



UNDER THE AEGIS OF FIDE, AICF & DCA
AICF EVENT CODE (RAPID : 458067/DL(R)/2026 | BLITZ : 458070/DL(B)2026

3RD MAHARATHI INTERNATIONAL OPEN RAPID & BLITZ FIDE RATED CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026



21st MARCH TO 22nd MARCH 2026

TOTAL PRIZE FUND

₹10,00,000/-

160+ CASH PRIZES

85+ TROPHIES | 150+ MEDALS

CHESS GOODIES FOR ALL PLAYERS AS APPRECIATION GIFTS!

VENUE : THYAGRAJ STADIUM, INA COLONY,
NEW DELHI, DELHI 110003

MEDIA PARTNER



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★ HIGHLIGHTS OF MAHARATHI CHESS TOURNAMENTS ★

♟ Total Cash Prize Pool : ₹10,00,000

♟ Rapid Cash Prize Pool : ₹7,00,000

♟ Blitz Cash Prize Pool : ₹3,00,000

🏆 85+ Premium Trophies

🏅 150+ Medals

💰 160+ Cash Prizes

🎁 Chess goodies for all players as appreciation gifts!

📄 E-Certificates for all participants!

🏟 Tournament hosted at a Stadium – a true professional playing experience

🕒 On-time start & well-disciplined schedule

👥 Dedicated & experienced organizing team

❄ Fully air-conditioned playing hall

🍴 Food facility available (chargeable)

🚗 Free parking facility for all

🚪 Cloak room facility available

📸 Photography & Videography



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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

RAPID		
DATE	TIME	ROUNDS
21.03.2026	8:45 Hrs	PLAYERS MEETING
21.03.2026	9:00 Hrs	ROUND 1
21.03.2026	10:30 Hrs	ROUND 2
21.03.2026	12:00 Hrs	ROUND 3
21.03.2026	13:30 Hrs	ROUND 4
21.03.2026	15:00 Hrs	ROUND 5
21.03.2026	16:30 Hrs	ROUND 6
21.03.2026	18:00 Hrs	ROUND 7
22.03.2026	09:00 Hrs	ROUND 8
22.03.2026	10:30 Hrs	ROUND 9
BLITZ		
22.03.2026	12:45 Hrs	PLAYERS MEETING
22.03.2026	13:00 Hrs	ROUND 1
22.03.2026	13:30 Hrs	ROUND 2
22.03.2026	14:00 Hrs	ROUND 3
22.03.2026	14:30 Hrs	ROUND 4
22.03.2026	15:00 Hrs	ROUND 5
22.03.2026	15:30 Hrs	ROUND 6
22.03.2026	16:00 Hrs	ROUND 7
22.03.2026	16:30 Hrs	ROUND 8
22.03.2026	17:00 Hrs	ROUND 9
22.03.2026	18:00 Hrs	Prize Distribution

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TOTAL CASH PRIZE FUND (RAPID ₹7,00,000)

Rank	Main Prizes	1551-1700	1400-1550	UNRATED
1st Prize	₹51,000/- 🏆	₹21,000/- 🏆	₹18,000/- 🏆	₹14,000 🏆
2nd Prize	₹35,000/- 🏆	₹13,000/- 🏆	₹12,000/- 🏆	₹9,500 🏆
3rd Prize	₹20,000/- 🏆	₹9,000/- 🏆	₹8,200/- 🏆	₹7,500/- 🏆
4th Prize	₹15,000/- 🥈	₹7,900/- 🥈	₹6,900/- 🥈	₹5,500/- 🥈
5th Prize	₹11,000/- 🥈	₹7,000/- 🥈	₹5,800/- 🥈	₹4,000/- 🥈
6th Prize	₹9,100/- 🥈	₹5,900/- 🥈	₹4,900/- 🥈	
7th Prize	₹8,100/- 🥈	₹5,200/- 🥈	₹4,400/- 🥈	
8th Prize	₹7,100/- 🥈	₹4,700/- 🥈	₹3,800/- 🥈	
9th Prize	₹6,100/- 🥈	₹3,900/- 🥈		
10th Prize	₹5,100/- 🥈	₹3,900/- 🥈		
11th-20th	₹4,500/- 🥈			
21st-30th	₹4,100/- 🥈			

