



# Dehradun Open – FIDE Rated Rapid Chess Tournament 2026

[AICF Event Code: 454351/UK(R)/2026

Date: 7th and 8th February 2026

Under the aegis of: **All India Chess Federation**

**Organized By:**

**Touchwood School & Chess Knight Academy**

**Presented by: Premier Chess Academy**

**An Initiative by: Dehradun Chess Family**

**“FIDE Rating  
Tournament”**

AICF Registration for the Year 2025-26  
is compulsory for all players

**“Chess Knight Academy”**

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## PRIZES

**Prize Fund - INR 100,000/-**

**+ Attractive trophies & Medals & E-certificate for all players.**

**Entry Fees:**

**Upto 1st Feb 2026 - INR 500/-**

**Late Fees (Upto 5th Feb) – INR 800/-**

**Dehradun is Expected to see Snowfall at Mussoorie (20km) from Venue,  
This Tournament can be viewed as part of Chess Tourism as well**

### Venue

**Touchwood School**

Sahastradhara Road

Dehradun

Uttarakhand

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## Tourism in Dehradun

- 1. Mussorrie:** SnowFall - It is expected to see snowfall in Mussorrie (20km from Venue), making the tournament a perfect Chess Tourism for you.
- 2. Rishikesh:** With Breathtaking Views, Activities and Ganga Aarti, Rishikesh is just 30 Kms from Venue.
- 3. Haridwar:** Haridwar is 1hr drive from the venue.
- 4. Landour / Dhanaulti/ Kanatal:** Expected snowfall during this duration, around 1.5hr drive from the Venue.
- 5. Tehri:** Asia's highest dam and breathtaking views of Himalayas, situated around 3hrs from the venue.
- 6. Robber's Cave** - Robber's Cave, locally known as Guchhupani, is a captivating natural river cave located approximately 8 km from the center of Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas, this unique geological formation features a 600-meter-long gorge through which a stream flows, disappearing and reappearing mysteriously at different points.
- 7. Sahastradhara** - Sahastradhara, which literally translates to "Thousand fold spring," is an extremely popular tourist destination in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The region is famous for its unmatched natural beauty which can be admired via the the Sahastradhara Ropeway.
- 8. FRI** - Established in the year 1906, the Forest Research Institute is a premier institution in the field of forestry research in India. The Institute has been used to film various Bollywood films.
- 9. Pacific Mall:** 3 Km from Venue - The most popular shopping mall in Dehradun, Pacific Mall is known for shopping and for entertainment.
- 10. Khalanga War Memorial:** 2km from Venue - a significant historical landmark situated along Sahastradhara Road in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. This monument commemorates the valiant Gorkha soldiers who fought in the Battle of Nalapani in 1814, the first major conflict of the Anglo-Nepalese War.

In Roughly 40km from Venue, there are over 100 tourist attraction which are well known for it's Beauty, activities or adventure.

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### Main Prize

Prize	Amount	Prize	Amount
1	INR 21000 + Trophy	11	INR 1000
2	INR 15000 + Trophy	12	INR 1000
3	INR 12000 + Trophy	13	INR 1000
4	INR 7000 + Trophy	14	INR 1000
5	INR 5000 + Trophy	15	INR 1000
6	INR 2000 + Trophy	16	INR 500
7	INR 1000 + Trophy	17	INR 500
8	INR 1000 + Trophy	18	INR 500
9	INR 1000 + Trophy	19	INR 500
10	INR 1000 + Trophy	20	INR 500

### Category Prize

Prize	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
Best Veteran (Above 60)	INR 3000 + Trophy	Trophy	Medal
Rating Elo 1400-1500	INR 3000 + Trophy	Trophy	Medal
Rating Elo 1501-1600	INR 3000 + Trophy	Trophy	Medal
Rating Elo 1601-1700	INR 3000 + Trophy	Trophy	Medal
Rating Elo 1701-1800	INR 3000 + Trophy	Trophy	Medal
Best Unrated	INR 3000 + Trophy	Trophy	Medal
Best Women (Above 13 age)	INR 3000 + Trophy	Trophy	Medal
Best Dehradun	INR 3000 + Trophy	Trophy	Medal
Best Uttarakhand	INR 3000 + Trophy	Trophy	Medal
Age Group Prizes: Separate for Boys and Girls (U7,U9,U11,U13) Player will be eligible for his own age category only	Trophy	Trophy	Medal

