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 No.23&24, Trichy Trunk Rd, Opposite New Bus Stand,
 Vilupuram, Tamil Nadu 605602



**35th TAMILNADU STATE UNDER -17
 OPEN AND GIRLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP
 2026**

AICF EVENT CODE : 472175/ 472176 /TN(S)/2026 & TNSCA Approval No: SO-02/VPM/26-27

Organized by
VILLUPURAM DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION
 On Behalf of
TAMIL NADU STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

Date : 15.04.2026 to 19.04.2026

Venue:

Surya Group of Institutions,
 Grand Southern Trunk Rd, Surya Nagar, Vikravandi, Villupuram-605652.

Total Cash Prizes : Rs.60,000/-
 (Rs.30,000/- for Open & Rs.30,000/- for Girls)

Prizes	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th to 10 th <small>(Consolation)</small>
Open	Rs.7000/-	Rs.5000/-	Rs.4000/-	Rs.3500/-	Rs.3000/-	Rs.2500/-	Rs.1250/-
Girls	Rs.7000/-	Rs.5000/-	Rs.4000/-	Rs.3500/-	Rs.3000/-	Rs.2500/-	Rs.1250/-

Category Prize

- U-9 Open - 5 Trophies
- U-9 Girls - 5 Trophies
- U-11 Open - 5 Trophies
- U-11 Girls - 5 Trophies

Special Prize for Villupuram Dist.

- U-9 Open - 5 Trophies
- U-9 Girls - 5 Trophies
- U-11 Open - 5 Trophies
- U-11 Girls - 5 Trophies

Normal(District Selected) Entry Fee: Rs.500/- Special Entry Fee: Rs.1200/-

Entries can be paid through :

<https://registration.tamilchess.com/online-entry/>

Please note that only the players who take part in this State Championship will be permitted to represent Tamil Nadu as selected/special entries in the forthcoming National U-17 Chess Championship. Hence participation in this State Championship is **COMPULSORY**

Note to District Chess Associations: Advise all your U-17 players to take part in this State Championship.

All entries whether "Regular" or "Special" should be routed through the respective District Chess Association on or before 08.04.2026. No entry will be entertained after the last date 08.04.2026.

Entries / Entry fee : All entries including be normal / special entries should come through the concerned district chess association. Entries paid through online portal (<https://registration.tamilchess.com/online-entry/>) only will be accepted for the above championship and no other payment mode will be accepted. Players submitting their entry should upload their date of birth certificate for verification. Provisional list of players list will be prepared only after obtaining the prior recommendations from concern district chess association.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Arrival 15.04.2026 at 08.00 a.m.	Managers Meeting and Inauguration 15.04.2026 at 9.30a.m.
1st Round 15.04.2026 11.00 A.M.	6th Round 17.04.2026 03.00 P.M.
2nd Round 15.04.2026 04.00 P.M.	7th Round 18.04.2026 09.30 A.M.
3rd Round 16.04.2026 09.30 A.M.	8th Round 18.04.2026 03.00 P.M.
4th Round 16.04.2026 03.00 P.M.	9th Round 19.04.2026 09.30 A.M.
5th Round 17.04.2026 09.30 A.M.	Prize Distribution 19.04.2026 03.00 P.M.

Advisory Committee:
Mr. P. Stephen Balasamy, Hon. Secretary, TNSCA
Mr. P. Rajasekaran, Joint Secretary, TNSCA
Chief Arbitrer.:
Mr. Ravi Kumar.R., International Arbitrer
Deputy Chief Arbitrer.:
Mrs. Praveen.G., Fide Arbitrer
Tournament Co-ordinators.:
Mr. C. Nedunchezian, Secretary VPM DCA
Mr. V. Kannan, Treasurer VPM DCA

Venue Coordinators : **Mr. R. Sampath**-Vice President, **Mr. K. Arumugam**, Audit Member, **Mr. C. Srisakthivel**, E.C. Member

Eligibility: Subject to Age Stipulation

- Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate
- Every affiliated District Chess Association / Special Unit of TNSCA is entitled to field two entries in each category.
- The TNSCA General Secretary can nominate one entry.
- The top four rankers from TN State Under - 17 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Karur.
- The champion from TN State Under - 15 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Dindigul.
- The host VPM DCA (Villupuram District Chess Association) is entitled to field one additional entry in each category.
- Any players who pay the prescribed entry fee: Open & Girls - Rs.1200/- may be considered for participation with recommendation of the respective District Chess Association.
- In the event of odd entry, the host Villupuram DCA is entitled to add one more entry to make total number as even in each category.
- Those who have qualified to represent the country in official FIDE events.
- Any Current National Champion in any category is to be seeded to All State Championships subject to age stipulation.
- In addition to above the following Districts can field additional entries by virtue of three medal winners (Gold, Silver and Bronze) secured by their players in the last Tamil Nadu State Under - 17 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2025 held at Karur.
Boys: Gold (3), Bronze (1)- Chennai & Silver (2) - Trichy.
Girls: Gold (3), Silver (2) - Chennai & Bronze (1) - Virudhunagar.
- All GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs are eligible to play as seeded players in the eligible category

