







Nikunj Agarwal Memorial

International FIDE Rated Rapid & Blitz

Chess Tournament 2025

(Under the aegis of All India Chess Federation & Delhi Chess Association)

AICF Event Code(Rapid/Blitz)

420317/DL(R)/2025 | 420321/DL(B)/2025

Date: 12th-13th July, 2025



150+ Cash prizes | 150+ Trophies | E-Certificate for all the participants

Entry Fee (Early bird till 15th June, 2025)

RAPID: ₹2,500/- BLITZ: ₹700/- RAPID & BLITZ: ₹3,000/-

Register here: https://circlechess.com/registration?id=32350

(Registration partner: Circlechess)

Chief Arbiter: IARS Tiwari

Venue: Sir Shankar Lal Hall, Modern School Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001













Important Notice

AICF Renewal link: https://prs.aicf.in

New AICF Registration link: https://prs.aicf.in/new-register

Tournament registration: https://circlechess.com/registration?id=32350

Registration related queries: namchess2025@gmail.com

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AICF Registration:

AICF Registration of the year 2025-2026 is compulsory

AICF players Registration fee for the year 2025–2026 has to be paid before the start of the tournament. It will be accepted only through online mode.

For renewing AICF registration of existing players, please visit https://prs.aicf.in/

For new AICF registration of players please visit https://prs.aicf.in/newregister. All players having active AICF 2025–2026 registration can participate in this tournament. No on-the-spot entries will be accepted. No request towards entry waiver/refund will be entertained. Entry fees once paid will not be refunded.

Entry can be closed at any given point of time without any notice. Entry will be accepted on first-come-first-serve basis.

For player's registration, please visit

https://circlechess.com/registration?id=32350 . Organiser has the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason. Organising committee is not responsible for any discomfort or any other problems like transportation etc. Participants need to reach to the tournament venue at due course of time as mentioned in this brochure.









Tournament Rules & Regulations (Rapid)

- 1. Arrival on 12th July, 2025
- 2. Reporting time on 12th July, 2025 at 08:30 AM
- 3. Total Number of Rounds: 9

4. Eligibility:

All the Indian Players (Rated/Unrated, Professional/Amateur) are eligible to participate. Other than Indian National, players are required to have a valid FIDE ID under their respective country or licensed FIDE ID under FIDE Flag before the registration of the tournament. Organizers have the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason. The tournament is open for all players from different parts of the world. No Age limit.

5. System of play:

Tournament will be conducted as per the latest FIDE laws of chess with Swiss Manager.

6. Time Control:

15 Minutes +10 Seconds increment from 1st move.

7. AICF Registration:

All the Indian participants should be registered with AICF for the year 2025–26. Online AICF Registration is available on the website www.aicf.in. Before registering for the tournament, player must be registered with AICF.

8. Discipline:

Any player/parent who disrupts the decorum of the tournament will face exclusion from the tournament.











Tournament Rules & Regulations (Blitz)

- 1. Arrival on 13th July, 2025
- 2. Reporting time on 13th July, 2025 at 12:30 PM
- 3. Total Number of Rounds: 9

4. Eligibility:

All the Indian Players (Rated/Unrated, Professional/Amateur) are eligible to participate. Other than Indian National, players are required to have a valid FIDE ID under their respective country or licensed FIDE ID under FIDE Flag before the registration of the tournament. Organizer has the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason. The tournament is open for all players from different parts of the world. No Age limit.

5. System of play:

Tournament will be conducted as per the latest FIDE laws of chess with Swiss Manager.

6. Time Control:

3 Minutes +2 Seconds increment from 1st move. (BLITZ)

7. AICF Registration:

All the Indian participants should be registered with AICF for the year 2025–26. Online AICF Registration is available on the website www.aicf.in. Before registering for the tournament, player must be registered with AICF.

8. Discipline:

Any player/parent who disrupts the decorum of the tournament will face exclusion from the tournament.











Protest:

Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs. 2000/- within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. Protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld; if not, then the protest fee shall be forfeited by the organizer. The decision of the appeal committee on all protests shall be final and binding on all participants.

Appeal Committee:

A 5-member appeal committee (including 2 reserve) shall be formed before the start of the tournament.

Electronic Devices:

All types of electronic devices/wrist watches/mobiles will not be allowed in the playing arena.

Tie Breaks:

In case of a tie, the latest FIDE rules shall come into effect.

Buchholz Cut | Buchholz | Sonneborn - Berger | Direct encounter | The greatest number of wins including forfeits | Number of wins with Black pieces











Withdrawals:

A player may withdraw at any stage of the tournament, after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.

Prizes:

One player will be given one (higher) prize only.

