



24th ADYAR TIMES FIDE RATED OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT – 2026

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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 17th to 20th October 2026

October 17, 2026	Friday	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	Saturday	Round 3	9.30 A.M.
		Round 4	2.30 P.M.
October 19, 2026	Sunday	Round 5	9.30 A.M.
		Round 6	2.30 P.M.
October 20, 2026	Monday	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, 12th October, 2026

Contact details of TNSCA

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For more details please contact:

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Coordinator and Chief Arbiter of the Tournament

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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)

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

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	It can be you!!!

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