RANK	DELHI	FEMALE	VETERAN (55+)	SPECIALLY ABLED
1st Prize	₹8,000/- 🏆	₹6,000/- 🏆	₹6,000/- 🏆	₹6,000/- 🏆
2nd Prize	₹6,500/- 🏆	₹5,000/- 🏆	₹5,000/- 🏆	₹5,000/- 🏆
3rd Prize	₹5,000/- 🏆	₹4,000/- 🏆	₹4,000/- 🏆	₹4,000/- 🏆

4 YOUNGEST KID AWARD 2 BOY + 2 GIRL : 🏆
Best Academy : 1. Trophy & 4 Medals 2. Trophy & 4 Medals
Best School : 1. Trophy & 4 Medals 2. Trophy & 4 Medals

The average points of the top four players will be taken into account for BEST ACADEMY & BEST SCHOOL award.

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TOTAL CASH PRIZE FUND (RAPID ₹7,00,000)

AGE GROUP PRIZES (BOYS)				
RANK	UNDER - 09	UNDER - 11	UNDER - 13	UNDER - 15
1st Prize	₹9,900/- 🏆	₹9,900/- 🏆	₹9,900/- 🏆	₹9,900/- 🏆
2nd Prize	₹7,200/- 🏆	₹7,200/- 🏆	₹7,200/- 🏆	₹7,200/- 🏆
3rd Prize	₹4,800/- 🏆	₹4,800/- 🏆	₹4,800/- 🏆	₹4,800/- 🏆
4th Prize	₹4,000/- 🏅	₹4,000/- 🏅	₹4,000/- 🏅	₹4,000/- 🏅
5th Prize	₹3,500/- 🏅	₹3,500/- 🏅	₹3,500/- 🏅	₹3,500/- 🏅
6th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
7th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
8th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
9th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
10th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
AGE GROUP PRIZES (GIRLS)				
RANK	UNDER - 09	UNDER - 11	UNDER - 13	UNDER - 15
1st Prize	₹8,500/- 🏆	₹8,500/- 🏆	₹8,500/- 🏆	₹8,500/- 🏆
2nd Prize	₹6,500/- 🏆	₹6,500/- 🏆	₹6,500/- 🏆	₹6,500/- 🏆
3rd Prize	₹4,600/- 🏆	₹4,600/- 🏆	₹4,600/- 🏆	₹4,600/- 🏆
4th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
5th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
6th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
7th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
8th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
9th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅
10th Prize	🏅	🏅	🏅	🏅

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TOTAL CASH PRIZE FUND (BLITZ ₹3,00,000)

Rank	Main Prizes	1551-1700	1400-1550	UNRATED
1st Prize	₹30,000/- 🏆	₹8,000/- 🏆	₹7,500/- 🏆	₹7,000/- 🏆
2nd Prize	₹20,000/- 🏆	₹6,500/- 🏆	₹6,000/- 🏆	₹5,500/- 🏆
3rd Prize	₹11,000/- 🏆	₹5,500/- 🏆	₹5,000/- 🏆	₹3,800/- 🏆
4th Prize	₹9,100/- 🥈	₹4,000/- 🥈	₹3,500/- 🥈	₹2,400/- 🥈
5th Prize	₹8,100/- 🥈	₹3,000/- 🥈	₹3,000/- 🥈	₹1,900/- 🥈
6th Prize	₹7,100/- 🥈	₹2,400/- 🥈	₹1,900/- 🥈	
7th Prize	₹6,100/- 🥈	₹1,900/- 🥈		
8th Prize	₹5,100/- 🥈			
9th Prize	₹4,100/- 🥈			
10th Prize	₹3,100/- 🥈			
11th-20th	₹2,500/- 🥈			
21st-30th	₹2,000/- 🥈			

RANK	DELHI	FEMALE	VETERAN (55+)	SPECIALLY ABLED
1st Prize	₹5,000/- 🏆	₹4,000/- 🏆	₹4,000/- 🏆	₹4,000/- 🏆
2nd Prize	₹4,500/- 🏆	₹3,500/- 🏆	₹3,500/- 🏆	₹3,500/- 🏆
3rd Prize	₹3,500/- 🏆	₹3,000/- 🏆	₹3,000/- 🏆	₹3,000/- 🏆

