



38TH NATIONAL UNDER-11 OPEN & GIRLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS-2025

Event Code: 420537/420538/MAH/2025

Date: 2nd to 8th August, 2025

**Organized by
JALGAON DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION**

**on behalf of
MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION**

**Under the aegis of
ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION**

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

Venue: “Anubhūti School”, Shirsoli Road, Jalgaon. (Maharashtra)



Total Prize Fund Rs. 8,00,000/-

Prizes:

The prizes will be awarded to first 20 players in each category, amounting to Rs.4,00,000/- as given below

Prizes	Open	Girls
1	70,000	70,000
2	60,000	60,000
3	50,000	50,000
4	40,000	40,000
5	25,000	25,000
6	15,000	15,000
7 th to 20 th	10,000 each	10,000 each

Existing provisions of income-Tax as on date of Championship are applicable for Prize Money.

Tournament Schedule:

Particulars	Date	Time
Arrival	1 st August 2025	12.00 Noon
Technical Meeting	2 nd August 2025	01.30 PM
Inauguration	2 nd August 2025	02.00 PM
Round – 1	2 nd August 2025	03.00 PM
Round – 2	3 rd August 2025	10.00 AM
Round – 3	3 rd August 2025	03.30 PM
Round – 4	4 th August 2025	10.00 AM
Round – 5	4 th August 2025	03.30 PM
Round – 6	5 th August 2025	10.00 AM
Round – 7	5 th August 2025	03.30 PM
Round – 8	6 th August 2025	10.00 AM
Round – 9	6 th August 2025	03.30 PM
Round – 10	7 th August 2025	10.00 AM
Round – 11	8 th August 2025	10.00 AM
Prize Distribution	8 th August 2025	03.30 PM
Departure	8 th August 2025	06.00 PM.

Age Limit: Players should be born on or after 01.01.2014

Age Proof

- Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his / her age. Certificates from School 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 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.

Eligibility:

Subject to the 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 the 2024 National Under 11 Open & Girls Chess Championship (held in Hyderabad, October 2024) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories subject to age stipulation
- c) The top two players from the 2024 National Under 9 Open & Girls Championship (held in Pune, December 2024) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.
- d) The Champions from the 2024 National Under 7 Open & Girls Chess Championships are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.
- e) World Champion in any over-the-board category from the year 2024, subject to age stipulation.
- f) 2024 world No.2 & 3 Under-8 and Under-10 categories, subject to the nationality.
- g) 2024 Asian U-10 top three rankers, subject to the nationality.
- h) 2024 Asian U-8 Champion, subject to the nationality.
- i) winner & runner up of 2024 National U-11 (Hyderabad) Girls Championship is eligible to play in the open Section.
- j) the winner of 2024 National U-9 (Pune) Girls Championship is eligible to play in the open section.
- k) current over the board National champion in any higher category subject to age stipulation.
- l) Any other player who remits the prescribed special entry fee of Rs 6250/-.Such entries should come through the respective affiliated state Association.
- m) Host Maharashtra Chess Association is entitled to fill two additional players in each category.
- n) The AICF Secretary has a discretionary seat in each category in this Championship.
- o) Two players in each category approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no state Association exists.
- p) If the number of participants at the start of the championship is an odd number in the category, the host association can add one entry to make it even.
- q) Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in the Championship.
- r) 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 Bronze in the National U-11 chess Championship 2024 (held in Hyderabad) shall be accepted.

Open Section: Madhya Pradesh 3 (Gold), Maharashtra 2 (Silver), Tamil Nadu 1 (Silver)

Girls Section: Kerala 3 (Gold), Karnataka 3 (Silver & Bronze).

These entries from the State Association shall be given only from the rank list of their respective state championship, with proof, and not to anybody else.

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 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.

Entries Acceptance:

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

Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through:

<https://prs.aicf.in/entry> for clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries, please contact: aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

Entry Fee Structure:

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

Special Entry: Rs. 6250 (Rupees six thousand two hundred fifty).

Late fee:

****Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till 18th July 2025. Thereafter, a late fee of Rs. 250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be entertained after 25th July 2025 (up to 17:00 hrs.).****

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.

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

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

Chess Clocks: Each participating State Chess Association must provide at least one clock in working order for every two players entered into the Championship.

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.

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

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 completion of the concerned game. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is up held.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Registration of Players with AICF: All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2025-2026 before the registration on AICF Online portal for national entries. Online AICF registration can be done at the website: www.aicf.in/players

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.

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

Boarding: A lump sum of Rs. 1500/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred only) will be paid by the organizers towards the boarding expenses, only to the affiliated State Associations 'seeded and selected players who play this championship under normal entry fee.

Accommodation: Free dormitory accommodation will be provided to all the selected and seeded players and one Manager from each state.

Selected & Seeded girls will be provided with accommodation facilities at Jain Hills, Shirsol Road, Jalgaon.

Selected & Seeded boys will be provided accommodation at Hotel Cozy Cottage (Aakash Wani Chowk) 0257-2237391.

Selected boys & girls will be provided free accommodation facility for which kindly email us chessjalgaon@gmail.com

immediately on your registration for the tournament. For special entries and accompanying persons, they will have to make their own arrangements for stay. They may book accommodation in the following hotels

Hotel President (Ajantha Road MIDC) Mo-8308838308/0257-2212368	Hotel Minerva (Near ST Bus Stand) 0257-2220081	Shri Star Palace (Near ST Bus Stand) 0257-2242525 / Mob.: 8862035111
Rigal Palace (Near ST Bus Stand) 0257-2222322, 2222424	Hotel Rich Palace (Near ST Bus Stand) Mob. - 9881108586	Hotel Ram Niwas (Near Station Road) 0257-2226126, 2220719

Email (Registration): aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

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