



13th NATIONAL AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2026

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(TNSCA Event Code: NAT-01/KGI/25-26)

CATEGORIES

BELOW 2300 OPEN & WOMEN
BELOW 2000 OPEN & WOMEN
BELOW 1700 OPEN & WOMEN



SPECIAL NOTE FOR HOST STATE (TAMIL NADU) PLAYERS

All players with a rating below 2300 are eligible to participate in this Nationals.
No State Championship qualification is required to take part in the National Amateur Championship.

Organized by

ANANTHI CHESS ACADEMY
(Affiliated to Madurai District Chess Circle)

In Association with

VIYUGAM CHESS ACADEMY
(Affiliated to Krishnagiri District Chess Association)

On behalf of

TAMIL NADU STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION
ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

With the support of

**SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF
TAMIL NADU**



**25TH FEB TO
1ST MARCH 2026**



VENUE:

**Adhiyaman College
of Engineering**

Hosur – Krishnagiri (Dt.) – 635 109

INVITATION:

Tamil Nadu State Chess Association and All India Chess Federation (AICF) have immense pleasure in inviting all the State Associations & AICF affiliated units in India to participate in the **13th National Amateur Chess Championships-2026** which is going to be held at Hosur (40 KMs from Bangalore), Tamil Nadu from **25th February to 1st March 2026**.



SCHEDULE:

Particulars	Date	Time
Inauguration / Managers' Meeting	25-02-2026	09:30 AM
Round – 1	25-02-2026	10:00 AM
Round – 2	25-02-2026	03:30 PM
Round – 3	26-02-2026	10:00 AM
Round – 4	26-02-2026	03:30 PM
Round – 5	27-02-2026	10:00 AM
Round – 6	27-02-2026	03:30 PM
Round – 7	28-02-2026	10:00 AM
Round – 8	28-02-2026	03:30 PM
Round – 9	01-03-2026	09:00 AM
Prize Distribution	01-03-2026	02:00 PM

SIX SEPARATE EVENTS:

The championship will be held separately for each category - **Below 2300, Below 2000 and Below 1700**. In each rating section, a separate Championship for women shall be organized only if there are at least 10 women entries. Otherwise, the women's event will be merged with the Open.



ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION:

(a) For the under-2300 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship. All players must not hold any title above FM (or WFM for Women) in the section Under-2300.

(b) For the Under-2000 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship. All players must not hold any title above CM (or WCM for women) in the section Under-2000.

(c) For the Under-1700 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship. All players must not hold any title above CM (or WCM for women) in the section Under-1700.

(d) If a player reaches or exceeds the FIDE rating of 1700 or 2000 after the registration deadline, he/she will play in the upper rating category. If a player reaches or exceeds the FIDE rating of 2300 after the registration deadline, he/she will not be permitted to play in the championship.

(e) All players registered with their respective State Associations/AICF affiliated units are eligible to participate in the National Amateur Championship.

The State Chess Associations/AICF affiliated units have the right of sending any number of entries. Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in this championship.

★ Special Note for Host State (Tamil Nadu) Players

All players with a rating below 2300 are eligible to participate in this Nationals. **No State Championship qualification is required** to take part in the National Amateur Championship.

REGISTRATION:

All entries, including special entries, should come through the concerned state association. However, AICF will have the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason. The entry form should be sent together with an attested copy of the original date of birth certificate (Birth Certificates from Panchayat/Municipality/Corporation only accepted).

ENTRY FEE STRUCTURE:

Entry Fee: Rs. 2,000/- (Rupees Two thousand only)

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

The 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

LATE FEE:

Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till 11th February 2026.

Thereafter, a late fee of Rs. 250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be accepted after 17th February 2026 (up to 18:00 hrs.).



