



# 14<sup>th</sup> Chennai Open International Grandmasters Chess Tournament 2023 for Sakthi Group Dr. N. Mahalingam Trophy

FIDE/AICF Event code: 335453/TN/2023 & TNSCA Approval No: INT-01/TN/23-24  
Organised by: Tamil Nadu State Chess Association  
Under the guidance of All India Chess Federation

**From 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Venue : Hotel Ambassador Pallava**

**No. 30, Red Cross Road, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008  
(Near Indian Red Cross Society) Ph: 7397750085 / 044-28554476**

The venue is about one hour drive from Chennai airport,  
15 minutes from MGR Central Railway Station and  
10 minutes from Egmore Railway Station.

**Total Cash Prize : Rs. 20,00,000/-**

## Main Prize

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rs. 4,00,000/-	8 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 60,000/-
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rs. 3,00,000/-	9 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 50,000/-
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rs. 1,75,000/-	10 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 50,000/-
4 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 1,25,000/-	11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 25,000/- each
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 1,00,000/-	16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 15,000/- each
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 80,000/-	21 <sup>st</sup> - 45 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 10,000/- each
7 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 80,000/-		

## Category Prize

1801 to 2000 : 1) Rs.10000/- 2) Rs.9000/- 3) Rs.7000/-  
1601 to 1800 : 1) Rs.10000/- 2) Rs.9000/- 3) Rs.7000/-  
1401 to 1600 : 1) Rs.10000/- 2) Rs.9000/- 3) Rs.7000/-  
1201 to 1400 : 1) Rs.10000/- 2) Rs.9000/- 3) Rs.7000/-  
Unrated to 1200: 1) Rs.10000/- 2) Rs.9000/- 3) Rs.7000/-

**However a player is eligible for one prize only (whichever is higher)**

**Indian Income Tax Act and Rules in force will be applicable for TDS purpose**

### Tournament Schedule:

#### Arrival

**8.00 AM 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023**

#### Technical Meeting

**12.00 Noon 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023**

#### Inaugural Ceremony

**1.00 PM 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023**

#### Departure

**06.00 PM 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

31.12.2023	Sunday	03.00 PM	Round 1
01.01.2024	Monday	10.00 AM	Round 2
01.01.2024	Monday	04.00 PM	Round 3
02.01.2024	Tuesday	10.00 AM	Round 4
03.01.2024	Wednesday	10.00 AM	Round 5
03.01.2024	Wednesday	04.00 PM	Round 6
04.01.2024	Thursday	10.00 AM	Round 7
05.01.2024	Friday	10.00 AM	Round 8
06.01.2024	Saturday	10.00 AM	Round 9
07.01.2024	Sunday	10.00 AM	Round 10
07.01.2024	Sunday	04.00 PM	Closing Ceremony

## Entry Fee GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs and Rated 2400 and above – **No entry Fee**

<b>FIDE Rating as on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>Without Lodging</b>	<b>With Lodging</b>
Rated 2300 to 2399	Rs.6,000/-	Rs.10,000/-
Rated 2200 to 2299	Rs.6,500/-	Rs.10,500/-
Rated 1900 to 2199	Rs.7,000/-	Rs.11,000/-
Rated 1500 to 1899	Rs.7,500/-	Rs.11,500/-
Rated 1200 to 1499	Rs.8,000/-	Rs.12,000/-
Rated 1000 to 1199 & Unrated	Rs.8,500/-	Rs.12,500/-

**No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.**

**The last date of entry will be Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

Address for sending the entries:

Tamil Nadu State chess Association, Room No.75, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Periamet, Chennai 600003. Phone: 044-25384477,

E-mail: [tnchesstmt@gmail.com](mailto:tnchesstmt@gmail.com)

Website: [www.tamilchess.com](http://www.tamilchess.com)

**Entry fee can be paid through online portal, use the link given below**

**Entries can also be paid online through:**

1. [www.chessfee.com](http://www.chessfee.com)

2. [www.easypaychess.com](http://www.easypaychess.com)

3. [www.signinchess.com](http://www.signinchess.com)

After making the payment through online, please fill-in the g-form of the entry to the following link with attachments showing proof of all payments. It is mandatory for all Indian players to fill the g-form.

**G-form link:** <https://forms.gle/SREaCzNiVDdD2Vj69>

## **Tournament Rules:**

### **System of Play**

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 10 rounds.

### **Time Control**

90 Minutes each with 30 seconds increment from move no.1.

### **Default Time**

15 Minutes Any player who arrives at the chess board after the default time shall lose the game.

### **Tie Break**

1) Buchholz cut 1 2) Buchholz 3) Sonneborn- Berger 4) Direct Encounter  
5) Greater number of wins including forfeit games 6) Number of wins with black pieces  
In the event of tie, the cash prizes will not be shared.

### **Condition for draw by agreement**

Players should not agree for a draw in a game without completing 30 moves each.

## **Ban on Electronic devices and Wrist watch**

All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. If they are in possession of such devices during the game, they will be declared lost.

## **Boarding & Lodging**

All GMs will be provided free boarding and hotel accommodation on double sharing basis. All IMs/WGMs/WIMs will be provided free boarding and hotel accommodation on double sharing basis.

All participants who also pay for lodging along with the entry fee will be provided hotel accommodation on triple sharing basis/dormitory accommodation for entire duration of the event. The accompanying persons if they require accommodation should make a request and also pay for their accommodation along with the entry.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Entry Form**

It is mandatory for all Indian players to fill the g-form to complete their registration.

