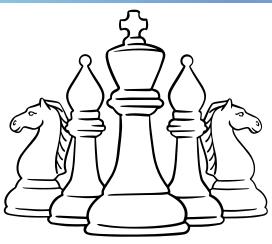




CHESS FESTIVAL 2025-2026



All India Chess Masters Mumbai FIDE Classical Tournament

Season 2

16th- 21st Aug, 2025

PRIZE FUND: 4,00,000

AICF Event Code: 4269429/MH/2025

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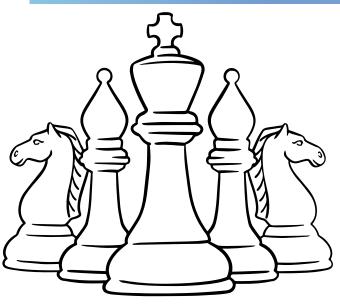








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Tournament Schedule:-

ROUND	DATE	TIME	ROUND	DATE	TIME
1	16/08/25	10:00 a.m.	5	18/08/25	3:30 p.m.
2	16/08/25	3:30 p.m.	6	19/08/25	3:30 p.m.
3	17/08/25	10:00 a.m.	7	20/08/25	3:30 p.m.
4	17/08/25	3:30 p.m.	8	21/08/25	10:00 a.m.

Enrollment Details:-

ENTRY FEE AMOUNT	Rs.4000/- Per Player
Registration and Payment Links	REGISTER NOW
Check Your Name on Chess Results	CLICK HERE
Last Date of Payment	10/08/2025
Maximum Entries	220 Entries Only













Invitation & Eligibility

"Mumbai Chess Centre cordially invites players from all chess federations under FIDE — the international organization that connects various national federations worldwide."

TOURNAMENT PRIZES

RANK	PRIZE	RANK	PRIZE	RATING	PRIZE
1 st	Rs. 40000	BEST FEMALE 1 ST	RS. 6300	1400 - 1500	RS. 6200
2 nd	Rs. 30000	BEST FEMALE 2 ND	Rs. 5300	1400 - 1500	RS. 5200
3 rd	Rs. 20000	BEST FEMALE 3 RD	Rs. 4300	1400 - 1500	RS. 4200
4 th	Rs. 15000	BEST UNRATED 1 ST	RS. 6300	1501 - 1601	RS. 6200
5 th	Rs. 12000	BEST UNRATED 2 ND	Rs. 5300	1501 - 1601	RS. 5200
6 th	Rs. 10000	BEST UNRATED 3 RD	Rs. 4300	1501 - 1601	RS. 4200
7 th - 10 th	Rs. 30000 4 players 7500 each	BEST VETERAN 1 ST (Above 60 years)	RS. 6200	1601 - 1700	RS. 6200
11 th - 20 th	Rs. 60000 10 players 6000 each	BEST VETERAN 2 nd (Above 60 years)	Rs. 5200	1601 - 1700	RS. 5200
21 st - 25 th	Rs. 25000 5 players 5000 each	BEST VETERAN 3 rd (Above 60 years)	Rs. 4200	1601 - 1700	RS. 4200
26 th - 30 th	Rs. 22500 5 players 4500 each				













Invitation & Eligibility TOURNAMENT PRIZES

RATING	PRIZE	BEST PLAYERS FROM MUMBAI CHESS CENTRE	PRIZE
1701 - 1800	RS. 6200	1 st PLACE	RS. 5100
1701 - 1800	RS. 5200	2 ND PLACE	Rs. 3000
1701 - 1800	RS. 4200	3 RD PLACE	Rs.2000
1801 - 1900	RS. 6200		
1801 - 1900	RS. 5200		
1801 - 1900	RS. 4200		

- The prize shall not be shared, and a player shall be eligible for only one higher prize.
- Prize disbursement shall be made via bank transfer within 7 to 10 working days after submission of bank details and PAN card.
- As per the Income Tax rules of the Government of India, TDS at 30% shall be deducted from prize money exceeding ₹10,000. Prize winners will be required to submit their PAN cards for TDS filing purposes.















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AGE CATEGORY PRIZES

"A total of 24 medals (3 for boys and 3 for girls) shall be awarded in each of the following four categories:"

CATEGORY & CUTOFF

UNDER - 07 (1.1.2018)

UNDER - 08 (1.1.2016)

UNDER - 09 (1.1.2014)

UNDER - 10 (1.1.2015)

NOTE

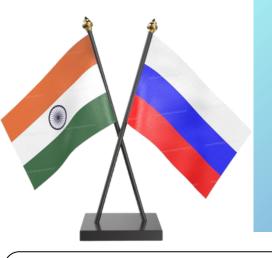
- 1. The cut-off date for determining age eligibility is January 1, 2025.
- Medals shall be awarded only within the specified age groups. For example, an Under-7 player is not eligible for the Under-8 prize.
- A player shall be eligible for only one higher prize. A player who has won a cash prize shall not be eligible for age-category prizes.













