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KCA'S INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

Kottayam Chess Academy Presents

God's Own Country's

1ST GRANDMASTER INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT 2025

AICF EVENT CODE: 413511/KL/2025

Organized by

Kottayam Chess Academy

Under the aegis of

Chess Association Kottayam

Chess Association Kerala

All India Chess Federation &

Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE)

Total Cash Prize
₹30,00,000/-

CATEGORY A 30th April to 7th May

All players with a standard rating as of 1st April 2025 are eligible to participate.

**KPS Menon Hall,
Public Library
Kottayam, Kerala**

**CATEGORY B
1st May to 3rd May
(Below 1650)**

**Aithousa Convention Centre,
SH Mount, Kottayam, Kerala**



CATEGORY - A

AICF EVENT CODE : 413511/KL/2025

TOTAL CASH PRIZE ₹20,00,000

Date:
30th April to 7th May

Venue:
KPS Menon Hall,
Public Library, Kottayam

The last date of entry	20 April 2025
Entries with late fee of ₹500	25 April 2025

Mode of Payment
For online Registration
bookmyfee.com
Technical Support
79077 80366, 90743 65503

ELIGIBILITY

All players with a standard rating as of 1st April 2025 are eligible to participate.
(However, accelerated pairing may be implemented)

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Arrival

29-04-2025, 2 PM

Inauguration & Players Meet

30-04-2025, 2.00 PM

Round 1 30-04-2025 3.00 PM	Round 2 01-05-2025 9.30 AM	Round 3 01-05-2025 3.00 PM	Round 4 02-05-2025 2.30 PM	Round 5 03-05-2025 9.30 AM
Round 6 03-05-2025 3.00 PM	Round 7 04-05-2025 2.30 PM	Round 8 05-05-2025 2.30 PM	Round 9 06-05-2025 2.30 PM	Round 10 07-05-2025 9.30 AM

Prize Distribution Ceremony : 07-05-2025- 3.00 PM

MAIN PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE ₹3,00,000	12 th ₹20,000	24 th ₹12,000
2 nd ₹2,00,000	13 th ₹20,000	25 th ₹12,000
3 rd ₹1,50,000	14 th ₹20,000	26 th ₹10,000
4 th ₹1,00,000	15 th ₹20,000	27 th ₹10,000
5 th ₹80,000	16 th ₹15,000	28 th ₹10,000
6 th ₹70,000	17 th ₹15,000	29 th ₹10,000
7 th ₹60,000	18 th ₹15,000	30 th ₹10,000
8 th ₹50,000	19 th ₹15,000	31 st ₹10,000
9 th ₹30,000	20 th ₹15,000	32 nd ₹10,000
10 th ₹25,000	21 st ₹12,000	33 rd ₹10,000
11 th ₹20,000	22 nd ₹12,000	34 th ₹10,000
	23 rd ₹12,000	35 th ₹10,000

Best Below 2300	Best Below 2200	Best Below 2100
1 st ₹70,000	1 st ₹70,000	1 st ₹50,000
2 nd ₹50,000	2 nd ₹50,000	2 nd ₹30,000
3 rd ₹30,000	3 rd ₹30,000	3 rd ₹20,000

Best Below 1999	Best Female	Best Kerala	Best Kottayam
₹50,000	₹20,000	₹20,000	₹10,000
₹30,000	₹15,000	₹15,000	
₹20,000	₹10,000	₹10,000	

CATEGORY - A

TOURNAMENT RULES

System of Play

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 10 rounds.

Time Control

90 Minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1 for entire game.

Tie Break

In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect. The Cash prizes however will not be shared.

Draw Agreement

Players can't agree for a draw before 30th move of black.

Fair Play Regulations

All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. FIDE and AICF Fair Play Regulations will be in enforce during the event and all players are to respect and abide by the same.

Accommodation

All GMs will be provided free hotel* accommodation on double sharing basis.

All IMs/WGMs/WIMs will be provided free hotel accommodation on double sharing basis.

All foreign players above the rating of 2000 will be provided free hotel accommodation on double sharing basis.

All other players required to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

ELIGIBILITY

All players with a standard rating as of 1st April 2025 are eligible to participate. (However, accelerated pairing may be implemented)



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ENTRY FEE

RATING CRITERIA	EARLY BIRD (Till 10 th March 2025)	ENTRY FEE (11 th March 2025)
Rated 2400 and above	₹4,999/-	₹5,999/-
Rated between 2300 - 2399	₹6,999/-	₹7,999/-
Rated between 2000 - 2299	₹7,999/-	₹8,999/-
Rated below 2000	₹8,999/-	₹9,999/-

No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.

The last date of entry	20 th April 2025
Entries with late fee of ₹500	25 th April 2025

Please note that this entry fee structure is valid only until 20 April 2025. Thereafter till 25 April 2025 the participants will have to pay Rs. 500/- extra. No request towards waiver of entry fee or waiver of late fee will be entertained

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entry Registration

All the Indian entries will be accepted only through online mode in the following link except foreign players and players holding the title of GM/IM/WGM/WIM.



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Mode of Payment

For online Registration visit: www.chessmii.com

Contact for Foreign Players & Title Holders:

Foreign players and title holders, please contact:
Mr. Gopakumar (International Arbiter)
Email: indianchessevents@gmail.com
CC: kottayamchess@yahoo.com

Contact for Indian Title Holders (GM/IM/WGM/WIM)

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Eligibility & AICF Registration

All the Indian players must be registered with AICF for the year 2025-26.

AICF ID search & renewal link: <https://prs.aicf.in/>

AICF ID new registration link: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>

CAK (Chess Association Kerala) registration fee Rs. 100/- for 2025 is compulsory for all Kerala players.
www.chessmii.com

Organiser's have the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason.

Registration of Foreign Players & Players under FIDE Flag

Other than Indian players, all other players required to have valid FIDE ID under their respective country or licensed FIDE ID under FIDE Flag before the registration of the tournament.

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