52nd National Women's Chess Championship 2026

AICF Event Code: 496730/TG/2026

30th November to 10th December, 2026

Organised by

Telangana State Chess Association

On behalf of

ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

Supported by

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India

Venue

Sri Chaitanya Future Pathways Global School, Miyapur, Hyderabad.

Total Prize Fund: ₹30,00,000/-

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE			
Date	**Round**	**Day**	**Time**
30-11-2026	Inauguration	Monday	12:00 PM
	Players' Meeting		01:00 PM
	Round - 1		02:00 PM
01-12-2026	Round - 2	Tuessday	10:00 AM
02-12-2026	Round - 3	Wednesday	10:00 AM
03-12-2026	Round - 4	Thursday	10:00 AM
04-12-2026	Round - 5	Friday	10:00 AM
05-12-2026	Round - 6	Saturday	10:00 AM
06-12-2026	Round - 7	Sunday	10:00 AM
07-12-2026	Round - 8	Monday	10:00 AM
08-12-2026	Round - 9	Tuesday	10:00 AM
09-12-2026	Round - 10	Wednesday	10:00 AM
10-12-2026	Round - 11	Thursday	10:00 AM
	Closing Ceremony		04:00 PM
	Departure		06:00 PM

Total Cash Prizes: 30,00,000/-			
RANK	CASH PRIZES	RANK	CASH PRIZES
1st	7,00,000/-	6th	2,00,000/-
2nd	5,50,000/-	7th	1,50,000/-
3rd	4,50,000/-	8th	1,50,000/-
4th	3,50,000/-	9th	1,00,000/-
5th	2,50,000/-	10th	1,00,000/-

Eligibility:

1) Every affiliated State Association/Institutional members of All India Chess Federation shall be entitled to send four entries. If any state association/institution failed to send its full quota, the vacancies so caused shall not be filled.

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2) All women grandmasters and women international masters and women holding IM & GM titles are seeded. Such entries should come through their respective state associations/affiliated units of AICF.
3) First six players from the previous Women National Championship rankings other than IMs, GMs, WGMs and WIMs.
4) National Junior Girls Chess Champion of 2025, held in Jamshedpur.
5) Current World Champion in any category.
6) Current Asian Junior Girls Champion and first three from the last Asian Women Chess Championship.
7) The host, Telangana State Chess Association shall be entitled to fill additional entries of four players.
8) All board prize winners of the 2025 - 26 National Women Team Chess Championship held in Raipur, Chhattisgarh (March 2026).
9) Four players approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no state chess association exists.
10) A nominee of Hon. Secretary of AICF.

11) If the total number of entries is an odd number, then the host Telangana State Chess Association may add one more entry to make it an even number.

12) Players with a FIDE standard rating as per November 2026 FRL and remits the prescribed special entry fee of Rs. 6,250/-. All such entries should come through their respective state associations/affiliated units of AICF.

Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in this championship.

Entries & Entry Fee:

Ordinary entry: Rs.2,500/- (Rupees two thousand five hundred only)
Special entry: Rs.6,250/- (Rupees six thousand two hundred fifty only)

Note: There will be a 50% concession in the entry fee for participants from North Eastern States and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. All entries

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including special entries should come through the concerned state chess association/institutional members of AICF.

Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through: https://prs.aicf.in/entry
For clarification and guidance regarding the submission of entries, please contact: aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

Last Date of Entry: 15th November, 2026. With a late fee of Rs.250/- up to 22nd November, 2026.

No entry will be accepted after 5.00 pm on 22nd November, 2026.

AICF Players Registration: All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2026-27 before the registration on AICF online portal for national entries. Online AICF registration can be done at the website www.aicf.in/players

System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. Totally, eleven rounds shall be played.

Default time: Default time for arriving to the chess board is 15 minutes.

Draw Offer: Players shall not agree for a draw before Black's 30th move, without the consent of the arbiter.

Time Control: Time control of 90 minutes for the first 40 moves and 30 minutes for rest of the game with 30 seconds increment per move from move no. 1.

Chess Clocks: Each participating association must provide at least two DGT chess clocks in working order for every four players sent by that association in the championship.

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Tie-Breaks: Following is the order of tie-breaks:

1) Buchholz Cut1
2) Buchholz
3) Sonneborn-Berger
4) Direct encounter
5) The greater number of wins including forfeits
6) Number of wins with black pieces

In case of tie, cash prizes will not be shared.

Electronic Devices: All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. Those who are having mobile phone or wearing watches during their play will be declared lost.

Lodging: Free accommodation (dormitory on sharing basis) will be provided to all the normal entry participants and one accompanying official (Manager) nominated by the concerned state chess association for each state. Players and officials availing this facility have to inform the same on or before 15th November, 2026. Accompanying persons and special entries have to make their own arrangements. If they want to avail this facility they may contact the organizers on or before 15th November, 2026.

Boarding: A lump sum of Rs.1500/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred only) will be paid by the organizers towards the boarding expenses, only to the affiliated state associations' seeded and selected players who play this championship under normal entry fee.

Dress Code: As per AICF regulation on dress code for players participating in all the national championships, all state Associations/affiliated units should send their players including special entry players with proper uniform (as regards special entry players, the respective state chess association may collect the cost of the uniform from the players). Player should at least wear T-Shirts/formal shirts (same colour and brand with the name of the state printed prominently at the back and the state chess emblem in the front left side). The name/logo of the sponsors can be

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permitted. Girl/Women to be also given appropriate uniform dress. The above rule will also be applicable to special units. Players without proper uniform will not be permitted to take part in the championship. This will be strictly enforced.

Tournament Committee: The organisers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.

Protests: Protest if any, against the decision of the chief arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee Rs.3000/- within 30 minutes of completion of the concerned game. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The decision of the appeals committee is final and binding on all players concerned.

Appeals Committee: Before commencement of the tournament, a five member appeals committee shall be formed by AICF/Organizers. All members and the reserves shall be from different states/affiliated units. No member of the committee can vote on the dispute in which a player from his own state is involved. In such case(s), reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee. The decision of the appeals committee is final and binding on all players concerned.

Withdrawals: If any player withdraws from the last two rounds in any national championship on medical grounds, he/she should undergo treatment by a doctor recommended and supervised by the tournament committee. The entry fee once paid shall not be refunded if the withdrawal from championship is done after the publication of first round pairings.

Disqualification: No player shall leave the venue before the prize distribution function without the permission of the chief arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule shall be suspended for one year.

Arrears: The affiliated associations must clear all arrears of affiliation fee/tournament fee including those of current year at the time of submitting the entries. Otherwise the entries are liable to be rejected.

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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. The tournament committee has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules, without notice. However, such changes/or inclusion will be subject to AICF clearance. Such changes will, however be displayed at the tournament hall.

General Instruction

1. Parents and accompanying persons are not allowed inside the tournament hall at all times.
2. Organizers take all the measures for safe championship environment. However, in case any untoward situation arises, the players will not ask damages from organizers/All India Chess Federation.
3. Due to any unforeseen scenario, if the event needs to be cancelled, then AICF's obligation is limited to refunding the entry fee paid by the players.
4. By enrolling for the events, the players are abiding by all the terms and conditions of the championship for participation.

For Assistance : Email (Registration): aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

Venue Sponsored By: Bodda Pratusha Chess Academy

Organizing Committee

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