



# **Tamil Nadu State Online Under 8 Open & Girls Chess Championships - 2021**

**31<sup>st</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

**Organized By Chennai District Chess Association  
On behalf of  
Tamil Nadu State Chess Association**

**Playing Platform: [www.tornelo.com](http://www.tornelo.com) Screen sharing: Zoom**

**Signing up with Tornelo is a must. Players are requested to get familiar with the features of Tornelo and Zoom**

## **Tournament Schedule**

Inauguration & Players Meeting	Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	09:00 Hrs.
Practice Round	Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	09.30 hrs
Round 1	Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	10:30 Hrs.
Round 2	Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	12:30 Hrs.
Round 3	Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	14:30 Hrs.
Round 4	Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	16:30 Hrs.
Round 5	Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	18:30 Hrs.
Round 6	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	10:30 Hrs.
Round 7	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	12:30 Hrs.
Round 8	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	14:30 Hrs.
Round 9	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	16:30 Hrs.

**Entry fee: Rs. 500/-.**

**Last Date of Entry: 05:00 P.M. 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**

**Note : Entry Fee paid without district recommendation will be rejected.**

**Important Note: Players participating in this Online Tamil Nadu State Championship will only be permitted to represent Tamil Nadu as selected / donor entries in the Forthcoming National Championships.**

**Note to District Chess Associations: Please advise your district players to participate in this Online Tamil Nadu State Championship.**

**Total Cash Prize : Rs. 24,000/- (Rs. 12000/- for Boys & Rs. 12000/- for Girls)**

Prizes	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
Boys	Rs.3000/-	Rs.2400/-	Rs.1800/-	Rs.1400/-	Rs.900/-	Rs.500/-	Rs.500/-	Rs.500/-	Rs.500/-	Rs.500/-
Girls	Rs.3000/-	Rs.2400/-	Rs.1800/-	Rs.1400/-	Rs.900/-	Rs.500/-	Rs.500/-	Rs.500/-	Rs.500/-	Rs.500/-

**1. Age Limit:** Players should be born on or after 01.01.2013.

**Age Proof:** Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. Certificates from School are not valid. Certificates shall be from the Panchayat, Municipality or Corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without date of birth certificates will not be allowed to participate.

**\*\*The date of birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate. No DISTRICT Chess association shall recommend any player who doesn't come under the above criterion.**

**2. Eligibility:** Subject to age limit, the following players can participate:

**Indian Nationals from Tamil Nadu are eligible to participate in the championships.**

- Any player who pays the prescribed entry fee of Rs.500/- subject to the age limit and duly recommended by the district association, after registering with AICF.
- The TNSCA Secretary has a discretionary seat in each category in this Championship.

**3. Entry fee:** Rs. 500/-.Only players registered with AICF for the year 2021-22 alone are eligible to participate. There is no separate TNSCA registration. All entries have to be routed through the respective district associations.

Entries without AICF registration will not be accepted. The secretaries of the district chess associations are requested to recommend only AICF registered players.

**Entry fees can be deposited at the following bank account:**

Account Name : Chennai District Chess Association

Bank : UCO Bank, Mount Road

Savings Account No : 02710100160725

IFSC code : UCBA0000271 Branch: Mount Road

**Entry fee can also be paid at [www.chessfee.com/](http://www.chessfee.com/) [www.signinchess.com/](http://www.signinchess.com/) [www.easypaychess.com](http://www.easypaychess.com/) / [www.chezzcircle.com](http://www.chezzcircle.com/).**

**It mandatory for all players to fill-up the gform after making the payment**

**@ [www.tamilchess.com](http://www.tamilchess.com)**

**<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekMBEVhbBVcuecuQ2zRIS3UO2ByM6G8igfZqM5tH4hwlTAIg/viewform>**

After making the payment, payment proof has to be emailed to [cdca64@gmail.com](mailto:cdca64@gmail.com) (or WhatsApp to 9445602750) with a copy to the player's district chess association mail id, mentioning the following details such as Name of the player, FIDE ID (if any), AICF ID (compulsory) Under 8 OPEN or Girls, Tornelo's Player Profile Name, Tornelo Email id, ZOOM ID and Rating (if any), scanned copy of date of birth certificate and recent identity proof, e-mail address, mobile phone number and district.

