1st All India Under-08 Rapid Chess Festival

(Below 1600 FIDE Standard & Rapid Ratings)

Approved by

All India Freestyle Chess Association

Tamil Nadu Freestyle Chess Federation

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TNFSCF Event Code: TN-2027-16

Organized by

JP Anand Chess Academy (Reg. No: UDYAM-TN-14-0078195)

Date: 01.01.2027 (Friday) 08.30 A.M.

Venue: Sengunthar Kalyana Mandapam, Periya Pavadi Street, Tiruchengode, (Namakkal Dt-TN)

Entry Fee: **₹1,000/- (up to 24.11.2026)** | **₹1,300/- (25.11.2026 onwards)**
₹500/- for Government School Students and Players with Disabilities (subject to eligibility verification)

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 1,80,000/- **Prizes: 125 + 300 Medal**

Gold 2 Gram, Silver 40 Gram, 18 Chess Clock, 55 Trophy, 30 Shield, 20 Chess Set & Medal 300

Prizes (Common for Boys & Girls)	
Born on or after 01.01.2018	
1st	Gold Coin 1 Gram
2nd	Gold Coin 0.5 Gram
3rd	Silver Coin 25 Gram
4th	DGT3000 Clock & Trophy
5th	DGT3000 Clock
6th	DGT2500 Clock & Trophy
7th	DGT2500 Clock
8th	DGT2010 Clock & Trophy
9th - 15th	DGT2010 Clock
16th - 50th	Trophy
All Cups are Metal with Wooden Bases	
Top Under-06 Prize - DGT2010 Clock	
(Born on or after 01.01.2020)	
Best Supporting Prize - Trophy	
1st & 2nd Prize Winners - Free Entry to our Next Tournament	
Each participant will receive an E-Certificate & Medal	

Chess Test Prizes	
Born on or after 01.01.2020	
(Castle, En Passant & Pawn Promotion)	
1st	Gold Coin 0.5 Gram
2nd	Silver Coin 15 Gram
3rd - 4th	DGT2010 Clock
5th - 20th	Trophy
Shield for all Under-06 Players	
Early Bird Entry Prizes	
For Entries on or before 24.11.2026	
1st	DGT2500 Clock
2nd	DGT2010 Clock
3rd - 20th	Chess Set
New Year Lucky Prizes	
1st DGT2010 Clock 2nd - 3rd Chess Set	
Free Entry Prizes	

Contact			Online Registration
JP. Anand Organizer **98658 83233**	**A. Ragul** Chief Arbiter **95006 35725**	**R. Sibi Visal** English **93608 92401**	www.ticket360.co.in www.circlechess.com Google Form

Advisory Committee

S. C. Subramanian · **N. Jay Nisanth** · **T. Unnikrishnan Nair** · **J. Sugumar**
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Our Previous Record-Breaking Events

State Level Under-08 Unrated Chess Tournament - 316 Entries

State Level Open & Under-12 Unrated Chess Tournament - 526 Entries

Transparency: The tournament's Income and Expenditure Statement will be made public on 03rd January 2027.

The tournament is being conducted solely with the objective of promoting the development of chess, identifying new talent and encouraging young chess players

Rules and Regulations

Staying overnight at the Mandapam on Thursday is not allowed. Everyone should come only after 6:00 AM on 01.01.2027 (Friday)

1. **Chess Equipment**: Players are requested to bring their own chess sets. Bringing a chess clock is optional.
2. **Age Eligibility** (Cut-off Date):
   - Under - 08 (Born on or after 01.01.2018)
   - Under - 06 (Born on or after 01.01.2020)
3. **Eligibility:**

   The tournament is open to players meeting the following FIDE rating criteria, based on the FIDE Standard and Rapid Rating Lists effective 4th November 2026:

   Players whose Standard and Rapid ratings are both below 1600 (i.e., 1599 or below) are eligible.

   Players rated 1600 or above in either category are not eligible.

   Players who are unrated in both Standard and Rapid categories are eligible.

   Players having a rating in only one of these categories shall be considered based on their available rating, provided it is below 1600
4. **Early Bird Entry Prizes:** Among the players who pay the tournament entry fee on or before 24th November 2026, 20 players will be selected through a lucky draw and awarded Early Bird Entry Prizes.

5. **Chess Test:** Prizes shall be awarded to the Top 20 performers based on the marks obtained in the Chess Test. The test carries a total of 4 marks. Players who have a FIDE rating in Standard, Rapid or Blitz are not eligible to participate.

