



7TH SHA Astra RAPID FIDE RATED CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026

TOTAL CASH PRIZE
Rs. 5,00,000

**AICF EVENT CODE:
467696/TN(R)/2026**

**TNSCA EVENT CODE:
RFR-29/CHE/25-26**



06.03.2026 TO 07.03.2026



**STUDENTS ACTIVITIES
CENTRE(SAC), IIT MADRAS**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- **Tournament will be conducted as per latest FIDE rules of rapid chess.**
- **System of play: Swiss System with 9 rounds.**
- **Time control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment from move 1 for the entire game.**
- **Tie Breaks: In case of a tie, the latest Tie Break Rules from FIDE will be followed.**
- **Appeals Committee: Protests, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter must be lodged within 15 minutes of incident, with a protest fee of Rs. 2000 in writing to the Appeals Committee, to be formed at the start of the tournament.**
- **One player is obliged to receive only one prize, either in the Main category or in the sub-category whichever has the higher cash prize.**
- **Mobile phones and watches are strictly prohibited in the tournament hall. Possession of such and other electronic devices without the permission of the arbiter will lead to loss of the game.**
- **Fair play regulations will be followed.**
- **AICF Registration: AICF registration/renewal for the year 2025-26 is mandatory.**
- **TNSCA Registration: TNSCA registration/renewal for the year 2025-26 is mandatory for all Tamil Nadu players.**
- **CDCA (Chennai District) Registration: CDCA registration/renewal for the year 2025-26 is mandatory for all Chennai district players.**
- **Parking will be on first come first serve basis. Gform for vehicle details will be circulated one week prior to the tournament.**

ENTRY FEE

- Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs.
- Accommodation for titled players shall be considered on request and availability may be subjected to change.
- Rs. 2300/- for all other players.
- Early bird offer of Rs. 2000/- till 28th Feb 2026, 5 PM.
- Discounted entry fee for IIT Madras students, faculty, staff and alumni (Check institute mail or contact organizers for more details).

REGISTRATION

- Registration and payment through: chessfee.com, easypaychess.com, chessentry.in, signinchess.com, bookmyfee.com
- AICF registration/renewal: <https://prs.aicf.in/players>
- TNSCA registration/renewal: <https://registration.tamilchess.com/>
- Last date of entry: 4th March 2026, 5 PM.
- Refund Policy: No refund after the first round pairing is done.

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ROUND SCHEDULE

OPENING CEREMONY	2:00 PM, 6th March 2026
PLAYER BRIEFING	2:30 PM, 6th March 2026
ROUND 1	3:00 PM, 6th March 2026
ROUND 2	4:30 PM, 6th March 2026
ROUND 3	6:00 PM, 6th March 2026
ROUND 4	9:00 AM, 7th March 2026
ROUND 5	10:30 AM, 7th March 2026
ROUND 6	12:00 PM, 7th March 2026
ROUND 7	2:00 PM, 7th March 2026
ROUND 8	3:30 PM, 7th March 2026
ROUND 9	5:00 PM, 7th March 2026

MAIN PRIZES

Place	Prize Money
1	60,000
2	50,000
3	40,000
4	30,000
5	20,000
6	15,000
7	12,000
8	10,000
9	8,000
10	6,000
11	5,000
12	5,000
13	5,000
14	5,000
15	5,000
16	5,000
17	5,000
18	5,000
19	5,000
20	5,000

BEST VETERANS ABOVE 55

1	5,000
2	3,000

WOMEN ABOVE 16

1	5,000
2	3,000

BEST UNRATED

1	10,000
2	8,000
3	6,000
4	4,000
5	3,000

BEST IITM

1	8,000
2	6,000
3	5,000
4	4,000
5	3,000

**Under 8, 10, 12, 14,
16 Boys**

**1-6
Trophies**

**Under 8, 10, 12, 14,
16 Girls**

**1-4
Trophies**

1400-1600**1601-1800**

1	10,000
2	8,000
3	6,000
4	5,000
5	4,000
6	3,000
7	3,000
8	3,000

1	10,000
2	8,000
3	6,000
4	5,000
5	4,000
6	3,000
7	3,000
8	3,000

1801-2000

1	10,000
2	8,000
3	6,000
4	5,000
5	4,000
6	3,000
7	3,000
8	3,000

CHIEF ARBITER

IA R Anantharam

EVENT PATRONS

Prof. Murugaiyan Amirthalingam
Institute Co-Curricular Advisor

PROF. SATHYANARAYANA N
GUMMADI
DEAN OF STUDENTS

VENUE

Students Activities Centre (SAC),
Indian Institute of Technology Madras
(IITM), Opposite to C.L.R.I and beside
the Adyar Cancer Institute
Sardar Patel Road, Adyar,
Chennai - 600 036

PARKING

Limited parking is available at the venue. Parking will be permitted only in emergency cases with prior email approval from rapidchess@shaastra.org . Only vehicles that receive official approval via email will be allowed entry.

WEBSITE

<https://chess.shaastra.org/>