIDE and AICF Fair Play Regulations will be in enforce during the event and all players are to respect and abide by the same.

Accommodation

All GMs will be provided free hotel* accommodation on double sharing basis.

All IMs/WGMs/WIMs will be provided free hotel accommodation on double sharing basis.

All foreign players above the rating of 2000 will be provided free hotel accommodation on double sharing basis.

All other players required to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

ELIGIBILITY

All players with a standard rating as of 1st April 2025 are eligible to participate.
(However, accelerated pairing may be implemented)



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ENTRY FEE

RATING CRITERIA	EARLY BIRD (Till 10 th March 2025)	ENTRY FEE (11 th March 2025)
Rated 2400 and above	₹4,999/-	₹5,999/-
Rated between 2300 - 2399	₹6,999/-	₹7,999/-
Rated between 2000 - 2299	₹7,999/-	₹8,999/-
Rated below 2000	₹8,999/-	₹9,999/-

No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.

The last date of entry	20 th April 2025
Entries with late fee of ₹500	25 th April 2025

Please note that this entry fee structure is valid only until 20 April 2025. Thereafter till 25 April 2025 the participants will have to pay Rs. 500/- extra. No request towards waiver of entry fee or waiver of late fee will be entertained

CATEGORY - B

BELOW
1650

AICF EVENT CODE : 413512/KL/2025

TOTAL CASH PRIZE ₹10,00,000

Date:
May 1st to May 3rd

Venue: Aithousa Convention
Centre, SH Mount, Kottayam

ELIGIBILITY

Players having the career FIDE rating of 1650 & below (including unrated) for the last three years are only allowed to participate in this event.

Any player finished first and second in any Rating Restricted event in last one year on the start date of the tournament are not eligible to participate.

ENTRY FEE
All Players - Rs. 4,999/-

No request towards
waiver of entry fee will
be entertained.



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The last date of entry	25 April 2025
Entries with late fee of ₹500	29 April 2025

Please note that this entry fee structure is valid only until 25 April 2025. Thereafter till 29 April 2025 the participants will have to pay Rs. 500/- extra. No request towards waiver of entry fee or waiver of late fee will be entertained

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Inauguration & Players Meet

01-05-2025, 10.00 AM

Round 1 01-05-2025 10.30 AM	Round 2 01-05-2025 1.45 PM	Round 3 01-05-2025 4.45 PM	Round 4 02-05-2025 9.00 AM	Round 5 02-05-2025 12.30 PM
Round 6 02-05-2025 3.45 PM	Round 7 03-05-2025 8.30 AM	Round 8 03-05-2025 11.40 AM	Round 9 03-05-2025 2.45 PM	

Prize Distribution Ceremony : 03-05-2025 - 6.45 PM

MAIN PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE ₹1,00,000		10 th	₹15,000	21 st	₹7,000
2 nd	₹75,000	11 th	₹12,500	22 nd	₹7,000
3 rd	₹50,000	12 th	₹12,500	23 rd	₹7,000
4 th	₹30,000	13 th	₹12,500	24 th	₹7,000
5 th	₹25,000	14 th	₹12,000	25 th	₹7,000
6 th	₹20,000	15 th	₹12,000	26 th	₹6,000
7 th	₹15,000	16 th	₹10,000	27 th	₹6,000
8 th	₹15,000	17 th	₹10,000	28 th	₹6,000
9 th	₹15,000	18 th	₹10,000	29 th	₹6,000
		19 th	₹10,000	30 th	₹6,000
		20 th	₹10,000		

1550 – 1476		1475 – 0		Best Veteran		₹5000	
1 st	₹30,000	1 st	₹30,000	Best Kerala		₹5000	
2 nd	₹20,000	2 nd	₹20,000	Best Female		₹5000	
3 rd	₹15,000	3 rd	₹15,000	Best Kottayam		₹5000	
4 th	₹12,500	4 th	₹12,500	U-7	U-9	U-11	
5 th	₹10,000	5 th	₹10,000	₹6,000	₹6,000	₹6,000	
6 th	₹7,500	6 th	₹7,500	₹5,500	₹5,500	₹5,500	
7 th	₹6,000	7 th	₹6,000	₹5000	₹5000	₹5000	
8 th	₹6,000	8 th	₹6,000	U-13	U-15	U-17	
9 th	₹6,000	9 th	₹6,000	₹6,000	₹6,000	₹6,000	
10 th	₹6,000	10 th	₹6,000	₹5,500	₹5,500	₹5,500	
11 th	₹6,000	11 th	₹6,000	₹5000	₹5000	₹5000	
12 th	₹6,000	12 th	₹6,000	U-19	UNRATED		
13 th	₹6,000	13 th	₹6,000	₹6,000	1 st	₹15,000	
14 th	₹6,000	14 th	₹6,000	₹5,500	2 nd	₹10,000	
15 th	₹6,000	15 th	₹6,000	₹5000	3 rd	₹5,000	

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Refund Policy

- Upto 25th April: 100% refund
- 26th April to 27th April: 50% refund
- 28th April onwards: No refunds will be entertained

Note: The organizer makes arrangements for players in advance, and refunds after 28th April cannot be accommodated.

Accommodation

Players are required to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

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.
- All GM's & Foreign players will be eligible for main category prizes only.

Accommodation Partner:



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Entry Registration

All the Indian entries will be accepted only through online mode in the following link except foreign players and players holding the title of GM/IM/WGM/WIM.



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Mode of Payment

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Contact for Foreign Players & Title Holders:

Foreign players and title holders, please contact:

Mr. Gopakumar (International Arbiter)

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Eligibility & AICF Registration

All the Indian players must be registered with AICF for the year 2025-26.

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

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

CAK (Chess Association Kerala) registration fee Rs. 100/- for 2025 is compulsory for all Kerala players.
www.chessmii.com

Organiser's have the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason.

Registration of Foreign Players & Players under FIDE Flag

Other than Indian players, all other players required to have valid FIDE ID under their respective country or licensed FIDE ID under FIDE Flag before the registration of the tournament.

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