2nd Dehradun Open FIDE Rated Rapid Chess Tournament 2026

[AICF Event Code: 468813/UK(R)/2026

Date: 2nd and 3rd May 2026

Under the aegis of: All India Chess Federation

Organized By:

MAll of Dehradun & Chess Knight Academy

"FIDE Rating Tournament"

AICF Registration for the Year 2026-27 is complusory for all players

"Chess Knight Academy"

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PRIZES

Prize Fund - INR 300,000/-

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

Entry Fees

Upto 25th April 2026 - INR 1500/- | Late Fees (Upto 30 April) – INR 2000/-

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From the hills of Mussoorie and Nainital to the spiritual energy of Rishikesh and Haridwar, and the sacred shrines of Badrinath and Kedarnath—turn your tournament trip into an unforgettable Himalayan getaway.

Venue

Mall of Dehradun

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Tourism in Dehradun

1. **Mussorriee:** Pleasant summer weather, scenic Himalayan views, Mall Road walks, Kempty Falls and sunset points make it a perfect hill getaway during your tournament stay.
2. **Rishikesh**: Experience breathtaking Ganga views, river rafting, adventure sports and the evening Ganga Aarti at Triveni Ghat
3. **Haridwar**: Witness the divine Ganga Aarti at Har Ki Pauri and soak in the spiritual energy during the Char Dham Yatra season.
4. **Landour / Dhanaulti/ Kanatal**: Peaceful mountain escapes with cool weather, forest walks and stunning Himalayan panoramas—ideal for a short scenic retreat.
5. **Tehri**: Visit Tehri Lake and the iconic Tehri Dam, offering spectacular views and water adventure activities.
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. 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. **Mall of Dehradun & Pacific Mall**: The most popular shopping mall in Dehradun.
10. **Khalanga War Memorial**: 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.
11. **4 Dham Yatra: Yatra to start around this time.**

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**	**Prize**	**Amount**
1	INR 45000 + Trophy	11	INR 6000	21	INR 3000
2	INR 35000 + Trophy	12	INR 6000	22	INR 3000
3	INR 31000 + Trophy	13	INR 6000	23	INR 3000
4	INR 21000 + Trophy	14	INR 6000	24	INR 3000
5	INR 15000 + Trophy	15	INR 6000	25	INR 3000
6	INR 12000 + Trophy	16	INR 4000		
7	INR 9000 + Trophy	17	INR 4000		
8	INR 7000 + Trophy	18	INR 4000		
9	INR 7000 + Trophy	19	INR 4000		
10	INR 6500 + Trophy	20	INR 4000		

Category Prize					
Prize	**1st Prize**	**2nd Prize**	**3rd Prize**	**4th Prize**	**5th Prize**
Best Veteran(Above 60)	INR 3000 + Trophy	INR 1500 + Trophy	Medal	Medal	Medal
Rating Elo 1400-1500	INR 3000 + Trophy	INR 1500 + Trophy	Medal	Medal	Medal
Rating Elo 1501-1600	INR 3000 + Trophy	INR 1500 + Trophy	Medal	Medal	Medal
Rating Elo 1601-1700	INR 3000 + Trophy	INR 1500 + Trophy	Medal	Medal	Medal
Rating Elo 1701-1800	INR 3000 + Trophy	INR 1500 + Trophy	Medal	Medal	Medal
Best Unrated	INR 3000 + Trophy	INR 1500 + Trophy	Medal	Medal	Medal
Best Women (Above 13 age)	INR 3000 + Trophy	INR 1500 + Trophy	Medal	Medal	Medal
Best Dehradun	INR 3000 + Trophy	INR 1500 + Trophy	Medal	Medal	Medal
Best Uttarakhand	INR 3000 + Trophy	INR 1500 + Trophy	Medal	Medal	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	Medal	Medal

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Schedule	
Day 1 (2nd May 2026)	
Inaugration	10:30 AM
Round 1	12:30 PM
Lunch	1:00 PM
Round 2	2:30 PM
Round 3	4:00 PM
Round 4	5:30 PM
Day 2 (3rd May 2026)	
Round 5	9:00 AM
Round 6	10:30 AM
Round 7	12:00 PM
Lunch	1:00 PM
Round 8	2:30 PM
Round 9	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 2nd May 2026 at 10:30 AM.

2. **Total Number of Rounds:-**The tournament will consist of 9 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 2026–27.
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 2025 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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IA Anurag Singh

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Entry Cordinator (Hridwar) - Dr Mukul Jain
Entry Cordinator (Hridwar) - SNA Rahul Batra
Entry Cordinator (Gaziabad) - Mr Parminder
Entry Cordinator (Bijnor) - SNA Anuj Kumar
Entry Cordinator (Gujrat) - IA A C Joshi
Entry Cordinator (Delhi NCR) - IA Vivek Pathak

How to Reach Venue

1. **By Train:** Venue is 9kms from Dehradun Railway Startion, and 45 Mins Drive from Haridwar Railway Station.

2. **By Air:** Dehradun Airport is roughly 18kms from the Venue and takes approx 22 mins drive.

3. **By Bus:** You can reach Deradun by bus from Delhi, and Bus will drop you right in front of mall if coming from Haridwar route.

Note: Mall of dehradun is well connected with all the key location of Dehradun, Regular Taxi, Bus and shared autos are available from Bus stand and Railway Station

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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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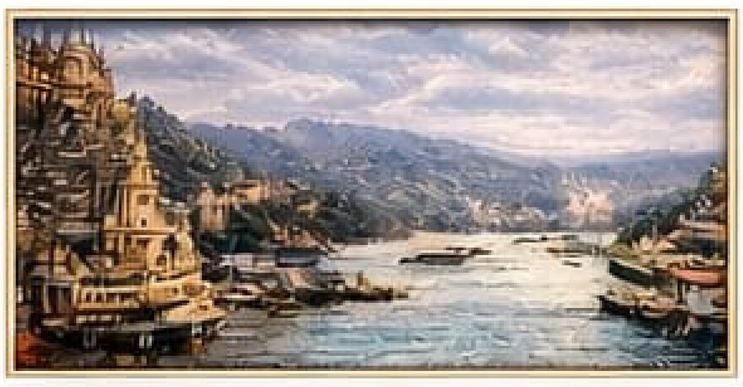

Day Trip within Dehradun

Pick-up & Drop - Dehradun Airport

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