

36th National Under-17 (Open & Girls)

Chess Championship 2026

Event Code: 481304/JK/2026 & 481305/JK/2026

Venue: KANGRA FORT BANQUET HALL , BANTALAB ROAD, BARNAI, JAMMU - 181205

Dates: 28th September – 6th October 2026

Minutes of the Technical Meeting

System of Play

- The Championship will be conducted over **11 rounds**, following the **Swiss system** in accordance with the **FIDE Laws of Chess**.
- Players from the same state **will not be paired against each other in the final round** of the Championship.
- However, if no compatible opponent is available within the same score group (or within a maximum difference of **1 point**), players from the same state **may be paired**.
- This regulation is applicable **only to players in the top 50% score group at the end of the penultimate round**.

Rate of Play

- Each player shall have **90 minutes**, with an increment of **30 seconds per move**, starting from move one.

Default Time

- The default reporting time to the chessboard is **15 minutes**.

Draw Agreement

- Players are not permitted to agree to a draw **before each player has made at least 30 moves**, unless the **Chief Arbiter grants permission**.

Protests

- Any protest the decision of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in writing, along with a protest fee of **₹3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only)**, within **30 minutes of the incident**.
- The fee will be **refunded if the appeal is upheld**.

Over-Age Protest

- A protest regarding the age of a player may be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter with a fee of **₹5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** per player.
- This fee is **non-refundable**.
- No protest on age will be entertained **after the completion of the 2nd round** of the Championship.

Dress Code

- Players **without proper uniform** will not be permitted to participate in the Championship.
- This rule will be **strictly enforced**.

Mobile Phones, Electronic Devices, and Wrist Watches

- If a player is found in possession of a mobile phone (whether switched on or off) or a wristwatch—either on their person or in a bag—they will **lose the game**.
- Players **wearing any kind of wristwatch during play** will also be declared lost, and the opponent will be awarded the win.
- **No bags** are allowed inside the tournament hall.

Inspection by Arbiter

- The Arbiter may require a player to allow inspection of clothes, bags, or other items in private.
- The inspection shall be carried out by the Arbiter or a person authorized by the Arbiter and shall be of the **same gender as the player**.
- If a player refuses to cooperate, the Arbiter shall take measures in accordance with **Article 12.9 of the FIDE Laws of Chess**.

Communication During Play

- While a game is in progress, a player may communicate **only in the FIDE official language** with the Arbiter or with the opponent, as permitted under the **Laws of Chess**.

Score Sheet

- Maintaining a **complete and accurate score sheet** is **mandatory** for all players.

Withdrawal

- If a player withdraws from the last two rounds of a National Championship on **medical grounds**, the player must undergo treatment by a doctor **recommended and supervised by the Tournament Committee**.

Food & Drink

- Eating inside the tournament hall or at the board is strictly prohibited.
- Only water bottles, biscuits, and small dry fruits are allowed inside the hall.

Disqualification

- No participant shall leave the venue before the **Prize Distribution Function** without permission from the Chief Arbiter.
- Players disregarding this rule will be **suspended for one year**.

Attendance

- All players are **compulsorily required** to attend both the **Inauguration Ceremony** and the **Prize Distribution Function**.

Tie-Break System

In case of a tie, the ranking will be decided in the following order:

1. Buchholz Cut 1
2. Buchholz
3. Sonneborn-Berger
4. Direct encounter
5. Greater number of wins (including forfeit points)
6. Greater number of wins with black pieces

Prize Money

- Prize money will **not be shared** under any circumstances.

Appeals Committee

Chairman:

Atul Kumar, Tournament Director

Members:

1. Mr Senthil Kumaran, (Tamil Nadu)
2. Dr. Shridutt Joshy (Rajasthan)
3. Nisha Jain (Telangana)
4. Usha Rani (Uthtrakhand)

Event Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
28 th Sept 2026	Monday	01:45 P.M.	Technical Meeting
28 th Sept 2026	Monday	02:00 P.M.	Inauguration
28 th Sept 2026	Monday	02:30 P.M.	Round – 1
29 th Sept 2026	Tuesday	09:30 A.M.	Round – 2
29 th Sept 2026	Tuesday	02:30 P.M.	Round – 3
30 th Sept 2026	Wednesday	09:30 A.M.	Round – 4
1 st Oct 2026	Thursday	09:30 A.M.	Round – 5
1 st Oct 2026	Thursday	02:30 P.M.	Round – 6
2 nd Oct 2026	Friday	09:30 A.M.	Round – 7
3 rd Oct 2026	Saturday	09:30 A.M.	Round – 8
4 th Oct 2026	Sunday	09:30 A.M.	Round – 9
5 th Oct 2026	Monday	09:30 A.M..	Round – 10
6 th Oct 2026	Tuesday	09:30 A.M.	Round – 11
6 th Oct 2026	Tuesday	02:30 P.M.	Prize Distribution
6 th Oct 2026	Tuesday	04:00 P.M. onwards	Departure

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