### **AICF Player Registration**

All Indian players must be registered with AICF for the year 2023 – 2024 before the registration deadline to participate in the tournament. Those who have not registered with AICF are required to do AICF registration online at <https://prs.aicf.in/players> before sending their entry.

### **TNSCA Player Registration**

All Tamil Nadu players must be registered with TNSCA as player for the year 2023 – 2024 before the registration deadline to participate in the tournament. Those who have not registered with TNSCA are required to do TNSCA registration online at <https://registration.tamilchess.com/> before sending their entry.

### **Protest**

Protest, if any against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs. 3000/- within 30 minutes of the completion of the game. The protest fee shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

### **Appeals Committee**

Before the commencement of the tournament, a five member Committee of Appeal with two reserves shall be formed by the organisers. All the members and reserves shall be from different federations. No member of the committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own federation is involved and in such case the reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee.

### **COVID Protocol**

All players and accompanying persons have to adhere the rules and regulations framed by Government of India/Government of Tamil Nadu at the time of tournament towards the COVID – 19 protocol.

### **Organising Secretary**

Mr. B.Murugavel  
Vice President, TNSCA

### **Tournament Director**

Mr. P. Stephen Balasamy  
General Secretary, TNSCA

### **Technical Director**

Mr. R.Anantharam,  
Chairman, Arbiters Commission,  
TNSCA

### **For further assistance please contact:**

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**Tournament Coordinator: Mr. S. Paul Arokia Raj, IA & FI**

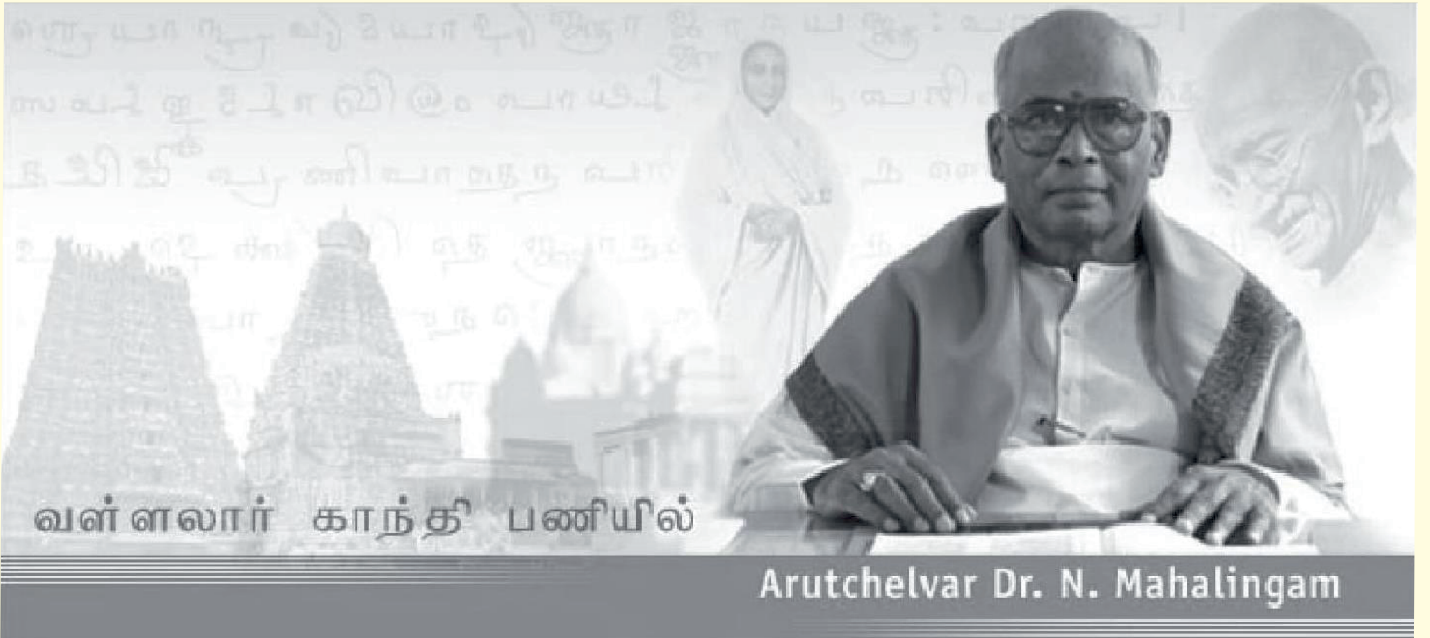
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## Hotels near the tournament venue:

<b>Lakshmi Lodge, 16, Kennet Lane, Egmore (opposite to Egmore Railway Station)</b>	<b>Ph: +91 44 42148725/26/27 Mobile: +91 98409 00342</b>
<b>Hotel Pandian, 15, Kennet Lane, Egmore (opposite to Egmore Railway Station)</b>	<b>Ph: +91 44 28192727 Mobile: +91 98414 21207 +91 98414 21202</b>
<b>Vestin Park Hotel 39, Red Cross Road, Egmore</b>	<b>Ph: +91 44 28527171 Mobile +91 99400 11946</b>
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**Dr. N. Mahalingam, founder, Sakthi group of companies was a chess philanthropist beyond comparison. His compassion for chess players in distress was phenomenal. He expressed his appreciation of the achievements of chess players with meaningful gifts that inspired them to higher efforts. As a former President of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association and All India Chess Federation, Dr.N.Mahalingam Championed the growth and the development of the game.**