



# 75<sup>th</sup> TAMIL NADU STATE OPEN FIDE RATED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2025

AICF Event Code: 417408 / TN(S) / 2025  
TNSCA APPROVAL No. SO-04/VNR/25-26

Organized by  
***Sivakasi Chess Club***

On behalf of  
**Virudhunagar District Chess Association &  
Tamil Nadu State Chess Association**

**Date**  
**01-06-25**  
**to**  
**05-06-25**



**Venue Sponsor:**

**P. A. C. R. Ramasamy Raja Polytechnic College, Rajapalayam**

**Total Cash Prize: Rs. 2, 00, 000/-**

Prize	Amount	Prize	Amount	Prize	Amount
1	Rs. 50,000/-	5 to 8	Rs. 10,000/-	14 & 15	Rs. 2,500/-
2	Rs. 30,000/-	9 & 10	Rs. 5,000/-	16 to 25	Rs. 1,500/-
3	Rs. 25,000/-	11	Rs. 4,000/-		
4	Rs. 15,000/-	12 & 13	Rs. 3,000/-		

Additional trophies will be awarded to Under 8, 11 & 14 categories  
Separate for Virudhunagar district players.

**Entries to be paid only through:**

**<https://registration.tamilchess.com/online-entry/>**

**\*\*Please note that only the players who take part in this State Championship will be permitted to represent Tamil Nadu as selected/special entries in the forthcoming National Chess Championship.**

**Hence participation in this State Championship is  
COMPULSORY\*\***

**Normal Entry Fee: Rs.1000/-  
Special Entry Fee: Rs.2000/-**

Tournament Schedule		
Arrival	01-06-2025	
Managers' Meeting & Inauguration - 01-06-25,9.30AM		
Round	Date	Time
1	01-06-2025	10.30 AM
2	01-06-2025	04.00 PM
3	02-06-2025	09.30 AM
4	02-06-2025	03.30 PM
5	03-06-2025	09.30 AM
6	03-06-2025	03.30 PM
7	04-06-2025	09.30 AM
8	04-06-2025	03.30 PM
9	05-06-2025	09.30 AM
Prize Distribution	05-06-2025	03.30 PM



## Note to District Chess Associations:

**Advise all your district players to take part in this State Championship.**

**All entries, be it regular or special, should be routed through the respective district chess association on or before 24.05.2025.**

**No entry will be entertained after 24.05.2025.**

While sending the entries, District Chess Associations should certify that the players have been duly selected from the selection/District Chess Championship giving details of venue and date. If such a certificate is not sent, all their entries will be treated as special entries.

### Entries/Entry fee

All entries (normal or special) should be paid only through online portal

(<https://registration.tamilchess.com/online-entry/>)

along with the copy of date of birth certificate for verification. Payments made through other modes will not be accepted. Player's participation will be accepted only after obtaining the recommendations from their concerned district chess association. The entry fee, once paid, shall not be refunded if the withdrawal from the championship is done after the publication of the first-round pairings.

## Eligibility: Subject to Age Stipulation

- Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate.
- Every affiliated District Chess Association/Special Unit of TNSCA is entitled to field four entries.
- The TNSCA General Secretary can nominate one entry.
- The top four rankers from Tamil Nadu State Open Chess Championship 2024 held at Coimbatore.
- The championship of Tamil Nadu State Under – 19 Open Chess Championship 2024 held at Krishnagiri.
- The host Virudhunagar DCA (Virudhunagar District Chess Association) is entitled to field one additional entry.
- Any player who pays the prescribed entry fee: Rs.2000/- may be considered for participation with recommendation of the respective District Chess Association.
- In the event of odd entry, the host Virudhunagar DCA is entitled to add one more entry to make total number as even in each category.
- Those who have qualified to represent the country in official FIDE events.
- Any current national champion in any category.
- In addition to above the following districts can field additional entries by virtue of three medal winners (Gold, Silver and Bronze) secured by their players in the last 74<sup>th</sup> Tamil Nadu State Open Chess Championship 2024 held at Coimbatore.
- Open: Gold (3) – Coimbatore, Silver (2) – Chengalpattu & Bronze (1) – Chennai.
- All GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs are eligible to play as seeded players in the eligible category.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

### Age Eligibility

Only Tamil Nadu players can participate in this championship. Other country passport holders shall not be allowed to participate in the State Chess Championship.