   Syllabus (Special Moves): Kingside Castling, Queenside Castling, En Passant and Pawn Promotion

   - In the event of a tie in marks, the younger player shall be ranked higher
   - Only children under the age of six, born on or after 01.01.2020, are eligible to participate in the Chess Test
   - The Chess Test shall be conducted by the participant's parent or guardian under the direct supervision of the Tournament Arbiter. Participants may take the test at any time between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., between tournament rounds.

6. **New Year's Lucky Prizes:** Three players will be selected by lucky draw from all registered participants and awarded special New Year prizes.

7. **Single Category**: The tournament will be conducted in a single category. Prizes will be awarded based on the combined rankings of male and female participants.

8. **Prize Distribution**: Only Under-08 Main Prizes: Will be awarded on stage during the prize distribution ceremony.

   Chess Test, Early Bird Entry Prizes and New Year Lucky Prizes: These prizes will be distributed 40 minutes after the completion of the respective Chess Test, Early Bird Prize Draw and New Year Lucky Draw and after publication of the final prize lists.

9. **Prize Collection**: Prizes will not be distributed in advance. Only players who are present at the Prize Distribution Ceremony shall be eligible to receive their prizes. Any player who is absent during the ceremony shall forfeit their prize.

10. **Verification of Prizes**: Players are requested to verify their prizes on stage and collect them during the Prize Distribution Ceremony. No complaints regarding prizes will be entertained after a player leaves the stage.

11. **Prize Eligibility**: A player shall be eligible to receive only one prize, except for Chess Test Prizes, Early Bird Entry Prizes and New Year Lucky Prizes. If a player qualifies for more than one prize, only the highest-value prize shall be awarded. The Chief Arbiter's decision regarding prize eligibility and distribution shall be final, subject to the applicable appeal procedure. All Under-06 players who do not win any Chess Test prize will receive a shield as a participation prize.

12. **Best Supporting Prize:** One Trophy will be awarded to the School, Club or Academy registering the highest number of participants, subject to a minimum of 10 registrations. Spot entries will not be considered for this award.

13. **Prize Distribution Time:** The Prize Distribution Ceremony will be held at 05:00 p.m. on 01.01.2027

14. **Entry Fee and Refund Policy:** The entry fee is strictly non-refundable and non-transferable. However, if the tournament is cancelled, postponed or relocated to another venue, the entry fee shall be refunded in full. By making the payment, participants are deemed to have read, understood and accepted all the tournament terms and conditions.

15. **Document Verification:**

Government School Students: Must submit a valid School ID Card or a certificate duly signed and sealed by the Headmaster or Physical Education Teacher (PET**)**

Players with Disabilities: Must submit a valid Disability Certificate

Submission of the relevant documents is mandatory for eligibility verification and concessionary entry fee approval

16. **Players' Meeting:** All players are requested to attend the Players' Meeting at 09:00 a.m. on 01.01.2027
17. **Rules and Playing System**: The latest FIDE Laws of Chess applicable to Rapid events shall apply. The tournament will be conducted under the Swiss System.
18. **Tie-Break System:** In the event of a tie, prizes shall not be shared. The final standings and prize positions shall be determined by applying the following tie-break criteria in the order listed below:
    - Buchholz Cut 1
    - Buchholz
    - Sonneborn-Berger
    - Direct Encounter
    - Greater Number of Wins (including forfeits)
    - Number of Games Won with Black
19. **Chief Arbiter's Authority**: The Chief Arbiter's decisions on all technical matters shall be final, subject to the appeal procedure specified in these Tournament Regulations.
20. **Number of Rounds and Time Control**: The tournament will consist of 7 rounds, with a time control of 15 minutes plus a 5-second increment per move for each player.
21. **Commencement of First Round**: The first round will commence at 09:30 a.m. on 01.01.2027
22. **First-Round Pairings**: The first-round pairings will be published on **www.chess-results.com** by 10:00 p.m. on 31st December 2026.
23. **Default Time**: The default time shall be 10 minutes from the scheduled start of the game. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the expiry of the default time shall lose the game.
24. **Participation in Rounds**: A player shall be eligible to participate in all rounds, irrespective of whether they win, lose or draw their previous games, unless they withdraw from the tournament.
25. **Withdrawal**: Any player wishing to withdraw from the tournament must inform the Chief Arbiter before the commencement of the next round. Otherwise, the player's name will be removed from the pairing list for all remaining rounds.
26. **Document Submission**: Participants must submit valid proof of age and address, along with any one photo ID card issued by a government authority or an educational institution

27. **Proof of Age and Entry Details:** If any irregularity is found in the submission of proof of age, entry details or FIDE ID, including concealment, submission of false information or misrepresentation, the player shall be disqualified at any stage of the tournament. All points and results obtained by the player shall be cancelled, and the points for games won by that player shall be awarded to the respective opponents.

