



1st SAAKAR FOUNDATION

All India Open Fide **Rapid Rating**

Chess Tournament 2026

Sunday 4th October 2026

Under the aegis of AICF & MCA / Recognized by PDCC

EVENT CODE 488808/MH(R)/2026

TOTAL CASH PRIZE

Rs. 4,00,000/-

1st PRIZE

Rs. 1,00,000/-

Registration partner



<https://circlechess.com/registration?id=51177>



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Registration



10 mins
+ 5 sec

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LBKzqNGJm3y9inBKPMGcHE?s=qt&p=a&iir=4>



Tournament
Whatsapp
group

45
Cash prizes
68
Trophies
117
Medals

ENTRY FEES

Early Bird: Upto 31st August - Rs. 1500

Upto 15th September: Rs. 1,750 After 15th September Rs. 2000/-

Free entry to GM, IMs & Players Rated Above 2300

Venue

Gulmohar Banquets, Abhiruchi Mall, Terrace Level, Sinhgad Road, Pune

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PRIZE STRUCTURE



Main Prizes

Rank	Prize
1	1,00,000 + 🏆
2	65,000 + 🏆
3	41,000 + 🏆
4	21,000
5	15,000
6	11,000
7	8,000
8	7,000
9	4,000
10	3,000
11	3,000
12	3,000
13	3,000
14	2,500
15	2,000

Rating Category wise Prizes

Rank	1400-1550	1551-1700	1701-1850	1851-2000	Unrated
1	8,000 + 🏆	8,000 + 🏆	8,000 + 🏆	8,000 + 🏆	8,000 + 🏆
2	5,000 + 🏆	5,000 + 🏆	5,000 + 🏆	5,000 + 🏆	5,000 + 🏆
3	3,000 + 🏆	3,000 + 🏆	3,000 + 🏆	3,000 + 🏆	3,000 + 🏆
4-10	🥇	🥇	🥇	🥇	🥇

Agewise Category_ Boys

Rank	U07	U09	U11	U13	U15
1	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆
2 to 3	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆
4 to 10	🥇	🥇	🥇	🥇	🥇

Agewise Category_ Girls

Rank	F07	F09	F11	F13	F15
1	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆
2 to 3	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆
4 to 10	🥇	🥇	🥇	🥇	🥇

Category wise Prizes

Females (Age 16 & above)	Veteran 55+	MH MCA Registered	Specially Abled	Best Pune
2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆	2,100 + 🏆
🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆
🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆

Special Category Prizes

Rank	Best Academy	Best School
1	🏆	🏆
2	🏆	🏆
3	🏆	🏆
Youngest	Boy Trophy 🏆	Girl Trophy 🏆

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN UNDER-07 CATEGORY WILL RECEIVE MEDALS.



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Age Criteria

U-07 Born on/after 01-01-2019

U-13 Born on/after 01-01-2013

U-09 Born on/after 01-01-2017

U-11 Born on/after 01-01-2015

U-15 Born on/after 01-01-2011

ENTRY FEES

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Upto 15th September: Rs. 1,750/- After 15th September Rs. 2,000/-

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08:30AM

Player's Meeting

09:00AM

Opening Ceremony Followed
by Round One

05:30PM

Prize Distribution

Those who have not registered with AICF & MCA before, have to complete their registration before the first round pairings.

AICF NEW Player Registration: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>

AICF ID Renewal: <https://prs.aicf.in/players>

MCA ID New Player Registraion: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php

MCA ID Renewal: https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/all_player_list.php

Registration Link: <https://circlechess.com/registration?id=51177>



RULES AND REGULATIONS, PROTEST

System of Play: The tournament will be conducted as per latest FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 9 rounds

Time Control: 10 Mins plus 5 Seconds increment per move.
Default Time: (Walk over time) 10 Minutes

Electronic Device: All electronic devices including wrist watches (all types of watches) and mobile phones will not be allowed in the tournament hall.

Entry fee non refundable.

Prize: Player qualified for more than one prize will be considered only for higher prize in the respective category.

Tie Break: In case of tie, following criteria will be used in descending order

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|---|----------------------------------|
| (a) Buchholz cut one | (b) Buchholz |
| (c) Sonneborn Berger | (d) Direct Encounter |
| (e) Greater no. of victories including forfeits | (f) Greater no. of wins by black |

Players having Classical or Rapid rating and unrated players can participate in the tournament.

(Players having only Fide Blitz rating Or Online Rating will be treated as UNRATED)

Protest: In case of any dispute, Chief Arbiter's decision will be final and binding on all.
Appeals Committee: An appeals committee will be formed during the technical meeting.

The organizer will reserve the rights to admit or refuse any entry without assigning any reason. They also reserve the rights of admission to the venue.

Rating will be finalised as per FIDE rating list published at the time of pairing. Any changes made thereafter by FIDE won't be reflected during the tournament.



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Best wishes

Pu. Sanjay Godbole Guruji
(Shree Sant Seva Sangh)

Yashodhan Bhide
WIM Mrunalini Kunte
Makarand Velankar
Ketan Khaire
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