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# Schedule

## Day 1

Inauguration	9:30 AM
Round 1	10:30 AM
Round 2	12:30 PM
Lunch	1:30 PM
Round 3	3:00 PM
Round 4	4:30 PM
Round 5	6:00 PM

## Day 2

Round 6	9:00 AM
Round 7	10:30 AM
Round 8	12:00 PM
Lunch	1:00 PM
Round 9	2:30 PM
Round 10	4:00 PM
Closing	6:00 PM

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## TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. Reporting Time:-**All players are required to report on 7th Feb 2026 at 9:00 AM.
- 2. Total Number of Rounds:-**The tournament will consist of 10 rounds.
- 3. Eligibility:-** The tournament is open to all Indian players—rated or unrated, professional or amateur. Foreign players must possess a valid FIDE ID issued under their respective federation or under the FIDE flag prior to registration. The organizers reserve the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason. The tournament is open to players of all nationalities and age groups.
- 4. System of Play:-**The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the latest FIDE Laws of Chess and will follow the Swiss System pairing format, managed using the Swiss Manager software.
- 5. Time Control:-**Each player will have 20 minutes for the whole game with 10 seconds increment from move one.
- 6. AICF Registration:-** All Indian participants must be registered with the All India Chess Federation (AICF) for the year 2025–26.  
For renewal of AICF registration for existing players, please visit: <https://prs.aicf.in/>  
For new AICF registrations, please visit: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>. The registration fee is ₹300.  
Players with no AICF id or inactive will be removed from the pairing of 1st round.
- 7. Discipline:-**Strict discipline shall be maintained throughout the tournament. Any player, parent, or accompanying person who disrupts the decorum of the event shall be expelled from the tournament premises and disqualified from further participation.
- 8. Appeals Committee:-**An Appeals Committee consisting of five members (including two reserves) shall be formed prior to the commencement of the first round of the tournament.
- 9. Protests:-**Any appeal or protest against a decision of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes of the incident, accompanied by a protest fee of ₹2000. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld; otherwise, it shall be forfeited.

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**10. Electronic Devices:-**All forms of electronic devices, including mobile phones and wristwatches (of any kind), are strictly prohibited inside the playing arena. Players found in possession of such devices during play may be forfeited or disqualified as per the FIDE Laws of Chess.

**11. TIEBREAK (LATEST TIE BREAK)**

1:- BUCHHOLZ CUT-1

2:- BUCHHOLZ

3:- SONNEBORN – BERGER

4:- DIRECT ENCOUNTER

5:- GREATER NUMBER OF WINS(INCLUDING FORFEIT)

6:- GREATER NUMBER OF WINS WITH BLACK

**12. Withdrawals:-**A player may withdraw from the tournament at any stage, provided they inform the Chief Arbiter in writing before doing so.

**13. Best Female Prizes:-**The Best Female Prizes shall be awarded only to female participants aged 13 years and above.

**14. Best Veteran Prizes:-**Players who have completed 60 years of age as of 31 December 2024 shall be eligible for the Best Veteran Prizes.

**15. Best Specially Abled Prizes:-** Participants with a minimum of 40% disability(as certified by a competent authority) shall be considered for Best Specially-Abled Prizes.

**16. Prize Money Transfer:-**Prize money winners may need to submit or send a cancelled bank cheque photo along with the prescribed details form to avoid any errors in the transfer process. All prize money will be transferred within 7 to 15 working days after the completion of the tournament.

**17. Accommodation:-**Players are required to make their own arrangements for accommodation during the tournament. however to avoid fraudsters, we have provided a list of approved Hotels and travel agencies, on which players can rely for online booking.

**18. Tourism:** We will share the list of good Hotels and travel agencies, which can be utilised for exploring uttarakhand, if player wishes so. it will be a direct booking with these Hotels, etc and tournament organisers have no role to play in this bookings process or afterwards.