**Last Date of Entry: 05:00P.M. 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**

After finalization of entries, Tournament Link (Tornelo) will be sent to their registered email id @ 08:00 P.M on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. It is the responsibility of the players to sign in before 10.00 P.M of 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

**Note : Entry Fee paid entries without district recommendation will be rejected.**

4. **Playing platform :** The virtual playing venue of the championship is <https://www.tornelo.com>
5. Compulsorily One common email id has to be used to create Tornelo login and Zoom ID for new users and for existing Zoom users, create new login using email id used for Tornelo.
6. New players creating account in Tornelo are requested to create their account name and Player's Profile Name exactly same as per their FIDE ID and participate using the same. <https://tornelo.com/account/new>
7. Existing players having account in Tornelo are requested to create their Profile Name exactly same as per their FIDE ID and participate using the same.
8. **Video Conferencing System:** Tournament shall be played under video supervision. We are using Zoom as Video Conferencing System (VCS) during the tournament. Players should log into Zoom with real names.
9. **Session: The rate of play shall be 15 minutes with an increment of 10 seconds per move from move number one.**
10. **System of Play:** The Championship will be played under Fide Online Chess Regulation and the Swiss system. **Total nine rounds (9 rounds) shall be played.**
11. **Tournament type:** "Online Chess with supervision" (Part III a) of Fide Online Chess Regulation
12. **Pairing / Results:** Pairings will be made by Tornelo / Swiss Manager and published in [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com) (both Tornelo and Swiss Manager use (JaVaFo 2.2) pairing engine).
13. **Tie Break:** Following is the order of tie-break:
  1. Buchholz Cut 1
  2. Buchholz
  3. Sonneborn-Berger
  4. Direct encounter
  5. The greater number of wins including forfeits
  6. Number of wins with Black pieces
14. **Tournament Committee:** The Tamil Nadu State Chess Association will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the State Championship.

15. **Protest:** Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.2000/- within 15 Minutes of completion of the concerned game. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
16. **Appeals Committee:** Before the commencement of the tournament, a five-member appeals committee shall be formed by the TNSCA. All the members and reserves shall be from different districts/affiliated units. No member of the Committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own district is involved and, in such case(s), the reserve member (s) shall take his / her place in the committee.
17. **Interpretation:** For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by the above rules of the tournament, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Committee has every right to make any addition or amendment to the rules, without prior notice. However, such changes should be approved by the TNSCA. Such changes will, however, be communicated to all concerned.
18. **Registration of Players:** All participants in the State Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2021-2022. Online AICF registration can be done at the website [www.aicf.in](http://www.aicf.in). Those who have already obtained registration cards from AICF Website for 2021-2022 should send photo copy of the same. Those who have paid the AICF Registration fee but are yet to receive the confirmation of AICF Registration should send a photo copy acknowledgement for having paid the fee. Before the championship all the players must be registered with AICF for the year 2021-2022.

### TECHNICAL POINTS

1. **Pre-move:** Pre-move is not permitted and this feature will be turned off from the setting.
2. **50 move rule and 3-fold repetition:** 50 move rule and 3-fold repetition rule automatically enforced.
3. **Overriding Online results:** Be aware of the various positions that are automatically declared drawn by the server. In general, the result prescribed by Tornelo will stand (see the set list of drawn positions). However, there are positions such as the one in the diagram.



With black to play in this position, it is checkmate after h2, then Ng3 for white. With black to play, if black lets his or her time expire, then the server will automatically call this a draw. In the unlikely situation that this or a similar position happens, players may appeal to an Appeals Panel and appeal that they should be declared the winner of the game.

### Positions Declared Drawn

The following combinations will result in draws for insufficient material and will be automatically claimed by the server:

K+N vs K+N

K+N vs. K

K+B vs K

K vs. K

K+B vs. K+B (even with opposite-coloured bishops)

K+N+N vs K

The following combinations will result in a draw if the player with the pawn flags down. Note that this goes for any pawn including a and h pawns:

K+N vs. K+P K+B vs. K+P

These games will be scored as draws automatically by the server, and will be scored as such for our competition even though this is not in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

