First Chola Chess Open International Grandmasters Chess Tournament- 2026

(AICF Event Code: 500978/TN/2026 **TNSCA Event Code:** INT-07/CHE/26-27)

Tournament Dates: October 30 – November 7, 2026

Venue: WelcomHotel BY ITC HOTELS, Cathedral Road, Chennai – 600 086

Minutes of the Technical Meeting

1. There will be a Total of 9 Rounds under swiss system
2. Time Control will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes till end with 30 seconds increment from move no.1
3. Default Time will be 15 minutes
4. Tie Break to be applied:
   1.Buchholz Cut1 2. Buchholz 3.Sonneborn – Berger (S.B.) 4.Direct Encounter 5.Greater number of wins (including forfeit points) 6.Number of wins with Black
5. Players shall not agree for a draw without consent of the Arbiter before each player making 30 moves

Electronic Device: During play, a player is forbidden to wear any kind of wrist watch or to carry a mobile phone or any electronic device in the playing venue in his/her pocket/body. If it is evident that a player had such a device during the game in his/her pocket or on his/her table, even in switch-off mode or battery removed, he/she shall lose the game. The opponent shall win.

Fair Play Regulations: FIDE Fair Play Regulations will be in force, and players are obliged to respect the rules. (The arbiter may require the player to allow his clothes, bags or other items to be inspected, in private. The arbiter or a person authorised by the Chief Arbiter shall inspect the player and shall be of the same gender as the player. If a player refuses to cooperate with these obligations, the arbiter shall take measures in accordance with Article 12.9. of Laws of Chess **)**

Discussion / Analysis:
As long as the game is in progress, a player may talk only to an Arbiter or to the opponent as permitted by **"The Laws of Chess".** Analysis is not allowed in the playing hall / playing Arena.

6. **Smoking Chamber**: Players are instructed to use only the area allocated for smoking.

7. Protest if any against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000/-. Within 30 minutes from the completion of the game
8. Appeals Committee Members:
    1. GM B,Adhiban(India)
    2. GM Nikitenko, Mihail (Belarus)
    3. GM Suleymenov, Alisher (Kazakhstan)

    Reserve Members
    4. GM Ter-Sahakyan, Samvel (Armenia)
    5. IM Budhidharma Nayaka (Indonesia)

9. Tournament Schedule:

    Inauguration : 30/10/2026 1.00 p.m.

    Technical Meeting ; 30/10/2026 1.30 p.m.

ROUND	**DATE**	**TIME**
1	30/10/2026	02:00 pm
2	31/10/2026	02:00 pm
3	01/11/2026	02:00 pm
4	02/11/2026	02:00 pm
5	03/11/2026	02:00 pm
6	04/11/2026	02:00 pm
7	05/11/2026	02:00 pm
8	06/11/2026	02:00 pm
9	07/11/2026	10:00 am
Closing Ceremony	07/11/2026	05:00 pm