SANDHAN INTERNATIONAL OPEN FIDE RAPID RATING CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026 MANDLA

AICF EVENT CODE : 512275/MP(R)/2026

Organized By :-

Madhya Pradesh Chess Association &

Mandla District Chess Association

Under the Aegis Of All India Chess Federation

Total Prize Fund: 5,51,000/-

Date

19th & 20th December 2026

Venue

Indoor Stadium Mandla MP
481661

Registration Link (Circle Chess) :-

Scan/Click to Register

https://circlechess.com/registration?id=66375

PRIZE STRUCTURE

Total Cash Prize Pool: ₹5,51,000/-

OPEN CATEGORY

Rank	Cash Prize	Rank	Cash Prize
1st	₹1,11,000 + Trophy	11th	₹4,500
2nd	₹51,000 + Trophy	12th	₹4,500
3rd	₹31,000 + Trophy	13th	₹4,000
4th	₹21,000	14th	₹4,000
5th	₹11,000	15th	₹4,000
6th	₹8,000	16th	₹4,000
7th	₹6,500	17th	₹4,000
8th	₹6,000	18th	₹4,000
9th	₹5,000	19th	₹4,000
10th	₹5,000	20th	₹4,000

RATING CATEGORIES

Rank	Rating 1551 – 1700	Rating 1400 – 1550
1st	₹25,000 + Trophy	₹25,000 + Trophy
2nd	₹20,000	₹20,000
3rd	₹10,000	₹10,000

Youngest Boy :- Trophy

Youngest Girl :- Trophy

BEST MP (MADHYA PRADESH)

Rank	Cash Prize
1st	₹21,000 + Trophy
2nd	₹15,000
3rd	₹11,000
4th	₹8,000
5th	₹7,000

OTHER SPECIAL CATEGORIES

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Best Mandla Player	₹6,000+ Trophy	₹4,000
Best Female	₹6,000+ Trophy	₹4,000
Best Unrated	₹6,000+ Trophy	₹4,000
Best Veteran (50+)	₹6,000+ Trophy	₹4,000
Best Physically Disabled	₹6,000+ Trophy	₹4,000

AGE CATEGORIES

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Under-7	₹3,500 + Trophy	₹3,000
Under-9	₹3,500 + Trophy	₹3,000
Under-11	₹3,500 + Trophy	₹3,000
Under-13	₹3,500 + Trophy	₹3,000
Under-15	₹3,500 + Trophy	₹3,000

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

(19th December)	
Event	Timing
Arrival	09:00 AM
Players Meeting	09:20 AM
Round 1 Pairing Upload	09:40 AM
Round 1 Start	10:00 AM
Round 2	12:00 PM
Round 3	02:00 PM
Round 4	03:30 PM
Round 5	05:00 PM

SCHEDULE (20th December)	
Event	Timing
Round 6	09:30 AM
Round 7	11:00 AM
Round 8	01:00 PM
Round 9	03:30 PM
CLOSING	05:15 PM

RULES & GUIDELINES

- **Tie-break:**
  - Buchholz Cut 1,
  - Buchholz,
  - Sonneborn Berger,
  - Direct encounter,
  - Number of wins (including forfeit points),
  - Number of wins with Black Pieces

- **System of play:** FIDE Swiss System with Rapid Regulations will be followed.
- **Time Control:** 20 Minutes + 10 Seconds increment from move 1.
- **Walkover Time:** 20 Minutes (Till The Flag Falls)
- **Rounds:** 9 Rounds.
- **Eligibility:** The tournament is open for all players.
- **Appeals Committee:** An Appeals Committee will be formed during the technical meeting.

AICF REGISTRATION

All Indian players are required to complete the AICF (All India Chess Federation) registration to participate in the tournament. The annual registration fee for 2026-2027 is Rs. 300, and payment must be made online prior to the tournament's commencement.

For renewing AICF registration for existing players, please visit

https://prs.aicf.in/players

For new AICF registration, please visit

https://prs.aicf.in/players

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- **Protests:** Protests, if any against the decision of the arbiter shall be made in - writing with a protest fee Rs.2000/- (One thousand only) within 10 minutes of the incident. The protest fee is refundable only if the protest is upheld. The decision of the appeals committee on all protests shall be final and binding.
- **Interpretation:** For interpretation of the rules and deciding any point not covered by the rules, the decision of the tournament committee shall be final and binding.
- **Withdrawals:** A player may withdraw at any stage of the event, after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.
- **One player will be given one (higher) prize only.**
- The tournament will be conducted as per the latest FIDE Laws of Chess
- **Electronic devices are prohibited:** Players are not allowed to bring mobile phones or any electronic devices and wear any type of wrist watch of the same found during the game the game liable to lose.
- **Parents And Accompanying persons** are not allowed inside the tournament hall.
- **No Participant** will leave the tournament venue before the prize distribution function without the permission of the organizer. Otherwise his/her prize and certificate will be forfeited.

Organizer has the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason.

Players will have to arrange their own accommodation and food. Hotel details are provided below for your reference.





ENTRY FEE

For GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs,	Free
Specially Abled Players	2000/-
For Mandla Players	2000/-
For All Players :	2500/-
The above fee structure is applicable until 16th December 2026. Thereafter, a late fee of Rs. 500 will be charged until 17th December. No spot entries will be entertained.	
No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.	
Entry fees, once paid, are non-refundable and non-transferable.	

Registration link :-

https://circlechess.com/registration?id=66375

After Filled The Google form Please Join our WhatsApp group for Further Information :

https://chat.whatsapp.com/F9zI7cDjr1Y4rzmJ1KBoro?s=cl&p=i&iam=2

PLACE TO VISIT IN MANDLA

KANHA TIGER RESERVE,MANDLA



KANHA MUSEUM MOCHA,MANDLA



Chess, Winter Charm & Jungle Adventure in Mandla!

Located right beside the legendary Kanha Tiger Reserve—Madhya Pradesh's most celebrated wildlife sanctuary—Mandla offers players and accompanying families a rare chance to combine competitive chess with world-class tourism. December to February marks the prime peak season when pleasant winter mornings make spotting the Royal Bengal Tiger and rare Barasingha a dream experience. Enter the wild through the historic Khatia Gate, explore rich natural history at the Kanha Museum, and make this December tournament a trip to remember!

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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HOW TO REACH MANDLA (M.P.)

- **Local Station:** Mandla Fort (MFR)
- **Nearest Major Railway Stations:** Jabalpur Jn. (95 km) | Gondia Jn. (150 km) |
- **Nearest Airport:** Jabalpur Airport (JLR) – 95 km (2.5hrs drive)
- **By Road:** Regular buses and taxis are available from Jabalpur, Nagpur (240 km), and Raipur (250 km) to Mandla.