



THE YELAGIRI HILLS 2nd OPEN FIDE RATED RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT – 2026

(Under the aegis of TPTDCA, TNSCA & AICF)

AICF Event Code : 446071/TN(R)/2026

TNSCA Approval No : RFR-18/TPT/25-26

Organized By: Yelagiri Hills Chess Council, Tirupattur

Date

01-02-2026, Sunday

Venue

Sacred Heart College,
Kamarajar Arangam, Tirupattur, Tirupathur Dt.

Entry Fee

Free

for GMs, IMs,
WGMs & WIMs

₹ 900/-

Early Bird Offer
till 31.12.2025

₹ 1,000/-

for Normal Entry

₹ 750/-

for Differently Abled /
Govt. School Students



Total Prize Money

₹ 2,00,000/-

70 Trophies + 100 Smart Watches



Last date of entry:

**30-01-2026, Friday
@ 06:00 p.m.**



Register your entry through

<https://circlechess.com/>

<https://bookmyfee.com/>

<https://ptpchess.com/>

<https://www.easypaychess.com/>

<https://www.signinchess.com/>

<https://www.chessfee.com/>

Tournament Director
Mr. A. GOPINATHEN, SNA
Joint-Secretary, TPTDCA - 6380535467

Chief Arbiter
Mr. ANANDH BABU VL, International Arbiter
FIDE IPCA Councillor, CFPD Secretary.

Best Wishes

Mr. P. Rajasekaran
Joint-Secretary, TNSCA,
Vivekananda Chess Academy
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Joint-Secretary, TNSCA,
Ananthi Chess Academy
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Mr. N. Lokesh
Secretary, KDC
Viyugam Chess Academy
Hosur

Mr. B. Chandrasekaran
Vice-President, TPTDCA
Tirupattur

PRIZE STRUCTURE

OPEN CATEGORY

1 ₹ 20,000 + TROPHY	2 ₹ 15,000	3 ₹ 10,000	4 ₹ 7,500	5 ₹ 7,500	6 ₹ 6,000
7 ₹ 6,000	8 ₹ 5,000	9 ₹ 5,000	10 ₹ 5,000	11 ₹ 4,000	12 ₹ 4,000
14 ₹ 3,000	15 ₹ 3,000	16 ₹ 2,000	17 ₹ 2,000	18 ₹ 1,500	19 ₹ 1,500

RATING
1400-1550

RATING
1551-1700

RATING
1701-1850

RATING
1851-2000

1 ₹ 4,000 + TROPHY
2 ₹ 3,000
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UNRATED

1 ₹ 4,000 + TROPHY	2 ₹ 3,000 + TROPHY	3 ₹ 2,500 + TROPHY	4 ₹ 2,500 + TROPHY	5 ₹ 2,000
6 ₹ 1,500	7 ₹ 1,500	8 ₹ 1,500	9 ₹ 1,000	10 ₹ 1,000

DIFFERENTLY ABLED

1 ₹ 4,000 + TROPHY	2 ₹ 3,000	3 ₹ 2,000	4 ₹ 1,000	5 ₹ 1,000
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BEST DISTRICT

Tirupattur	Vellore	Ranipet	Krishnagiri	Dharmapuri	Tiruvannamalai
₹ 1500	₹ 1500	₹ 1500	₹ 1500	₹ 1500	₹ 1500

Special Category Prizes (Boys & Girls Combined)

BEST VETERAN (>55YEARS)	Category	Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
₹ 1,500	U09	1 to 15	Trophy	16 to 40	Smart Watch
BEST WOMAN (>20 YEARS)	U11	1 to 15	Trophy	16 to 40	Smart Watch
₹ 1,500	U13	1 to 15	Trophy	16 to 40	Smart Watch
	U17	1 to 15	Trophy	16 to 40	Smart Watch

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

01.02.2026	Inauguration	09.30 a.m.	01.02.2026	5 th Round	01.00 p.m.
01.02.2026	Players Meeting	09.45 a.m.	01.02.2026	6 th Round	02.00 p.m.
01.02.2026	1 st Round	10.00 a.m.	01.02.2026	7 th Round	02.45 p.m.
01.02.2026	2 nd Round	10.45 a.m.	01.02.2026	8 th Round	03.30 p.m.
01.02.2026	3 rd Round	11.30 a.m.	01.02.2026	9 th Round	04.15 p.m.
01.02.2026	4 th Round	12.15 p.m.	01.02.2026	Prize Distribution	05.30 p.m.

TOURNAMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. P. Stephen Balasamy, General Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Chess Association

Mr. S. Manikandaswamy, Vice-President, Tamil Nadu State Chess Association & Secretary, RVDCA

Mr. S. Cholavandan SNA, Secretary, Ranipet District Chess Association

Mr. R. Tamilarasan FA, Secretary, Tiruvannamalai District Chess Association

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Mr. S. Sivakumar EC Member, Tirupattur DCA	Dr. Sasikumar. R EC Member, Tirupattur DCA	Mr. K. Senthil Velan, SA EC Member, Tirupattur DCA
Mrs. M. Bharathi, SA EC Member, Tirupattur DCA	Mr. R. Muralidharan EC Member, Tirupattur Taluk Chess Association	<i>Thanks FOR YOUR SUPPORT</i>

For Entries & Other Enquires, Call @

6380535467 | 8668125875 | 9994456004 | 9486939760

Nearest Transport Available from the Venue:

Tirupattur Bus Stand : 500 mts

Tirupattur Railway Station : 1 km

Jolarpet Railway Station : 8 kms

Jolarpet Bus Stand : 7 kms



Rules and Regulations

System of Play

The Latest FIDE Rules in force shall apply, and the Swiss System will be followed.

Mode of Tournament

A total of 9 rounds shall be played.

Time Control

10 Mins each + 5 Secs increment per move from move no.1 The default time is 5 minutes.

Tie-Breaks

1. Buchholz Cut-1	2. Buchholz	3. Sonneborn-Berger	4. Direct Encounter
5. Greater Number of Wins	&	6. Number of wins with Black Pieces.	

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

AICF Player Registration

AICF player registration is compulsory for Indian players. AICF Player Registration fee is Rs. 300/- for the year 2025-2026. AICF player registration will be accepted only through online. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of the tournament. For renewing AICF registration of existing players, please click <http://aicf.in/players/>

For fresh AICF registration please click <http://aicf.in/online-player-registration/>

For fresh AICF registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address (unique) not used by any other person/ player for AICF, ready before the registration process.

Note: Only passport-size (less than 1MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.

TNSCA Player Registration

TNSCA player registration is compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players. TNSCA Player Registration fee is Rs. 150/- for the year 2025-2026. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of the tournament. For renewing TNSCA player registration of existing players, please click <https://registration.tamilchess.com/>

For fresh TNSCA registration please click <https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/>

For fresh TNSCA registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport-size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address ready before the registration process.

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Tirupattur District Player Registration

As per the resolution of the TPTDCA, the Tirupattur District Player Registration fee of Rs. 75/- for 2025-2026 is completely waived off for all the Tirupattur District players concerned.

Appeals Committee

Before the commencement of the Tournament, an Appeals Committee will be formed as per the discretion of the Chief Arbiter and the Organizer. The Appeals Committee's decisions will be final and binding on all players concerned.

Protests

Protests if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs 500/- within five minutes of the occurrence of the incident to the Appeals Committee. The protest fee will be refunded fully or partially if the appeal is upheld.

Withdrawals

A player may withdraw from the tournament at any stage, after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.

Rights of Admission

The AICF/TNSCA/Tirupattur DCA/Organizing Team reserve the rights of admission to the venue.

Wrist Watches

As per the AICF regulations, all types of wrist watches are banned during the tournament. the wrist watches while playing in FIDE Rated events. Players are instructed not to wear wrist watches while playing.

Electronic Gadgets

Players are strictly prohibited from possessing any electronic devices during gameplay. Any participant found with electronic gadgets will be immediately disqualified from the current round.

Food

Canteen Facility will be available within/near the premises on a payment basis.

Accommodation

Accommodation will not be provided. The venue will be open from 6:30 am on 01-02-2026