System of Play & Time Control

The championship shall be played as per the FIDE Laws of Chess and will consist of 8 rounds under the Swiss League format. Each player shall have 90 minutes for the entire game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.

Default Time

Any player who arrives at the chessboard 30 minutes or more after the start of the game shall lose the game by default. Thus, the default time is 30 minutes.

Tie Break

Following is the order of tie-break:

- (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

Electronic Devices & Bags

All electronic items, including wristwatches (of all types), are not allowed in the tournament hall. Players found in possession of such items will be declared lost. In addition, bags are not allowed in the tournament hall.

Draw Agreement

"The rules of this tournament specify that players cannot agree to a draw by mutual consent before 40 moves, without the arbiter's approval."













Appeals & Committee

Before the commencement of the tournament, a five-member Appeals Committee shall be formed from among the coaches, arbiters, and parents. The members and reserve members shall be from different states. No member of the Committee shall vote on a dispute involving a player from their own state; in such cases, the reserve member shall take their place on the Committee.

Interpretations

For the interpretation of rules and to decide on any matter not covered by the above-mentioned tournament rules, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make additions or amendments to these rules without prior notice. However, such changes or inclusions will be subject to AICF clearance and shall be displayed in the tournament hall.

Tournaments Hall, Seating Arrangements, Security

Tournaments Halls

The tournament shall be conducted in two air-conditioned halls, with a maximum capacity..

Accompanying Person Seating Arrangements

"Seating arrangements for accompanying persons have been made in the spacious auditorium of the Russian Centre for Science & Culture. The auditorium is fully airconditioned with a centralized system."













Only One Accompanying Person With A Player

The auditorium has a maximum capacity of 200 people; therefore, only one accompanying person per player will be allowed.

No Entry For Accompanying Persons In The Tournament Hall

Parents/accompanying persons are not permitted to enter the tournament hall at any time. Players must proceed directly to the tournament hall, while accompanying persons should head to the auditorium.

High Security Zone, No Loitering Or Standing In The Campus

- The Russian House is a high-security zone with a 24x7 police presence. Loitering or standing on the campus is strictly prohibited.
- Players are expected to proceed directly to the tournament hall for their games, and accompanying persons must remain in the designated auditorium area.
- (MCC) kindly requests your cooperation and support in adhering to the rules set by the venue.

Accommodation

Players are required to make their own accommodation arrangements.











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AICF & MCA Registration

- Link to Renew your AICF Registration. (Your Status Should be ACTIVE")
 https://prs.aicf.in/players
- Link for New players who have not registered for AICF.
 https://prs.aicf.in/new-register
- Link for MCA Registration (Only for Maharashtra Players)
 https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php
- To search your MCA ID
 https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/all_player_list.php

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How To Reach The Venue.

Location Map



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By Train On The Western Line

- For those arriving by train on the Western Line, Grant Road is the nearest railway station. The venue is approximately 2 km from the station.
- You can take Bus No. 155 (fare: ₹5), which is available opposite Platform 1 (at the extreme gate on the north side, towards Borivali). Please get down at 'Cumbala Hill Post Office' Bus Stop (also known as Pedder Road Bus Stop). The Russian House is just two buildings away, down the lane from the bus stop.
- Alternatively, you can take a shared taxi (fare: ₹12 for onward journey and ₹10 for the return). The shared taxi stand is located near the 155 bus stop, and the drop-off point is also the Cumbala Hill Post Office Bus Stop.













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By Road

- For those coming from the Haji Ali side, the key landmark is the Cumballa Hill Post Office Bus Stop, which is located between Jaslok Hospital and Nalanda Bus Stop.
- If you are coming from the Babulnath Temple side, look out for landmarks such as the 'Light of Persia' restaurant and IndusInd Bank.
- For those approaching from Kemp's Corner, you will need to take a U-turn at the signal (known as M. R.
 Morarka Chowk) after crossing the Cumballa Hill Post Office/Sterling Apartment Bus Stop.



No Parking, No Entry, Car Drop & PPL

The lane leading to the Russian House is a PRIVATE LANE with No Parking allowed—even for residents. Due to the narrowness of the lane and the high density of resident cars, please strictly follow these instructions:

- 1. No cars are allowed to enter the lane.
- 2. Please ensure that car drop-offs and pick-ups are done at the corner of the lane, avoiding any blockage of the bus stop.
- 3. Players and accompanying persons must walk up the lane to the venue.
- 4.A public parking lot is available within walking distance, located in the next lane at Murli Deora Marg & Altamount Road, near Chitrakoot Apartment and Altamount Lodha.













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