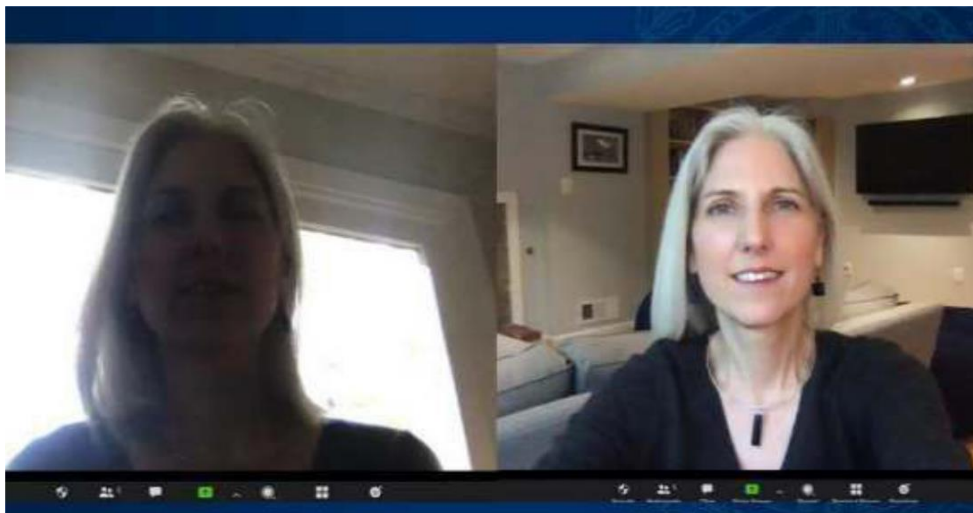
4. **Playing Device:** A laptop or desktop computer with Windows operating system is strongly recommended as playing device, since tornelo and zoom have to be displayed simultaneously on the screen.
5. **Web browser:** Only Google chrome web browser is allowed. Only tabs open in the web browser are for the platform being used i.e. tornelo. The tornelo and zoom link will be sent to the players by e-mail.
6. **Internet connection:** Internet connectivity is the player's responsibility. Please ensure you have a reliable connection which you trust.
7. **Webcam:** A functioning webcam is mandatory so that arbiters can comfortably see you and your surroundings. Players must be able to scan their playing area using their webcam.
8. **Lighting:** Adequate and even lighting is required, including on the players' faces. Natural light can be sufficient but artificial lighting is highly recommended for consistency. Please ensure that you and your surroundings will be visible on camera at all times.
9. **Microphone / Speakers:** A working microphone / speakers are mandatory. You must be able to hear the arbiters. Please make sure that speakers are turned on before the start of competition so arbiters can communicate with you. The arbiter may request that you turn up your sound in order to observe noise originating from your call. Players must comply with this request.
10. **Headphones:** During play, headphones will not be permitted. You may use them before or after games.
11. **Playing area:**
  - a. Your playing area should be clear of all electronic devices except your playing device.
  - b. Cell phones and other handheld devices should be out of sight and out of reach. Players may be asked to have their belongings checked by an arbiter.
  - c. All software except for Zoom and tornelo.com must have their tasks ended in the task manager and they may not be opened during the course of play.
  - d. We require that any social media notifications be turned off before the beginning of play each round.
  - e. You should be alone in your playing area, ideally in a location with limited foot traffic.
  - f. Players should be facing a wall in their playing area and are prohibited from directly facing a window or door.
  - g. Players may not have a second monitor connected to their playing computer.

- h. Players may not have written notes or any reading material in their playing area.
- i. The playing area will be checked by proctors and/or arbiters before the round begins. If a player leaves the playing area view, they may be subject to a truncated security check upon returning.
- j. Players are not permitted to leave the view of the camera at any time during the run of play. They may not leave the playing area for any reason and must always be visible on camera.

**12. Zoom Video Call:**

- a. Players must be present in the designated Zoom video call at least 60 minutes before the beginning of first round and will be available throughout the last game of the day. In the event they are late, they will still be subject to a full fair play check at the arbiter's and proctor's discretion which may affect their starting clock times.
- b. If players are facing connectivity issues with Zoom, an arbiter must be notified by the players immediately through arbiters chat on tornelo.
- c. Players may not leave the Zoom call until their games have completed for the day. Once they have completed a round, they will be free to leave the view of the camera until they return for their pre-game fair play checks.
- d. Players may not turn off their cameras until their games have completed for the day.
- e. Players may not disrupt other players or make unnecessary noise during the run of play.
- f. Virtual Zoom background is not permitted.