### Boarding and Lodging

Lodging will be provided to seeded/selected players and one manager per team at college hostel campus as first preference. For special entry players rooms are subject to availability. Only one accompanying person is allowed. (with common rest room). Players are requested to bring their own beddings.

Seeded/Selected players are requested to confirm the need of accommodation while sending the entry. Male & female will be provided separate accommodations irrespective of age. Canteen facilities are available on payment basis at the college premises itself.

Boarding charges from the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> June to lunch of 5<sup>th</sup> June Rs. 850/- per person. Booking has to be done by filling up the g-form given below. G-form link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jt1ZJp6oGdGICT6wE7sBFJzph\\_aKoiJFy6nfuWI-ops/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jt1ZJp6oGdGICT6wE7sBFJzph_aKoiJFy6nfuWI-ops/edit) for Boarding Rs.850/- (CASH ONLY. NO GPAY) will be collected on spot during accommodation

## AICF Player Registration

AICF player registration is compulsory for all players. AICF player registration fee is Rs.300/- for the year 2025-2026. AICF player registrations will be accepted only through online. Players' registration should be done well before the start of the event (Championship).

For renewing AICF registration of existing players, please click <http://aicf.in/players/> and click extend membership.

For (new) fresh AICF registration, please click <http://aicf.in/online-player-registration/>

For fresh AICF registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address (unique) not used by any other person/player for AICF, ready before the registration process.

**Note:** Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.

## TNSCA Player registration

TNSCA player registration is compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players. TNSCA player registration fee is Rs.150/- for the year 2025-2026. Player registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that TNSCA player registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament.

For renewing TNSCA player registration of existing players, please click <https://registration.tamilchess.com/>

For fresh TNSCA registration, please click <https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/>

For fresh TNSCA registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address ready before the registration process.

**Note:** Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.

## Virudhunagar DCA player registration

Virudhunagar District Chess Association player registration is compulsory for Virudhunagar district players only. The fee for the year 2025-2026 is Rs.50/- only has to paid only through <https://pages.razorpay.com/vdca>

**Rules:** FIDE rules in force shall apply.

**System of Play:** The Tournament shall be conducted on a nine rounds Swiss system.

**Time Control:**

90 minutes each plus 30 seconds increment/move from move number one.

**Default Time:**

Default time is 15 minutes. Players have to be at the boards within 15 minutes from the start of the round.

**Tie-break:** Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn Berger, Direct Encounter, number of wins (forfeit included) and greater number of wins by black tie-break rules will be applied. In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.

**Chess Clocks:**

Each district association is requested to provide at least two chess clocks for every four players.

## Appeals Committee

An Appeals Committee comprising of five members plus two reserves will be formed at the managers' meeting. All the members and reserves shall be from different districts. No member of the committee can vote on dispute in which a player from his own district is involved and in such case(s), the reserve member will take his place. The decision of the appeals committee is final and binding on all players concerned.

## Tournament Committee

The tournament committee consisting of the General Secretary, TNSCA or his representative, the host Virudhunagar DCA Secretary or his representative and representative from another district to be nominated by the TNSCA shall decide on all emergency matters.

## Protest

Protest, if any against the decision of the Chief arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/- within 15 minutes of the completion of the game. The decisions of the appeals committee shall be final and binding on all concerned. The protest fee is refundable only if the protest is upheld.

**Withdrawals:** A player may withdraw from the tournament at any stage after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.

**Arrears:** The players belonging to districts which are in arrears to TNSCA will not be allowed to take part.

## Rights of Admission

The AICF/TNSCA/organizer Sivakasi Chess Club reserve the rights of admission to the venue and lodging place.

## Wrist watches & Electronic Devices

AICF has banned the wrist watches & electronic devices while playing in FIDE rated events. Possession of any electronic device or wrist watch during the game will lead to loss of the game.

## Silence in the Tournament Hall

Strict silence must be observed in the tournament hall. Players who have finished their games shall not remain in the tournament hall. Players shall not analyse the game in the tournament hall.

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 the organizers/Tamil Nadu State Chess Association.
3. Due to any unforeseen scenario, if the event needs to be cancelled, then TNSCA's obligation is limited to refunding the entry fee paid by the players.
4. By enrolling for the events, the players abide by all the terms and conditions of the championship for participation.

