



EIGHT SQUARE CHESS ACADEMY

INTERNATIONAL FIDE RATED OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT - 2026

Organized by
EIGHT SQUARE CHESS ACADEMY
(Affiliated to Chennai District Chess Association)

UNDER THE AEGIS OF
TAMIL NADU STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION &
ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

OPEN

Total Prize Money
₹5,00,001

OPEN
Entry Fee
Rs. 2,500/-

BLITZ

Total Prize Money
₹3,00,001

BLITZ
Entry Fee
Rs. 1,500/-

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(AICF Event Code: 461056/TN/2026)
(TNCSA Approval No: RO-05/CHE/26-27) & CDCA-APR-002

AICF Event Code: 461244/TN/2026
TNCSA Approval No: RBR-01/CHE/26-27 & CDCA-APR-003

OPEN

Free Entry for all GM's/IM's/WGM's/WIM's

BLITZ

DATE:

01.04.2026 - 05.04.2026

DATE: 05.04.2026

TIME : 02:00 PM

Last Date of Open Entry: 30 March 2026

VENUE:

Last Date of Blitz Entry: 02 April 2026

Hall of Chess, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai

Prize Structure - OPEN

PRIZE	OPEN	1701-1800	1601-1700	1501-1600	1400-1500	UNRATED	BEST WOMEN (18+)	BEST VETERAN (50 AND ABOVE)	PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED
1	50001 + TROPHY 🏆	12500 + TROPHY 🏆	3000 + TROPHY 🏆	3000 + TROPHY 🏆	3000 + TROPHY 🏆				
2	35000 + TROPHY 🏆	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	2500 + TROPHY 🏆	2500 + TROPHY 🏆	2500 + TROPHY 🏆
3	25000 + TROPHY 🏆	7000	7000	7000	7000	7000	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
4	15000	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
5	12500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
6	10000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000			
7	8000	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500			
8	7000	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500			
9	7000	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500			
10	6000	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500			
11 TO 15	4000								
16 TO 26	3000								
27 TO 30	2500								

AGE Category Prize Structure - OPEN

	U07 BOYS AND GIRLS EACH (BORN ON OR AFTER 2019)	U09 BOYS AND GIRLS EACH (BORN ON OR AFTER 2017)	U11 BOYS AND GIRLS EACH (BORN ON OR AFTER 2015)	U13 BOYS AND GIRLS EACH (BORN ON OR AFTER 2013)	U15 BOYS AND GIRLS EACH (BORN ON OR AFTER 2011)
1	CLOCK + TROPHY				
2	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
3	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
4	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
5	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
6	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
7	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
8	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
9	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
10	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY

RULES & REGULATIONS - OPEN

System of Play	The Latest FIDE Rules in force shall apply and the Swiss system will be followed.
Mode of Tournament	Total nine rounds shall be played.
Time Control	90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move from move no.1
Default time	Default time is 15 minutes. Players have to be at the boards within 15 minutes from the start of the round.
Tie break	Buchholz tie-break system will be applied. In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.
AICF Player Registration	AICF player registration is compulsory for all Indian players. AICF Player Registration fee is Rs. 300/- for the year 2026-2027. As per latest AICF regulation dated 31.07.2017, it is informed that from 01 September, 2017 all AICF registrations will be accepted only through online. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that AICF players registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any 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 2026-2027. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that TNSCA players registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any 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. Note : Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded..
Chennai District Player Registration	Chennai DCA Registration fee is Rs.75/- for the year 2026 – 2027 (for Chennai district players only)
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 occurrence of the incident to the appeals committee. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
Appeals Committee	Before the commencement of the Tournament, appeals committee will be formed from the senior participants present at the players meeting. The appeals committee decisions will be final and binding on all players concerned.
Withdrawals	A player may withdraw at any stage of the event, after informing the chief arbiter in writing
Last date	Entries close at 6.00 P.M on 28-03-2026
Rights of admission	The AICF/ TNSCA/ CDCA / organizer Eight Square Chess Academy reserve the rights of admission to the venue.
Tournament Director	Ms. Sivaranjani S
Chief Arbiter	IA Nandhakumar V
Deputy Chief Arbiter	FA Arun Seshadhri S R
Wrist watches	As per AICF regulations all sort of wrist watches while playing in FIDE Rated events are restricted. Players are instructed not to wear wrist watches while playing.
Interpretation	For further interpretations of the rule(s), and deciding any aspect not covered by the said tournament prospectus, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all the participants. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition/deletion/amendment to these rules. However, such changes shall be displayed on the notice board with the prior approval from AICF & TNSCA.
Certificates	E-Certificates will be provided to all Participants

Special Note: Winner of any prize should collect it at the venue only, during the Prize Distribution Function.

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16 TO 20	2000								
21 TO 30	1500								

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RULES & REGULATIONS - BLITZ

System of Play	The Latest FIDE Rules in force shall apply and the Swiss system will be followed.
Mode of Tournament	Total 09 rounds shall be played.
Time Control	3 minutes each + 02 seconds increment per move from move no.1
Default Time	Default time is 03 minutes. Players have to be at the boards within 03 minutes from the start of the round.
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Last date	Entries close at 06.00 P.M on 02-04-2026
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Schedule - Open

Date	Particulars	Time
01.04.2026	PLAYERS MEETING	10.30 A.M.
01.04.2026	ROUND 1	11.00 A.M.
01.04.2026	ROUND 2	03.30 P.M.
02.04.2026	ROUND 3	09.30 A.M.
02.04.2026	ROUND 4	03.00 P.M.
03.04.2026	ROUND 5	09.30 A.M.
03.04.2026	ROUND 6	03.00 P.M.
04.04.2026	ROUND 7	09.30 A.M.
04.04.2026	ROUND 8	03.00 P.M.
05.04.2026	ROUND 9	08.30 A.M.
05.04.2026	PRIZE DISTRIBUTION (After the Blitz)	07.00 P.M.

Schedule - Blitz

Particulars	Date	Day	Time
Round - 1	Apr 5, 2026	Sunday	02:30 PM
Round - 2	Apr 5, 2026	Sunday	03:00 PM
Round - 3	Apr 5, 2026	Sunday	03:30 PM
Round - 4	Apr 5, 2026	Sunday	04:00 PM
Round - 5	Apr 5, 2026	Sunday	04:30 PM
Round - 6	Apr 5, 2026	Sunday	05:00 PM
Round - 7	Apr 5, 2026	Sunday	05:30 PM
Round - 8	Apr 5, 2026	Sunday	06:00 PM
Round - 9	Apr 5, 2026	Sunday	06:30 PM
Prize Distribution	Apr 5, 2026	Sunday	07:00 PM

BANK DETAILS

Account Name: EIGHT SQUARE CHESS ACADEMY

Account Number: 50200115818991

Bank Name: HDFC BANK

Branch Name: Cenotaph Road

IFSC Code: HDFC0001216

After completing the payment, kindly send the payment proof along with the player details to the following email address: chessacademy32@gmail.com

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Ms. Sivaranjani S – 7397532348 / 9150442252

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Advisory Committee

Mr.B.Murugavel, Vice President, TNSCA

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Mr.MA.Velayudham, Secretary, CDCA

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