PRIZES:**TOTAL PRIZE FUND: 3,00,000/-****BELOW 2300****Open**

1st	20,000 + Trophy	6th	6000
2nd	17,000	7th	5000
3rd	14,000	8th	4000
4th	10,000	9th	3000
5th	8000	10th	3000

Women

1 st	10,000 + Trophy		
2 nd	6,000		
3 rd	5,000		
4 th	4,000		
5 th	3000		
		6 th	2000

BELOW 2000**Open**

1st	16,000 + Trophy	6th	5000
2nd	14,000	7th	4000
3rd	10,000	8th	3000
4th	8,000	9th	2000
5th	6000	10th	2000

Women

1st	10,000 + Trophy		
2nd	6,000		
3rd	5,000		
4th	4,000		
5th	3000		
		6th	2000

BELOW 1700**Open**

1st	12,000 + Trophy	6th	4000
2nd	9,000	7th	3000
3rd	7,000	8th	2000
4th	6,000	9th	2000
5th	5000	10th	2000

Women

1st	8,000 + Trophy		
2nd	6,000		
3rd	5,000		
4th	4,000		
5th	3000		
		6th	2000

DRESS CODE:

As per AICF regulations on the dress code for players participating in all the National championships, all State Associations should send their players including special / donor entry **players with proper uniform** (as regards special/donor entry players, the respective State chess associations may collect the cost of the uniform from the players).

Players should at least wear **uniform T-Shirts / formal shirts** (same color 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 permitted. The girls/women are also have to be 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.

SYSTEM OF PLAY:

The Championship will be played under **FIDE Laws of Chess and the Swiss system**. Totally 9 rounds shall be played in each category. In case that one girl group has less than 10 participants then it will be merged with the same age group open category.

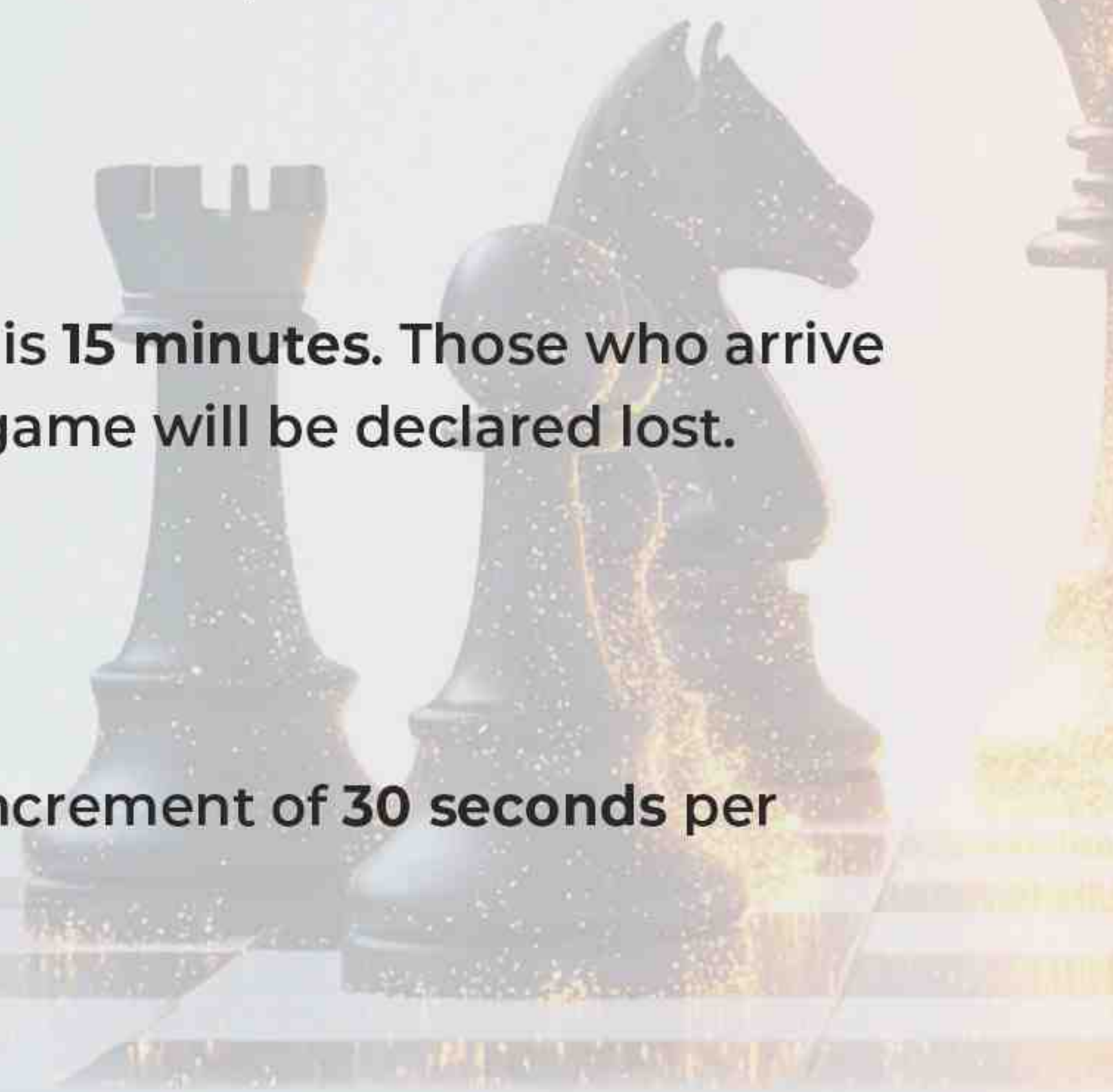
Players from the same state shall not be paired against each other in the last round. However, they may be paired if there is no compactible opponent with the same point group or score group with the maximum difference of 1 point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