PREVIOUS WINNERS							
1	1952	Madras	G.S. Dikshit	38	1989	Madras	T.S. Ravi
2	1953	Madras	D. Venkayya	39	1990	Sivakasi	G.B. Prakash
3	1954	Madras	S. Venkatraman	40	1991	Sivakasi	R. Balasubramanian
4	1955	Madras (Jan 1956)	P.S. Vaidyanathan, Manuel Aaron (Joint Winners)	41	1992	Madras	R. RaviSekhar
5	1956	Madras	T.R. Jayaram	42	1993	Madras	K.V. Shantharam
6	1957	Madras	Manuel Aaron	43	1994	Madurai	R.B. Ramesh
7	1958	Madras	Manuel Aaron	44	1995	Madurai	S. MariArul
8	1959	Madras	Manuel Aaron	45	1996	Salem	R. Karthik
9	1960	Madras	Augustine Aaron	46	1997	Madurai	V. Saravanan
10	1961	Madras	Manuel Aaron	47	1998	Devakkotai	P. Mageshchandran
11	1962	Madras	P.S. Vaidyanathan	48	1999	Chennai-CDCA	T.S. Ravi
12	1963	Madras	T.R. Rajaram	49	2000	Mannarkudi	M.R. Venkatesh
13	1964	Madras	Manuel Aaron	50	2001	Karur	Ram S. Krishnan
14	1965	Madras	Manuel Aaron	51	2002	Pollachi	K. Gunasekaran
15	1966	Madras	K. Ramarathnam	52	2003	Pollachi	K. Gunasekaran
16	1967	Madras	Manuel Aaron	53	2004	Chennai-	T.S. Ravi
17	1968	Madras	Manuel Aaron	54	2005	Rajapalayam	Deepan Chakravarthy J
18	1969	Madras	R. Vijayaraghavan	55	2006	Chennai-TvIr	B.T. MuraliKrishnan
19	1970	Madras	Manuel Aaron	56	2007	Kodalkanal	S.P. Sethuraman
20	1971	Trichy	S. Kailasanathan	57	2008	Chennai.	B.T. MuraliKrishnan
21	1972	Coimbatore	J. DelliBabu	58	2009	Karaikudi	Shyam Nikhil P
22	1973	Madurai	S.V. Natarajan	59	2010	Tiruvavur	Kunal M
23	1974	Palayamkotal	S. Ramachandran	60	2011	Chennai	Ram S Krishnan
24	1975	Rajapalayam	R. RaviSekhar	61	2012	Vellore (KCA)	Navin kannTU
25	1976	Chennai	R. RaviSekhar	62	2013	Nagapattinam	Navalgund Niranjan
26	1977	Palani	T.N. Parameswaran	63	2014	Tiruvallur	Saravana Krishnan P
27	1978	Coimbatore	R. RaviSekhar	64	2015	Trichy	Sai Vishwesh C
28	1979	Pudukkotal	S.V. Natarajan	65	2016	Coimbatore	M Kunal
29	1980	Rajapalayam	Manuel Aaron	66	2017	Erode	Akash PC Iyer
30	1981	Erode	P. Mithrakanth	67	2018	Dharmapuri	Ram S Krishnan
31	1982	Cuddalore	Manuel Aaron	68	2019	Coimbatore	Pranav V
32	1983	Dharmapuri	R. RaviSekhar	69	2020	Covid-19	Not held
33	1984	Mettur	K. Murugan	70	2021	Tirunelveli	Pranav V
34	1985	Madurai	K. Murugan	71	2022	Tirunelveli	Pranav V
35	1986	No Championship held		72	2022	Pudukkottai	Surendran N
36	1987	Neyveli	K. Murugan	73	2023	Salem	Anup Sankar
37	1988	Madras	K. Sriram	74	2024	Coimbatore	Aakash G
				75	2025	Rajapalayam	It may be you

### Tournament Committee:

1. **Sri. Stephen Balasamy,**  
General Secretary, TNSCA
2. **Sri. G. Ramamoorthy,**  
President, Sivakasi Chess Club
3. **Sri. A. Gopalsamy,**  
President, VDCA
4. **Sri. M. Kannan,**  
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### Organizing Committee:

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