Organizing committee:

Mr. B. Omanakrishnan, President
Mr. P. Venugopal Vice President
Mr. R. Sundaram-Vice President
Mr. V. Dhasaradhan, Vice President
Dr. M. Shankar, Principal, Surya Eng. College.
Mr. A. Srinivasan, Physical Director, Surya Eng. College.
Mr. S. Venkatesh Babu, Joint Sec
Mr. R. Rajkumar- Joint Sec
Mr. G. Eswaraj, Joint Sec
Mr. J. Narayanan, E.C. Member
Mr. G. G. Mugilan, E.C. Member

Rules and Regulations:

Age Eligibility	Those born on or after 01.01.2009 are eligible to participate. Age proof is required. Certificate should be from the Panchayat/Municipality or corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without the date of birth certificate will not be allowed to participate. As per the rules of AICF, only players whose dates of birth are registered within one year of their birth are permitted to take part in respective age group State/ Nationals. Other country passport holders shall not be allowed to participate in the State Chess Championship.
Boarding & Lodging	Lodging will be provided to seeded/selected players and one manager per team at college hostel campus as first preference. For special entry players rooms are subject to availability. Only one accompanying person is allowed. (with common rest room). Players are requested to bring their own beddings. Seeded/Selected players are requested to confirm the accommodation while sending entry. Male & female will be provided a separate accommodation irrespective of age. Canteen facilities are available on payment basis at the college premises itself.
AICF Player Registration	AICF player registration is compulsory for all players. AICF Player Registration fee is Rs.300/- for the year 2026 - 2027. AICF player registrations will be accepted only through online. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Championship). For renewing AICF registration of existing players, please click http://aicf.in/players/ and click extend membership. For (New) Fresh AICF registration please click http://aicf.in/online-player-registration/ . For fresh AICF registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address(unique) not used by any other person/ player for AICF, ready before the registration process. Note: Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.
TNSCA Player Registration	TNSCA player registration is compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players. TNSCA Player Registration fee is Rs.150/- for the year 2026 - 2027. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that TNSCA players registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament. For renewing TNSCA player registration of existing players, please click https://registration.tamilchess.com/ . For fresh TNSCA registration please click https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/ . For fresh TNSCA registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address ready before the registration process. Note : Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.
VPM Dist. Player Registration	Villupuram DCA Registration fee is Rs.75/- for the year 2026 - 2027 (for Villupuram district players only)
Default Time	Default time is 15 minutes. Players have to be at the boards within 15 minutes from the start of the round.
Rules	FIDE rules in force shall apply.
System of play	The Tournament shall be conducted on a nine rounds Swiss System.
Time Control	90 minutes each plus 30 seconds increment from the move one.
Tie-break	Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn Berger Direct encounter, and number of wins (forfeit included) & Number of wins with Black pieces tie-break rules will be applied. In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.
Chess Clocks	Each association is requested to provide at least two chess clocks for every four players. AICF has banned the wrist watches while playing in FIDE Rated events. Players are instructed not to wear wrist watches while playing. It will lead to loss of the game.
Wrist Watches	

Appeals Committee:	An Appeals Committee comprising five members plus two reserves will be formed at the managers meeting. All the members and reserves shall be from different districts. No member of the committee can vote on dispute in which a player from his own district is involved and in such case(s), the reserve member takes his/her place. The decision of the appeals committee is final and binding on all players concerned.
Tournament Committee:	The tournament committee consisting of the General Secretary, TNSCA or his representative, the host Villupuram DCA Secretary or his representative and representative from another district to be nominated by the TNSCA shall decide on all emergency matters.
Protest:	Protest, if any against the decision of the Chief arbitrer shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/- within 15 minutes of the incident. The decisions of the appeals committee shall be final and binding on all concerned. The protest fee is a refundable one if the protest is upheld.
Withdrawals:	A player may withdraw from the tournament at any stage after informing the Chief Arbitrer in writing.
Arrears:	The players belonging to Districts which are in arrears to TNSCA will not be allowed to take part.
Rights of Admission:	The TNSCA/organizer VPM DCA reserves the rights of admission to the venue and lodging place.
Silence in the Tournament Hall	Strict silence must be observed in the Tournament Hall. Players who have finished their games shall not remain in the tournament hall. Players shall not analyse the game in the tournament hall.
Certificates	Participation E-Certificates to all participants will be issued only by TNSCA after the completion of the championships