DEFAULT TIME:

Default timing for arriving to the chess board is **15 minutes**. Those who arrive at the board 15 minutes after the start of the game will be declared lost.

TIME CONTROL:

The rate of play shall be **90 minutes** with an increment of **30 seconds** per move from move number one.



CHESS CLOCK:

Each participating State Chess Association must provide at least one clock in working order for every two players entered in the Championship.

TIE BREAK:

Following is the order of Tie-Break:

- (a) Buchholz Cut1
- (b) Buchholz
- (c) Sonneborn Berger
- (d) Direct encounter
- (e) The greater number of wins (forfeit included)
- (f) Number of wins with black pieces



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

DRAW AGREEMENT:

Players shall not agree for a draw without the consent of the arbiter, before each player makes 30 moves.

PROTEST:

Protests, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of **Rs.3000/-** within one hour of the occurrence of the incident. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

APPEALS COMMITTEE:

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

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.

INTERPRETATION:

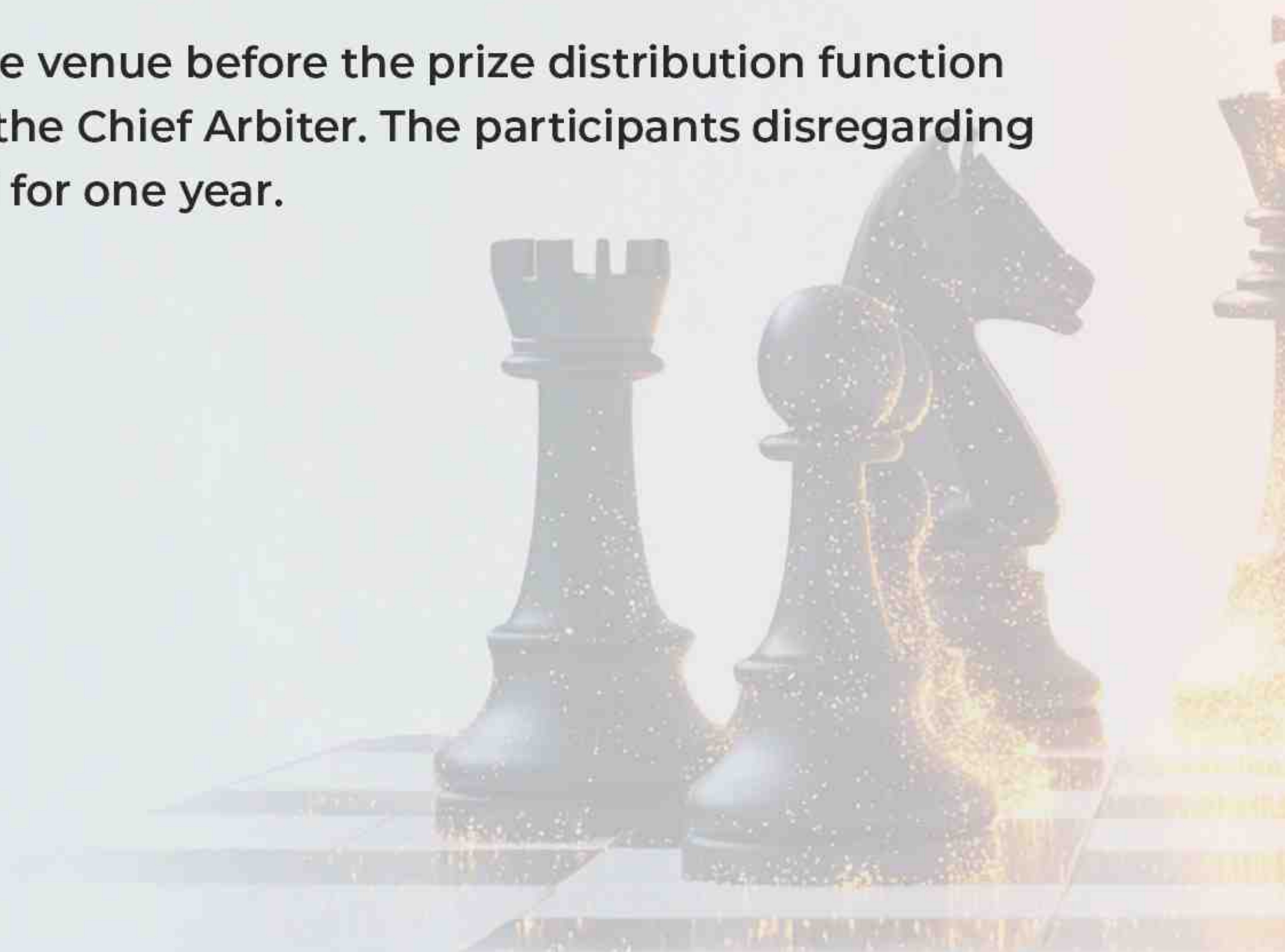
For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by rules of the tournament, the decision of the **Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all**. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules without prior notice. However, such changes or inclusion will be subject to AICF & TNSCA clearance. Such changes, however, will be displayed at the Championship venue.