28. **Appeals Committee**: An Appeals Committee consisting of three members and two reserve members shall be appointed before the commencement of the tournament. The members shall be independent of the dispute being considered. The committee's decision shall be final and binding

29. **Appeals and Protest Fee**: Any protest against a decision of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident, along with a protest fee of ₹1,000. The protest fee shall be refunded only if the appeal is upheld.

30. **Draw Claims**: Draw claims under the Threefold Repetition Rule and the 50-Move Rule shall be governed by the applicable FIDE Laws of Chess. The Arbiter may also declare a draw under the Fivefold Repetition Rule or the 75-Move Rule, even without a claim from either player, in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

31. **Electronic Devices**: Players are strictly prohibited from wearing or carrying mobile phones, wristwatches and other electronic communication devices during play. However, such items may be kept switched off inside a permitted bag, subject to the applicable FIDE regulations and the Chief Arbiter's instructions

32. **Participation Awards:** All participants will receive E-Certificates. Players may download their E-Certificates through the official tournament WhatsApp group or from the Chess-Results website from 03.01.2027 **o**nwards**.**

33. **Official Tournament WhatsApp Group**: By joining the official tournament WhatsApp group, players will receive tournament-related announcements, updates, pairings and important notifications. Joining the group is optional.

34. **Technical and Administrative Decisions**: The Chief Arbiter shall have authority over technical matters, subject to the appeal procedure through the Appeals Committee. The Organizers' decision shall be final on administrative and organizational matters.

35. **Reporting Game Results:** Both players must ensure that their game results are correctly recorded and reported to the Arbiter immediately after completing their games. Any discrepancy must be brought to the Arbiter's attention before the next round's pairings are published.

36. **Entry Submission**: Entries must be submitted through Ticket360, Circle chess or Google Forms. Participants who are unfamiliar with these methods may register through WhatsApp by providing their Name, FIDE ID (if any), Date of Birth, District/State, WhatsApp Number, payment screenshot showing the UTR Number and a copy of their Birth Certificate. Entries submitted without all the required details will not be accepted**.**

37. **Dispute Resolution**: Any dispute relating to technical matters shall be dealt with by the Chief Arbiter and where applicable, the Appeals Committee. Administrative and organizational disputes shall be dealt with by the Organizers in accordance with these Tournament Regulations.

38. **Verification of Player Details**: Players must verify their details (Name, FIDE ID, Rating, Date of Birth and District/State) on www.chess-results.com and report any corrections through WhatsApp to 81486 79005 on or before 30.12.2026, 09:00 p.m. No corrections will be accepted after the deadline.

39. **Rules, Interpretations and Amendments:** Any interpretation of these rules or decision on matters not covered in this Tournament Prospectus shall be made by the Organizers, in consultation with the Chief Arbiter wherever technical matters are involved. The Organizers reserve the right to make additions, deletions or amendments to these rules whenever necessary, provided such changes do not conflict with the applicable FIDE Laws of Chess**.**

40. **Responsibility for Children**: It is the sole responsibility of parents/guardians to take care of their children at the tournament venue. The Tournament Organizers shall not be held responsible for any accident, injury, loss or inconvenience caused to any participant, except to the extent required by applicable law.

41. **Code of Conduct:** Strict compliance with these Tournament Regulations and the FIDE Laws of Chess is mandatory for all players, parents and spectators. Any act of misconduct, unfair play, interference or violation of these regulations may result in disciplinary action, including penalties, removal from the playing venue, forfeiture of games or disqualification, as decided by the Chief Arbiter and/or Organizing Committee within their respective areas of authority**.**

42. **Postponement, Relocation or Cancellation**: The Organizers reserve the right to reschedule, relocate, postpone or cancel the event due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of cancellation, postponement or relocation to another venue, the entry fee shall be refunded in full, in accordance with Rule 12.

43. **Canteen and Meals**: A canteen facility will be available at the venue on a chargeable basis. Breakfast and lunch on the tournament day will be provided only to participants who pre-book their meals on or before 31st December 2026.

44. **Parking Facility**: Parking facilities for two-wheelers and four-wheelers will be available at the venue

45. **Railway Connectivity**:

- Sankari Durg Railway Station (SGE): 12 km from the venue
- Erode Junction (ED): 20 km from the venue
- Salem Junction (SA): 50 km from the venue
- Karur Junction (KRR): 57 km from the venue

Schedule

Round	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Time	09.30 AM	10.45 AM	11.35 AM	12.25 PM	02.00 PM	02.50 PM	03.40 PM

Bank Details

Bank: Union Bank of India, Tiruchengode - Valaraigate

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