AGE GROUP PRIZES (BOYS)				
RANK	UNDER - 09	UNDER - 11	UNDER - 13	UNDER - 15
1st Prize	₹3,500/- 🏆	₹3,500/- 🏆	₹3,500/- 🏆	₹3,500/- 🏆
2nd - 5th	🥈	🥈	🥈	🥈
AGE GROUP PRIZES (GIRLS)				
RANK	UNDER - 09	UNDER - 11	UNDER - 13	UNDER - 15
1st Prize	₹3,500/- 🏆	₹3,500/- 🏆	₹3,500/- 🏆	₹3,500/- 🏆
2nd -5th	🥈	🥈	🥈	🥈

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS :** RAPID : 9 & BLITZ : 9
- 2. ELIGIBILITY :** ALL THE INDIAN PLAYERS (RATED/ UNRATED, PROFESSIONAL/AMATEUR) ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE. OTHER THAN INDIAN NATIONAL, PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID FIDE ID UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRY OR LICENSED FIDE ID UNDER FIDE FLAG BEFORE THE REGISTRATION OF THE TOURNAMENT. ORGANIZERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY ENTRY WITHOUT ASSIGNING ANY REASON. THE TOURNAMENT IS OPEN FOR ALL PLAYERS FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD. NO AGE LIMIT.
- 3. SYSTEM OF PLAY :** TOURNAMENT WILL BE CONDUCTED AS PER THE LATEST FIDE LAWS OF CHESS WITH SWISS MANAGER.
- 4. TIME CONTROL**
RAPID : 15 MINUTES + 5 SECONDS INCREMENT FROM 1ST MOVE.
BLITZ : 3 MINUTES + 2 SECONDS INCREMENT FROM 1ST MOVE.
- 5. DEFAULT TIME :** THE DEFAULT TIME WILL BE ENTIRE TIME ON CLOCK.
- 6. AICF REGISTRATION :** ALL THE INDIAN PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE REGISTERED WITH AICF FOR THE YEAR 2025-26. FOR RENEWING AICF REGISTRATION OF THE EXISTING PLAYERS, PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://PRS.AICF.IN/](https://PRS.AICF.IN/) . FOR NEW AICF REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://PRS.AICF.IN/NEW-REGISTER](https://PRS.AICF.IN/NEW-REGISTER). REGISTRATION FEES ₹300/-
- 7. DISCIPLINE :** ANY PLAYER/ PARENT WHO DISRUPTS THE DECORUM OF THE TOURNAMENT WILL FACE EXCLUSION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.
- 8. APPEALS COMMITTEE :** A FIVE-MEMBER APPEALS COMMITTEE (INCLUDING 2 RESERVE) WILL BE FORMED BEFORE THE START OF TOURNAMENT.
- 9. PROTESTS :** IF ANY PROTEST AGAINST THE DECISION OF CHIEF ARBITER, SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING WITH PROTEST FEE OF ₹3000/- WITHIN 15MIN. OF OCCURRENCE ON INCIDENCE. THE FEE AMOUNT SHALL BE REFUNDED IF THE APPEAL IS UPHOLD AND IF NOT THEN PROTEST FEE SHALL BE FORFEITED.
- 10. ELECTRONIC DEVICES :** ALL TYPES OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES/WRIST WATCHES (ALL KIND OF WATCH) ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PLAYING ARENA.
- 11. WITHDRAWALS :** A PLAYER MAY WITHDRAW DURING THE TOURNAMENT AT ANY STAGE OF THE EVENT, AFTER INFORMING THE CHIEF ARBITER IN WRITING.

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12. TIEBREAK (LATEST TIE BREAK)

- 1:- BUCHHOLZ CUT-1
- 2:- BUCHHOLZ
- 3:- SONNEBORN – BERGER
- 4:- DIRECT ENCOUNTER
- 5:- GREATER NUMBER OF WINS(INCLUDING FORFEIT)
- 6:- GREATER NUMBER OF WINS WITH BLACK

13. AGE CATEGORY PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES OF THEIR OWN AGE CATEGORY ONLY AND NOT FOR HIGHER AGE CATEGORY PRIZES.

14. FOR CATEGORY PRIZE, THE ORGANIZER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH FROM PLAYERS. BY REGISTERING FOR THE TOURNAMENT, PLAYERS AGREE TO PROVIDE SUCH PROOF UPON REQUEST.