WITHDRAWAL:

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 the championship is done after the publication of the first-round pairings.

DISQUALIFICATION:

No participant will leave the venue before the prize distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule will be suspended for one year.



AICF REGISTRATION:

All participants in the National Championship should be registered with AICF for the year 2025 - 2026. Online AICF registration is available on the website <http://www.aicf.in>.

Those who have paid the AICF Registration fee but are yet to receive the AICF registration card should send a photocopy of the acknowledgment for having paid the fee to organizers of earlier tournaments or to their association. Before the start of the championship all the players must be registered with AICF for the year 2025-2026. No entry will be accepted without AICF Player's registration for 2025-2026.

<http://www.aicf.in>



ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall.

If a player is found to possess a mobile (switched on/off)/wristwatch, either on the person or in a separate bag, he will be declared as lost. Player wearing any kind of watch during the game will also be declared lost.

ACCOMMODATION:

(DORMITORY FACILITY AT VENUE)

For players and accompanying persons who prefer not to stay in city hotels or lodges, an affordable semi-furnished dormitory accommodation is available at the tournament venue.

Dormitory Details:

Fee: ₹2,000 per person

(for the entire duration of the tournament)

- Facilities Provided: Bed and pillow
- Separate dormitories for male and female participants

Booking Procedure:

- Dormitory accommodation must be booked ONLY through online booking at: www.ananthichessacademy.com
- Limited slots available – First Come, First Serve basis
- Email / phone / WhatsApp booking requests will NOT be entertained
- Once online booking is closed, accommodation will be considered CLOSED

Cancellation Policy:

- ☒ No cancellation or refund after booking under any circumstances

Check-In / Check-Out Details:

- Check-In: 24th February – 2:00 PM
- Check-Out: 1st March – 3:00 PM
- Reporting Venue: Indoor Stadium, Adhiyaman College of Engineering

Dormitory Rules:

- Each dormitory can accommodate approximately 10–12 persons (subject to change based on availability and arrangements).
- Players will be permitted to stay only in dormitories corresponding to their gender.
- Mixed-gender accommodation is strictly prohibited. Common restrooms are available on each floor. Basic bathroom amenities will be provided.
- Even U7 category boys will NOT be allowed to stay in female dormitories if accompanied by a female parent, and vice versa.
- Parents planning such arrangements are strongly advised to make alternate accommodation arrangements for the safety, comfort, and proper care of the child.

Kindly do NOT call or send requests regarding mixed gender dormitory accommodation.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Car parking is permitted only in the designated and allotted parking spaces. Parking in any other area inside the venue is strictly prohibited. Any violation will be viewed seriously and may lead to appropriate action. Kindly comply strictly to avoid inconvenience.