Instruction to the District Chess Associations:

While sending the entries, District Chess Associations should certify that the players have been duly selected from the selection/District Chess Championship giving details of venue and date. If such a certificate is not sent, all their entries will be treated as special entries

THE PREVIOUS WINNERS LIST

S.No.	Year	City	Boys	Girls
1	1991	Chennai	B.Ravi (Che)	M.Vinitha
2	1992	Rajapalayam	R.B Ramesh (Che)	Vijayalakshmi (Che)
3	1993	Madurai	R.B Ramesh (Che)	M.Safira Shanaz (Vnr)
4	1994	Madurai	R.B Ramesh (Che)	S.Sasirekha
5	1995	Tambaram	V.Krishnakumar (Sim)	Saimera (Che)
6	1996	Salem	R.Karthik (Cud)	S.Cynthia
7	1997	Salem	M.R.Venkatesh (Che)	P.D. Deepika
8	1998	Chennai	Kidambi (Che)	M.R. Sangeetha (Che)
9	1999	Devakottai	B.Sivashankar (Che)	C.V.Rajalakshmi (Kan)
10	2000	Coimbatore	Preetham Sharma (Tir)	M.Kasturi (Mdu)
11	2001	Aruppukottai	S.Anand Kumar	Nabeela Farheen (Che)
12	2002	Aruppukottai	R.Siddharth (Che)	N.Raghavi (Che)
13	2003	Mannargudi	S.VenkatSundaram (Kan)	S.Harini (Kan)
14	2004	Rajapalayam	R.Siddharth (Che)	P.Sivasankari (Tir)
15	2005	Chennai	T.U.NavinKanna (Tir)	P.Sivasankari (Tir)
16	2006	Chennai	R.Premnath(Kan)	M.Rajadarshini (Mdu)
17	2007	Karur	P.Karthikeyan (Che)	R.Preethi (Mdu)
18	2008	Namakkal	M.Muthu Atagappan (TLR)	Pon N.Krithika (Kan)
19	2009	Sivakasi	N.Surendran (TLR)	J.Saranya (Tir)
20	2010	Tirupur	S.S.Manigandan (Mdu)	A.Akshaya (Tir)
21	2011	Rajapalayam	S.S.Manigandan (Mdu)	J.Saranya (Tir)
22	2012	Erode	S.S.Manigandan (Mdu)	M.Sandya (Che)
23	2013	Hosur	Nishvin J(Kki)	BalaKannamma P(Che)
24	2014	Rajapalayam	Vaishnav M(Tpr)	Srija Seshadri(NLC)
25	2015	Kanchipuram	Sai Vishwesh C(Che)	Divya Lakshmi R(Che)
26	2016	Erode	Iniyas P (Ero)	PL.Kavitha(Sim)
27	2017	Thanjavur	HarilMadhavan N B (Che)	L.Jyothsna (NLC)
28	2018	Kaniyakumari	Avinash Ramesh (Che)	L.Jyothsna (NLC)
29	2019	Nagapattinam	Ayushh Ravikumar (Che)	DivyabharathiMasanam (Che)
30	2022	Coimbatore	Dinesh Kumar Jaganathan(CHE)	DivyabharathiMasanam (Che)
31	2022	Salem	Vengatesh Krishnan C(TLR)	Meenatchi Rajam V (MDU)
32	2023	Tirunelveli	Mrithyunjay Mahadevan (CHE)	Sindhusree K. (CGL)
33	2024	Virudhunagar	Nandish. V.S (CBE)	Shanmathi. Sree S (CHE)
34	2025	Karur	Haridev S (CHE)	Ananya Raman (CHE)
35	2026	Villupuram	It might be you	It might be you

Accommodation

For Normal (District Selected) Player - Accommodation is Free.

For Special Entry Player & Parents - Accommodation is Rs.500/- (Per Person)

Food : Food is provided to all players on payment basis (15.04.2026 Morning Breakfast - 19.04.2026 Night Dinner- Rs.1500/- Per Person) Payment for the Food & Accommodation can be made through VDCA Account No.

Villupuram Bank Account Details : Bank Name : **Union Bank of India**, Savings Account No: **520101253204023**

IFSC Code: **UBIN0904708** Branch : **UBI Villupuram**. The details of the Player & Payment details has to be submitted through <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwHtRocTBU2EY4bt-sel9KK4Xc2PEUruZ9U5FwY13YIA/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Transport

Private & Town Buses are available from Tindivanam, Villupuram to the Venue.