**19. Food:-**Facilities for snacks, breakfast, and lunch will be available at the venue on a chargeable basis.

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**Our Mentor & Inspiration**  
**IM Chandrshekar Gokhale**

**Special Thanks to -**  
**Mr. Aman Saxena, Touchwood School**

Tournament Management Committee		Finance and Accounts Committee		Arbiter's Committee	
Chairman	IA Anurag Singh	Chairman	CA Gagan Chadha	Chairman	IA Pravin Pantawane
Member	Mrs. Parishil Kiledar	Member	CA Swati Singh	Member	SNA Hari Krishana Prajapati
Member	Mrs. Ajina Dhyani	Member	IA Anurag Singh	Member	SNA Rahul Batra
Member	Aayush Digari	Member	Rohit Puri	Member	SNA Rohan N
Sponsor Committee		Tourism Management Committee		Technical Committee (Hall Management)	
Chairman	Rohit Singh Rana	Chairman	Rohit Puri	Chairman	SNA Rohan N
Member	Sonali Dobhal	Member	Gaurav Singhal	Secretary	SNA Anuj Kumar
Member	Ayush Khatri	Member	Mr. Pankaj	Member	SNA Vishu Saini
Member	Pallav Sharma	Member	Ms. Vibha	Member	FA Vaibhav Deshmukh
Guest Management Committee		Promotion Committee		Accommodation Committee	
Chairman	Sanjeev Chaudhary (Rishikesh)	Chairman	HK Pande	Chairman	Mrs. Shivani Pattnaik
Secretary	Mrs. Sonam Sinha	Secretary	Kuldeep Acharya	Secretary	Jyotinder Guglani
Member	Mrs. Dipali Puri	Member	Dr Mukul Benjwal	Member	Sandeep Kumar
Member	Mrs. Parishil Kiledar	Member	Vishal Vedik	Member	Saurabh Rawat
Player's Grievance Committee		Entry Management Committee		Food Management Committee	
Chairman	Dr Mukul Benjwal	Chairman	Mrs. Parishil Kiledar	Chairman	Mrs Anju Chand
Member	FA Prathmesh Dharmadhikari, Adv	Member	Ankur Chopra	Secretary	Mrs. Parishil Kiledar
Member	FA Pushkar Jadhav	Member	SNA Sigy Varghese	Member	IA Anurag Singh
Member	FA Nakul Chaudhary	Member	Anshul Sati	Member	Anamika Vaishnav

**For Hotel assistance & other Details - Please contact us on WhatsApp @ +91 9373345187**

**How to Reach Venue**

- 1. By Train:** Venue is 7kms from Dehradun Railway Station, and 90 Mins Drive from Haridwar Railway Station.
- 2. By Air:** Dehradun Airport is roughly 25kms from the Venue and takes approx 50 mins drive.
- 3. By Bus:** You can reach Dehradun by bus from Delhi, and Venue is approx 30 mins drive From Rispana Pool Bus stop

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### Hotel Assistance

Please contact us on +91 98999 37961 for assisted booking.

### For Hotel Bookings & other Details near Venue

Please Note: Players are free to book accommodation as per their own preference. However, the contact details provided above may be used to book accommodation at our partnered hotels at rates that are generally more reasonable than prevailing market prices.

We have selected a set of hotels as partner hotels based on their proximity to the venue and available facilities.

Please note that the organizers will only facilitate assistance with bookings. Any disputes, issues, or concerns related to accommodation shall be directly addressed with the respective hotel, and the organizers shall not be held responsible.

### Accommodation & Tourism Assistance – Terms & Conditions

We value the comfort and travel experience of all participants. Accordingly, we have partnered with selected hotels and resorts across key locations, including Mussoorie, Rishikesh, Haridwar, Tehri, and surrounding areas, to assist players and accompanying persons with their travel and tourism plans before and after the tournament.

### Rental Bikes and Taxi Services

We have partnered with numerous trusted bike rental providers and taxi services to assist participants in ensuring smooth and convenient travel during their stay.

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