- Parents' waiting area will be arranged outside the tournament hall.
- Basic amenities such as drinking water, chairs, and fans will be provided.
- No plug points will be available in the waiting hall. Kindly do not request the same.
- A canteen facility will be available on a payment basis.
- Parents will be allowed inside the tournament hall ONLY during the Inaugural Ceremony and the Prize Distribution function.
- For every round, parents are strictly prohibited from entering the tournament hall to seat, accompany, guide, or assist their children under any circumstances.
- Parents are required to maintain strict discipline at all times within the venue.
- In case of any misconduct or misbehavior by a parent, the concerned parent along with the player will be removed from the tournament hall at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Such incidents will be formally reported to AICF and TNSCA.
- These measures are implemented solely to ensure the smooth and fair conduct of the tournament.
- All terms and conditions will be strictly enforced.

CAB SERVICES:

For cab services, you may contact the following:

- Best Taxi – 9091211211
- AI Call Taxi – 04344 221221
- City Call Taxi – 9360900900
- Rainbow Call Taxi – 9786623322
- Star Cabs – 9047977980

Free pick-up and drop facility will be provided by college buses between the bus stand and the college venue entrance.

Pick-up timings will be published one day prior to the tournament on chess-results.com.

Participants who miss the scheduled bus due to late arrival must arrange their own transportation. **The organizers will not be responsible for providing alternate transport.**

LIST OF HOTELS NEAR HOSUR BUS STAND:

Limited college guest house accommodation will be available.

For booking and further details, please contact **Mr. Lokesh – 9500473599**

Budget Hotels

1. SRS Lodge – +91 98437 90755
2. Sai Sakthi Residency – 04344-242444 / +91 94452 45454
3. Sri Rama Boarding & Lodging – +91 95668 01009 / 04344-241395
4. M.D.S Elite – 04344-240777
5. Hotel Srivaari Residency – +91 90472 26768 / +91 98427 60459
6. Sri Kamalam Lodge – 04344-240088 / +91 99449 35697
7. Shree Venkateswara – +91 93633 86475 / +91 93454 44440
8. Sri Krishna lodge - 04344 240236
9. Hotel Select - 9655832485

Medium Budget Hotels

1. Sun Residency - +91 90690 66502
2. R.R. Residency Hotel - 04344-461265 / +91 94430 82683
3. Sri Gowri Shankar - +91 94877 41123 / 04344-243244
4. Srivaari Residency - +91 90472 26768
5. Hotel RHIO – 04344-243477 / 04344-243478
6. Sakthi Residency - +91 94452 45454
7. Hotel Yasodha Towers - 04344-244522 / 04344-244404
8. Lakshmi Residency - 8838246678
9. Sakura Inn - 9791798886
10. Victoria hotel - 04344 242690
11. Hotel Tamil Nadu - 04344 246600
12. Hotel Nova Grand - 9047226768
13. Anandhas Inn - 04344 244999
14. Anandhas Elite – 9655005666
15. MAC INN - 04344 468006

