

1st Vijay Anand Chess Academy Rapid International

FIDE Rating Chess Tournament – 2026

Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Periamet, Chennai – 600003

(AICF event code : 489895/TN(R)/2026 & TNSCA event code : RFR-14/CHE/26-27)

Organised By: Vijay Anand Chess Academy

Co-Organised By : Guna Chess Academy

Under the aegis of TNSCA and CHENNAI DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION

Date: 27th September, 2026

Technical Meeting

1. **System of Play:** The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 9 rounds. Players, please take a note if required cross pairing will be done for first round and clock time shall be adjusted according to the tournament schedule.

2. **Schedule:** 27th September, 2026.

Inauguration: 27th September, 2026 @ 08:45 Hrs

Particulars	Date	Day	Time
Inauguration	27.09.2026	Sunday	08.30 AM
Players Meeting	27.09.2026	Sunday	08.45 AM
Round 1	27.09.2026	Sunday	09.30 AM
Round 2	27.09.2026	Sunday	10.30 AM
Round 3	27.09.2026	Sunday	11.30 AM
Round 4	27.09.2026	Sunday	12.30 PM
Round 5	27.09.2026	Sunday	01.30 PM
Round 6	27.09.2026	Sunday	02.30 PM
Round 7	27.09.2026	Sunday	03.30 PM
Round 8	27.09.2026	Sunday	04.30 PM
Round 9	27.09.2026	Sunday	05.30 PM
PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION	27.09.2026	Sunday	06.30 PM

3. **Time Control:** 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move from move no.1.

4. **Default Time:** 10 Minutes from the start of the game. If any player arrives to his / her board after the default time, then he/she shall lose the game and their name will be removed from pairing for further rounds. If any player is absent for any round, then he/she shall inform the chief arbiter in writing to retain their name in the pairing for further rounds. The Chief Arbiter have the authority not to start round at scheduled time or the clock of a particular board, due to any unforeseen scenarios or force majeure situation arises. If required, arbiters can hold the games from default time.

5. **Main prizes / Category prizes:** A player is eligible for one higher prize only.

a. **Best Female** All female players with 18 years of age and above will be considered for this category.

b. **Best Veteran (55+)** All players with age of 55 and above will be considered for this category

c. **Rated category** – only FIDE International rated players will be considered in this category.

d. **Unrated category prizes** – all unrated players will be considered in this category.

6. **Tie Break:** In case of a tie, following tie breaks will be applied. Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn-Berger, Direct encounter, number of wins (including forfeit games) and Number of wins with Black pieces. Even then, if tie persists, we shall have Armageddon system of play.

7. **Pairing Program:** Latest version of Swiss Manager will be used for pairing. Cross pairing may be done in first round to avoid walkovers.
8. **Protest:** Protests, if any against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/- within 10 minutes of the occurrence of the incidence. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
9. **No Electronic Device: (Article 11.3.2.1) All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall.** Electronic devices and bags to deposited at the counter before entering any hall.
10. Analysis is not allowed inside the playing area, but separate analysis space is provided outside playing area.
11. **Fairplay Regulations:** FIDE and AICF Fair Play Regulations will be enforced including private checking during the event and all players are to respect the regulations and cooperate with officials.
 Players are strictly forbidden to bring mobiles, any source of chess information material or any electronic devices to the tournament hall which includes all types of wrist watches. If the same found during the game, players are liable to lose the game and further participation in the tournament will be decided by Chief Arbiter on merit of the case.
 During the game, players are not to speak with others (except with opponent and arbiter, as permitted in Laws of Chess)
12. **Chess Etiquette:** Both players have to ensure and submit the correct results. Players are requested to wear neat dress. Slippers, sunglasses and torn clothes are not allowed. All players and Accompanying persons have to maintain proper Chess Etiquette for entire duration of the tournament.
13. **Withdrawal of player:** If a player wishes to withdraw from the rounds, he/she must inform the chief arbiter in writing.
14. **"There are calculation errors on the FIDE server, and FIDE is working to fix them. As a result, players' ratings might be affected during or before the calculation of the next month's FIDE Rating List"**

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Appeals Committee

No.	Name	Club
1.	GM Karthikeyan P	Tamil Nadu
2.	IM Ravi Teja S	Andhra Pradesh
3.	IM Praveen Kumar C	ICF
Reserve		
4.	IM Saravana Krishnan P	Tamil Nadu
5.	IM Senthil Maran K	Tamil Nadu

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Tournament Committee

No.	Name	Position
1	Mr.B.Murugavel, FA	Vice President, TNSCA
2	Mr.K.Ganesan, IA	Vice President, TNSCA
3	Mr.B.Sakthiprabhakar, IA	Vice President, TNSCA
4	Mr.V.Dhanasekaran, IA	Vice President, CHE DCA
5	Mr.M.A.Velayudham	Secretary, CHE DCA
6	Mr. Vijay Anand M	Secretary, VACA
7	Mr. Gunasekaran K	Secretay, TLR DCA

Bhaskar V
Chief Arbiter
International Arbiter