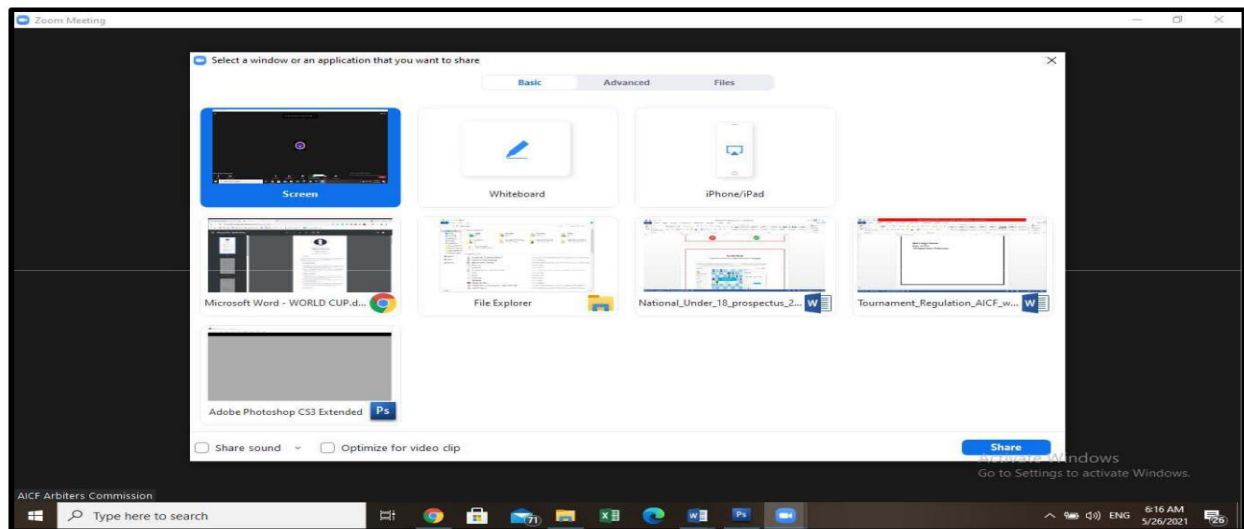
**Face view appearance on video call**



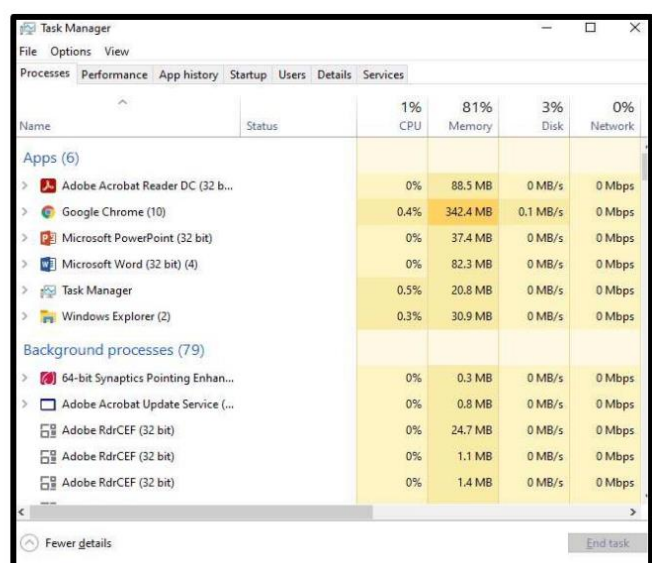
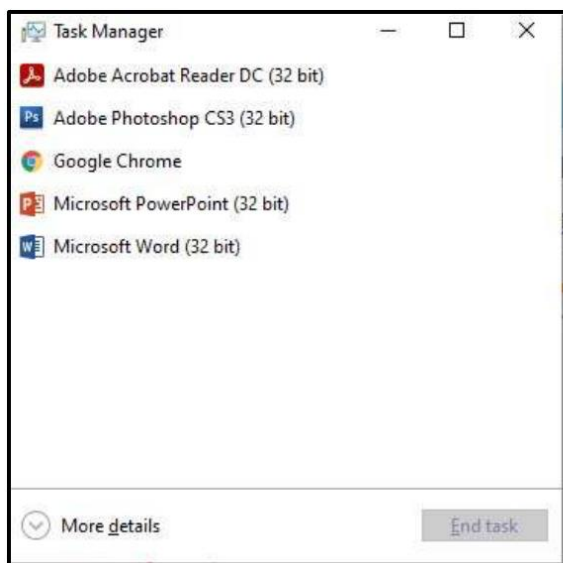


# Screen share

Players must share their screen and not just the browser



Arbiter's should be able to see this taskbar that shows which programs are open.



13. **They may also ask to see your computer's Task Manager for confirmation.**  
For task manager, press [ctrl]+[shift]+[esc]

14. **Tornelo :**

- ❖ To avoid mouse slip, turn on move confirmation in Game Preferences setting. Instead of dragging the pieces, click the original square, then click the destination square.
- ❖ Do not share your Tornelo password with anyone. Simultaneous multiple connection is not allowed. This will result in immediate loss of the game.
- ❖ Players' tornelo.com username must match the username that was used during registration. You may not play on a private account or secret account.