15. BEST FEMALE PRIZES WILL ONLY BE AWARDED TO FEMALE PARTICIPANTS AGED 16 AND ABOVE.

16. BEST VETERAN PRIZES : THOSE WHO COMPLETED 55 YEARS OF AGE ON 31ST DECEMBER 2025 ARE ELIGIBLE.

17. BEST SPECIALLY-ABLED PRIZES : PERSON WITH DISABILITY OF 40% AND ABOVE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PRIZES.

18. PRIZE MONEY : PRIZE MONEY WILL NOT BE SHARED. ONE PLAYER WILL GET ONE HIGHER PRIZE MONEY ONLY. INDIAN INCOME TAX ACT AND RULES INCLUDING TDS EXISTING RULE WILL BE APPLICABLE.

19. PRIZE MONEY TRANSFER : ALL PRIZE MONEY WINNERS WILL BE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT/SEND THEIR CANCELLED BANK CHEQUE ALONG WITH PRESCRIBED FORMAT TO MINIMIZE ANY POSSIBLE ERRORS DURING PRIZE MONEY TRANSFER. ALL PRIZE MONEY WILL BE TRANSFERRED IN 7 TO 20 WORKING DAYS.

20. ACCOMMODATION : PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCOMMODATION.

21. FOOD : FACILITY OF SNACKS, BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ON CHARGEABLE BASIS.

22. THE ORGANIZERS WILL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADMIT OR REFUSE ANY ENTRY WITHOUT ASSIGNING ANY REASON.

23. THIS IS A PUBLIC EVENT WHERE PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY WILL TAKE PLACE. BY ENTERING THE VENUE AND PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT, ALL PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS GRANT THE ORGANIZERS THE RIGHT TO RECORD, USE, PUBLISH, AND BROADCAST THEIR IMAGES FOR EVENT-RELATED PROMOTIONS, PUBLICITY, AND MEDIA PURPOSES WITHOUT ANY FURTHER CONSENT OR COMPENSATION.

24. ENTRY FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

Entry Fee Structure

	1st Early Bird till 20/01/2026 (Early Bird)	2nd Early Bird till 10/02/2026 (Early Bird)	From 11/02/2026-10/03/2026 (Normal Fee)	From 11/03/2026-16/03/2026 (Late Fee)
Rapid	₹3100	₹3300	₹3500	₹3800
Blitz	₹1100	₹1300	₹1500	₹1800
Both	₹4000	₹4500	₹4900	₹5500

OTHER'S ENTRY FEE STRUCTURE

ENTRY FEE FOR GM , IM , WGM AND WIM : FREE

FOR SPECIALLY ABLED PLAYERS : DISCOUNT (50%)

ALL VETERAN PLAYERS (ABOVE 55+) : DISCOUNT (50%)

ANY FEMALE/WOMEN ABOVE 35 YEARS : DISCOUNT (50%)

10 FREE ENTRIES (5 BOYS & 5 GIRLS) TO THE UNDER PRIVILEGED CHILDREN OF **MCD SCHOOL** AS PER THE REGULATIONS OF DCA TO SPREAD THE GAME AT GRASSROOT LEVEL.

NOTE : LATE FEE IS APPLICABLE FROM 11/03/2026. HOWEVER, LAST DATE OF ENTRY IS 16TH MARCH.

NO REQUEST TOWARDS WAIVER OF ENTRY FEE OR WAIVER OF LATE FEE WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

 **REGISTRATION LINK:**

 [HTTPS://CIRCLECHESS.COM/REGISTRATION?ID=49819](https://circlechess.com/registration?id=49819)

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SCAN TO REGISTER



WHATSAPP GROUP



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GOOGLE MAP LINK

[HTTPS://MAPS.APP.GOO.GL/F3FSFZXIAGNL17DT6](https://maps.app.goo.gl/F3FSFZXIAGNL17DT6)

NEAREST METRO STATION

DILLI HAAT-INA (INA METRO STATION) (YELLOW LINE AND PINK LINE) : 1.4 KM

DISTANCE FROM RAILWAY STATIONS

NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION : 9.3KM
NIZAMUDDIN RAILWAY STATION : 7.2KM
OLD DELHI RAILWAY STATION : 18KM
ANAND VIHAR RAILWAY STATION : 19KM

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