Age Prizes:

Age category players are eligible for prizes in their respective own age category only and not for higher age category prizes. For the category prize, the organizer may ask the players for their date of birth proof and by registering for the tournament, players should abide to present the Date of Birth Proof for the given tournament.

Prize Money:

Prize money will not be shared. One player will get one higher prize money only. Indian Income Tax Act and rules including TDS existing rule will be applicable.

Prize Money Transfer:

All prize money winners will be requested to submit/send their cancelled bank cheque along with prescribed format to minimise any possible errors during prize money transfer. All prize money will be transferred in 7 to 20 working days.

Default Time (Walk Over Time):

Default time for arriving to the chess board is entire time in clock for both events.











RAPID AND BLITZ SCHEDULE RAPID TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Round	Timings
12-07-2025	1	09:00 AM
12-07-2025	2	10:30 AM
12-07-2025	3	12:00 PM
12-07-2025	4	1:30 PM
12-07-2025	5	3:00 PM
12-07-2025	6	4:30 PM
12-07-2025	7	6:00 PM
13-07-2025	8	09:00 AM
13-07-2025	9	10:30 AM











RAPID AND BLITZ SCHEDULE BLITZ TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Round	Timings
13-07-2025	1	1:00 PM
13-07-2025	2	1:30 PM
13-07-2025	3	2:00 PM
13-07-2025	4	2:30 PM
13-07-2025	5	3:00 PM
13-07-2025	6	3:30 PM
13-07-2025	7	4:00 PM
13-07-2025	8	4:30 PM
13-07-2025	9	5:00 PM

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY WILL START at 06:30 PM onwards on 13-07-2025









Prize Money Rapid - ₹6 Lakhs

Rank	Main	1600-1800	1400-1599	Unrated
1	50,000	12,000 🕌	12,000 🛂	12,000 🕌
2	30,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
3	20,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
4	10,000	6,000	6,000	5,000
5	8,000	5,000	5,000	4,000
6-10	6,000	4,000	4,000	_
11-20	5,000	_	_	_
21-30	4,000	_	_	_

Rank	Under 8 (Boys)	Under 10 (Boys)	Under 12 (Boys)	Under 14 (Boys)
1	5,000 🕌	5,000 🛂	5,000 🕌	5,000 🛂
2	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
3-5	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
6-10				

Rank	Under 8 (Girls)	Under 10 (Girls)	Under 12 (Girls)	Under 14 (Girls)
1	5,000 🕌	5,000 🕌	5,000 🕌	5,000 🕌
2	4,500 🕌	4,500 🕌	4,500 🕌	4,500
3	4,000 🔀	4,000	4,000	4,000 🕎
4-10				

Rank	Veteran	Female	Specially abled
1	7,000 🕎	7,000 🕌	7,000 🕌
2	6,000 🕎	6,000 🕌	6,000 🕌
3	5,000 🕎	5,000 🕌	5,000 🕌
4-5	4,000 🕌	4,000 🕌	









Prize Money Blitz - ₹2 Lakhs

Rank	Main	1600-1800	1400-1599	Unrated
1	20,000 🛂	5,000 🛂	5,000 🛂	5,000 🛂
2	12,000 🛂	3,000 🛂	3,000 🛂	3,000 🛂
3	8,000	2,000 🕌	2,000 🔀	2,000 🕌
4	7,000	1,500 🕌	1,500 🕌	1,500 🕌
5	6,000	1,500 🕌	1,500 🛂	1,500 🕌
6-20	4,000	_	_	_
21-30	3,000	_	_	_

Rank	Veteran	Female	Specially abled
1	3,000 🛂	3,000 🕌	3,000 🛂
2	2,000 🛂	2,000 🛂	2,000 🛂
3	1,500 🕌	1,500 🕌	1,500 🕌

Rank	Under 8 (Boys)	Under 10 (Boys)	Under 12 (Boys)	Under 14 (Boys)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Rank	Under 8 (Girls)	Under 10 (Girls)	Under 12 (Girls)	Under 14 (Girls)
1				
2				
3				









Entry Fee Structure

Entry Fee (Early Bird Discounted fee till 15th June, 2025)

• Rapid: ₹ 2,500/-

• Blitz: ₹ 700/-

Rapid + Blitz: ₹ 3,000/-

Entry Fee (From 16th June, 2025 till 10th July, 2025)

• Rapid: ₹ 2,800/-

• Blitz: ₹ 800/-

• Rapid + Blitz: ₹ 3,400/-

Entry is FREE for GMs, IMs, WGMs and WIMs

Specially Abled players: 50% discount

Players From Armed Forces: 50% discount

Note: Last date of entry - 10th July, 2025











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