15. **Disconnections**

- ❖ It is the player's responsibility to be connected to the playing zone. This includes providing a stable internet connection and a working playing device.
- ❖ During a disconnection both players must not leave their places without the permission of the Arbiter.

16. **Communication:**

- ❖ Zoom Chat
- ❖ **Arbiters chat on tornelo (Arbiters call)**
  - 1) Players shall not be permitted to contact anyone during the course of play.
  - 2) Players shall have a direct line of communication to their assigned arbiter during the course of play. This shall be done via the Zoom chat, with the Arbiter clearly identified by "Arbiter" in their Zoom name.
  - 3) Players shall notify the Arbiter immediately in the event they are facing a technical issue. If they are unable to contact the arbiter via Zoom due to connectivity issues, they must attempt to reconnect during the round but may not contact via other methods.

17. **Warning & Penalties:**

The following offences may be severely dealt with by the Arbiter/ Chief Arbiter. The chief arbiter's decision is final. It may be warning initially, then addition of time to the opponent and then loss of the game

- i. Camera shutoff from Zoom via manual shutoff.
- ii. Disconnection from Zoom without disconnecting from Tornelo.
- iii. An internet disconnection.
- iv. Disruption to other players/talking.
- v. Not sharing their screen on the Zoom call.
- vi. Any offence not listed that, in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter.
- vii. The decision by the Fairplay Panel is final and not appealable.
- viii. If a player is found to be involved in malpractice during a game, he cannot participate in further rounds and the point for the game will be awarded to the opponent. He/she will also not be included in the prize list and not eligible to represent the state in the forthcoming nationals.

18. **Bans and Disqualification:**

- a. Any serious offence may result in disqualification from the whole tournament, at the discretion of the TNSCA & Tournament Committee.

19. **Additional Actions:** In addition, any violations outlined in this section may be subject to additional fair play screening which may result in the player's clock running while the screening is taking place.



20. **Fair Play Rules:** The fair play measures should be applied in accordance with the FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations and FIDE Anti-Cheating Protection Measures. A Fair Play Panel comprising experienced grandmasters/international masters has been constituted to monitor and scrutinise the games. If the FPP decides/believes that a player has used external assistance, they will be disqualified from the tournament. If it happens during/at the end of a round, the point will be awarded to the opponent for the particular round. No appeal can be made against the decision of the FPP. **Arbiters may intimate players to install side angle camera any time in the course of championship also and players are obliged to follow the same. However, All the players playing top 10 boards required to install side camera also by using Mobile/Tab (The mobile/tab must be in silent mode, speaker off, microphone off and only to be used as camera to transit the video footage through zoom).**

21. **Fair Play Complaint:** A player need to file an fair play complaint to Organiser within 15 minutes after completion of the particular game. Players need to submit following details while submitting a fair play complaint:

1. Name of the player filing a complaint :
2. Name of the player against whom you are filing a complaint :
3. Round :
4. Table No :
5. Brief information about the complaint :
6. Attach Payment screenshot of Complaint fee

Players need to submit the complaint fee of INR 2000/- via following options:

1. Submitting the fees to Organiser Bank Account :
  - Account Name: Chennai District Chess Association
  - Savings Account No: 0271 0100 160725
  - Bank Name: UCO Bank
  - Branch Name: Mount Road
  - IFSC ode: UCBA0000271

Mail should be sent to the following mail id's:

- a. Chief Arbiter - [chessathulan@gmail.com](mailto:chessathulan@gmail.com)
- b. Organiser - [cdca64@gmail.com](mailto:cdca64@gmail.com)
- c. TNSCA - [tnchess64@gmail.com](mailto:tnchess64@gmail.com)

The Fair play team will check the appeals and immediate action will be taken against the players violating fair play rules and regulations. The player who has filed a complaint in regards to fair play will be eligible for full point in that particular round if the complaint is upheld by the FPP team. The player violating fair play regulations will be removed for immediately.

Please note that point will be awarded to the affected players only who has filed a complaint within stipulated time or as recommended by FPP.

Not with standing the same, routine Fair Play check will be carried out by FPP even without any complaints. The point of offending player will be reversed in case of win or draw if the check is completed before the next round pairing or if it is the last round of championship.

22. **Selection /Prize money:** Selection from the championship, prizes shall be declared by TNSCA later.

23. **E-certificates** for all players can be downloaded from [www.tamilchess.com](http://www.tamilchess.com).

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

Organizer :      *Mr. Ravi Kumar R, Joint Secretary*  
                         *Chennai District Chess Association*  
                         Mobile :94456 02750

Chief Arbiter :   Mr. Athulan S, IA, Mobile : 98431 36945

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