



## 24<sup>th</sup> ADYAR TIMES FIDE RATED OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT – 2026

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Organized by

**Tamil Nadu State Chess Association**

1. AICF Approval No : 487698/TN/2026 & TNSCA Approval No. RO-01/TN/26-27
2. Venue : Indoor Stadium, D.B. Jain College, Rajiv Gandhi Salai,  
(OMR Road), Thorapakkam, Chennai- 600 096
3. Tournament dates : From 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2026

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|------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| October 17, 2026 | Saturday | Inaugural Ceremony | 9.30 A.M.  |
|                  |          | Technical Meeting  | 10.00 A.M. |
|                  |          | Round 1            | 10.30 A.M. |
|                  |          | Round 2            | 3.30 P.M.  |
| October 18, 2026 | Sunday   | Round 3            | 9.30 A.M.  |
|                  |          | Round 4            | 2.30 P.M.  |
| October 19, 2026 | Monday   | Round 5            | 9.30 A.M.  |
|                  |          | Round 6            | 2.30 P.M.  |
| October 20, 2026 | Tuesday  | Round 7            | 9.00 A.M.  |
|                  |          | Round 8            | 1.30 P.M.  |
|                  |          | Closing Ceremony   | 5.30 P.M.  |

**4. System of Play:** The latest FIDE Rules in force shall apply and the Swiss system will be followed. Total Eight rounds shall be played.

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

**6.Default Time:** 15 minutes. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the default time shall lose the game.

**7.Tie Break :** 1.Buchholz cut 1, 2.Buchholz, 3.S.B. 4. Direct encounter, 5. Greater no. of wins (incl. forfeit games)

**8.Appeals Committee:** Before the commencement of the tournament, an appeals committee will be formed from the participants. The appeals committee's decision will be final and binding on all players concerned.

**9. AICF Player's Registration:** All Indian players must be registered with AICF for the year 2026-27 as a player by using the link <http://aicf.in/online-player-registration/>. Rs.300/- is the player registration fee.

**10. TNSCA player registration is compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players.** TNSCA player registration fee is Rs.150/- for the year 2026 – 2027. For renewing TNSCA player registration of existing players, please click <https://registration.tamilchess.com/>

**11. Complete Silence is to be maintained within the campus. The Campus should not be littered.**

**12. Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the college campus.**

**13. Ban on Wrist Watches :** As per AICF regulations all sorts of wrist watches are restricted while playing in FIDE Rated events.

**14. Players should not possess any electronic device like mobile phones, laptop, earphones etc. during the game**

**15. Entry Fee: Rs.1500/- per player.**

**All GMs, WGMs, IMs, & WIMs : No entry fee**

**All players with a rating of 2300 & Above: No entry fee**

After paying the entry fee, please submit the details in the google form given in the following link

All Tamil Nadu players can pay their entry fee using the link below

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

Other players can pay using link below

**Link :** <https://registration.tamilchess.com/other-payment/>

**Google form :** <https://forms.gle/Zg49GPtXiE8nuiHA>

**Last Date of Entry : Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2026**

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**16.** Participants will have to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

**17.** Parents are requested to wait only at the parent's waiting area allotted by the organizer.

**18.Tournament Committee:** The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the tournament.

**19. Protests:** Protests if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with protest fee of Rs.1000/- within 15 minutes of the completion of the game to the appeals committee. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

**20. Withdrawals:** No participant will withdraw from the tournament without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

**21.Total Cash Prizes : Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs only)**

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>01. Rs. 40,000/- Plus Trophy</b> | <b>08. Rs. 7,000/-</b>          |
| <b>02. Rs. 30,000/-</b>             | <b>09. Rs. 6,000/-</b>          |
| <b>03. Rs. 20,000/-</b>             | <b>10. Rs. 5,000/-</b>          |
| <b>04. Rs. 15,000/-</b>             | <b>11 to 15 Rs. 3000/- each</b> |
| <b>05. Rs. 10,000/-</b>             | <b>16 to 20 Rs. 2500/- each</b> |
| <b>06. Rs. 9,000/-</b>              | <b>21 to 35 Rs 2000/- each</b>  |
| <b>07. Rs. 8,000/-</b>              | <b>36 to 50 Rs.1800/- each</b>  |

**Prizes under Rating Criteria:**

**1801 to 2000 – 1) Rs.8,000/- 2) Rs.6000/- 3) Rs.3500/-**

**1601 to 1800 - 1) Rs.7000/- 2) Rs.5000/ 3).Rs.3000/-**

**1400 to 1600 - 1). Rs.6000/- 2) Rs.4000/- 3) Rs.2500/-**

**Unrated - 1) Rs.4000/- 2) Rs.3000/- 3)Rs.2000/-**

**Best Women (Above 18 years) : 1) Rs. 2000/- 2) Rs. 1500 3) Rs. 1000/-**

**Best Veteran (Above 55 years) : 2) Rs. 2000/ 2) Rs. 1500 3) Rs. 1000/-**

**Best Physically Disabled : 1) Rs. 1500/- 2) 1000/-**

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

#### **Category Prize (Boys & Girls)**

**Best five performers in each of the following categories will be awarded with Attractive Trophy (eligible only if the player has produced copy of Date of Birth certificate at the time of registering the entry). However a player will be eligible for only one prize. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be the final on this.**

**Under 8 Born on or after 01.01.2018**

**Under 10 Born on or after 01.01.2016**

**Under 12 Born on or after 01.01.2014**

**Under 14 Born on or after 01.01.2012**

**Under 16 Born on or after 01.01.2010**

#### **22. Roll of Honour:**

|    |      |                       |    |      |                         |
|----|------|-----------------------|----|------|-------------------------|
| 1  | 2001 | IM B.T.Muralikrishnan | 13 | 2013 | IM P.Saravana Krishnan  |
| 2  | 2002 | IM R.Balasubramaniam  | 14 | 2014 | IM T.U.NavinKanna       |
| 3  | 2003 | GM R.B.Ramesh         | 15 | 2015 | IM R.Balasubramaniam    |
| 4  | 2004 | GM M.R.Venkatesh      | 16 | 2016 | R Ashwath               |
| 5  | 2005 | IM R.Balasubramaniam  | 17 | 2017 | H Balasubramaniam       |
| 6  | 2006 | IM D.P.Singh          | 18 | 2018 | R.A.Pradeep Kumar       |
| 7  | 2007 | FM C.J. Arvind        | 19 | 2019 | IM R.Balasubramaniam    |
| 8  | 2008 | IM S. Nitin           | 20 | 2022 | IM R.Balasubramaniam    |
| 9  | 2009 | IM D.P.Singh          | 21 | 2023 | T.Hari Ganesh           |
| 10 | 2010 | IM Ragul Sangma       | 22 | 2024 | T.Hari Ganesh           |
| 11 | 2011 | IM D.P.Singh          | 23 | 2025 | A.K.Shashveen           |
| 12 | 2012 | IM Himanshu Sharma    | 24 | 2026 | <b>It can be you!!!</b> |

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