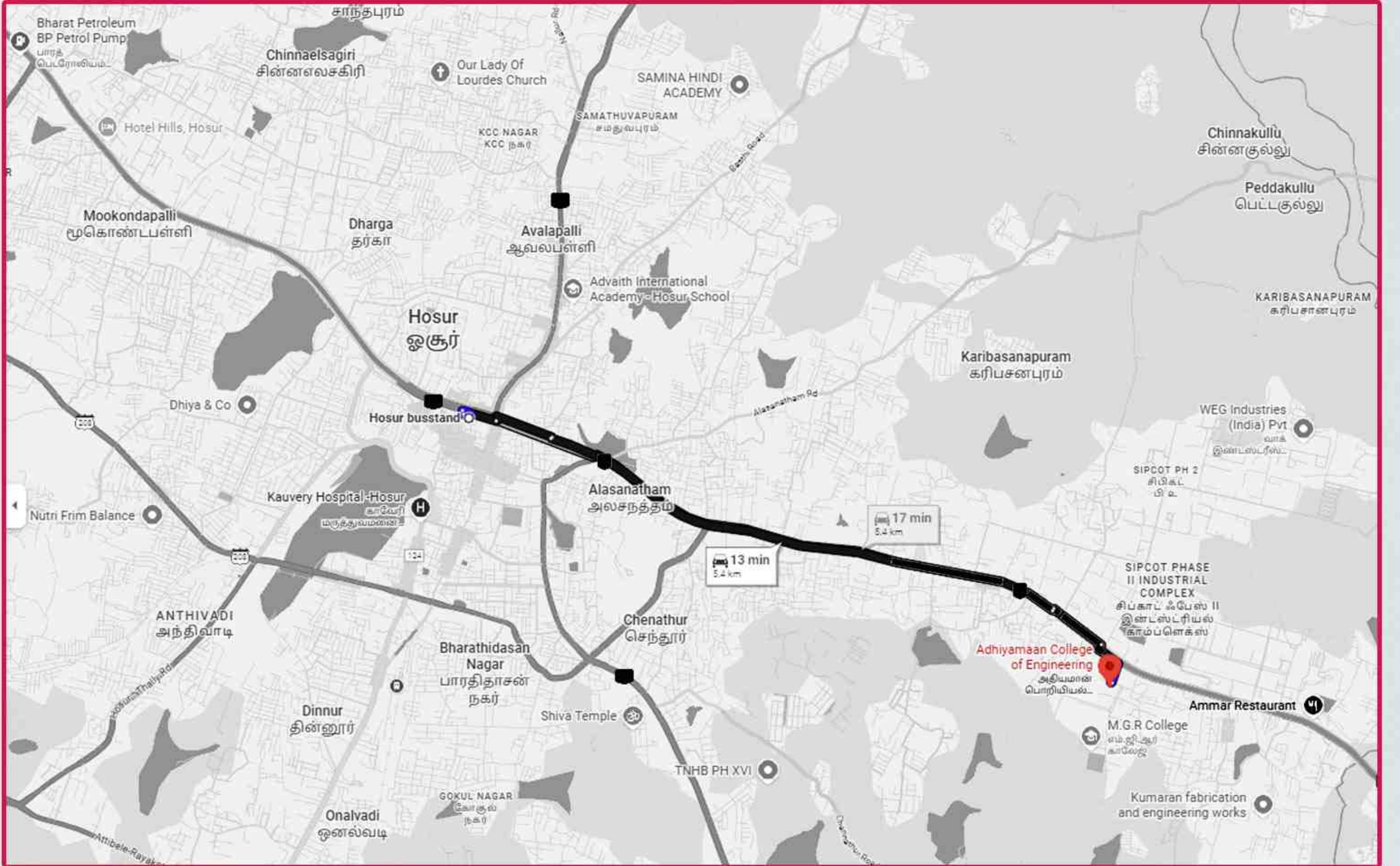


Luxury Hotels

1. ASR Parklane - 9789311466
2. Fortune - 04344 261777
3. TGI Grand fortuna - 04344 667600
4. CCC peppermint - 9842861100
5. Sri Krishna palace - 8754134768
6. Thechi Hotels - 6374712371
7. Grand continent - 04344 461805
8. Hotel Raai - 94870 16677
9. Sivaranjani hotel-9843992326
10. Hotel Hills - 8667792200



Venue is approximately 6 kms from Hosur Bus Stand



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ABOUT ADHIYAMAAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

The institution is spread over a sprawling campus with calm surroundings, creating a fitting atmosphere for studying. The Institute provides a clean and invigorating environment conducive for higher education.



Adhiyamaan College of Engineering is one of the educational institutions developed by Adhiyamaan Educational & Research Institution - a trust, which was started in the year 1987-1988 to cater the needs of the nation in the development of technocrats and to provide facilities for educating and training men and women to meet the entrepreneurial and management needs. The management has created adequate infrastructural facilities and sufficient funds and is keen on developing the institution for higher education.



It is the first Engineering College to be started in the most backward erstwhile Dharmapuri District of the State of Tamil Nadu to develop the people academically, socially and economically. The college is housed in Adhiyamaan Educational & Research Institutions Campus, Dr. M.G.R Nagar, Hosur. The Campus is spread over an area of 250 acres abutting National Highway NH-7.

ACE is committed to develop skills, knowledge and right attitude among students to meet the expectations of Industry, Parents and Society with continual improvement through dedicated teamwork.

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SCAN TO LOCATE VENUE

