



MPL 35th NATIONAL UNDER-7 OPEN & GIRLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS–2022

Event Codes: 290996/290997/GUJ/2022

Date: 6th to 11th October, 2022

Organised by

**Gujarat State Chess Association in collaboration with
The Gujarat Council of Science City**

Under the aegis of

All India Chess Federation

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Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India

AICF's Official National Championships Sponsor



: Venue :

**The Gujarat Council of Science City, Science City Road,
Bhadaj Circle, Sola, Ahmedabad-380060**

Total Prize Fund: Rs.5,00,000/-

:Accommodation Partner:



**The Gujarat State Co-op. Bank Ltd., Ahmedabad
(Scheduled Apex Bank)**

1. Tournament Schedule:

Particulars	Date	Day	Time
Arrival	5-Oct-2022	Wednesday	12:00 hrs.
Technical Meeting	6-Oct-2022	Thursday	09:00 hrs.
Inauguration	6-Oct-2022	Thursday	10:00 hrs.
Round – 1	6-Oct-2022	Thursday	11:00 hrs.
Round – 2	6-Oct-2022	Thursday	16:00 hrs.
Round – 3	7-Oct-2022	Friday	09:00 hrs.
Round – 4	7-Oct-2022	Friday	15:00 hrs.
Round – 5	8-Oct-2022	Saturday	09:00 hrs.
Round – 6	8-Oct-2022	Saturday	15:00 hrs.
Round – 7	9-Oct-2022	Sunday	09:00 hrs.
Round – 8	9-Oct-2022	Sunday	15:00 hrs.
Round – 9	10-Oct-2022	Monday	09:00 hrs.
Round – 10	10-Oct-2022	Monday	15:00 hrs.
Round – 11	11-Oct-2022	Tuesday	09:00 hrs.
Valedictory function	11-Oct-2022	Tuesday	14:30 hrs.
Departure	11-Oct-2022	Tuesday	16:30 hrs.

2. Age Limit: Players should be born on or after 1.1.2015

3. Age Proof: Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his /her age. **Certificates from School will not be accepted**. Certificates should preferably be from the Panchayat, Municipality or Corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without date of birth certificates will not be allowed to participate.

The date of birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the player alone will be recognized and allowed to participate. No state association shall recommend any player who doesn't come under the above criteria.

However, player/state can appeal to AICF in this regard as per the notification published at <https://aicf.in/public-notice-dob-issue/> with undertaking and supporting documents.

If any doubt arises about the claimed age of a player, the Tournament Committee has the right to refer the player during the championship for a due evaluation of age by competent medical experts. A player if declared over-age by such experts shall not continue in the championship and the matter shall be reported to AICF. Protest about the age of players may be made to the Chief Arbiter in writing along with a fee of Rs.5000/- per player. This will not be refunded. No protest about over age of a player will be entertained after second round of the championship.

Only the Coach or Manager deputed by the participating State Chess Association can lodge such protests. The Tournament Committee has the right to decide the day, time and place for such medical evaluation of age. AICF/Organizers will have the right to refer any player to the medical evaluation of age at any time during the Championship. Players refusing to take the test as decided by the Tournament Committee shall be deemed to have failed the test and shall be disqualified from the Championship.

4. Prizes

The cash prizes will be awarded to 20 players in each category amounting to Rs.2,50,000/- as given below:

Prizes	Open	Girls
1	50,000/-	50,000/-
2	36,000/-	36,000/-
3	30,000/-	30,000/-
4	24,000/-	24,000/-
5	20,000/-	20,000/-
6	14,000/-	14,000/-
7	12,000/-	12,000/-
8	10,000/-	10,000/-
9	8,000/-	8,000/-
10	6,000/-	6,000/-
11 to 20	4,000/- each	4,000/- each

5. Eligibility: Subject to age limit following players can participate:

Two players in each category from every affiliated State Association of AICF. If any Association fails to send its quota, the vacancies so caused will not be filled.

Top four players from 2021 National under 7 Open & Girls Chess Championships (held in 2022) are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories subject to age stipulation.

World Champion in any over the board category from the year 2019 subject to age stipulation.

Current over the Board National Champion in any higher category subject to age stipulation

Any other player who remits the prescribed special entry fee of Rs.6,250/-.Such entries should come through the respective affiliated State Association

Host Gujarat State Chess Association is entitled to fill two additional players in each category.

The AICF Secretary has a discretionary seat in each category in this Championship

Two players in each category approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no State Association exists.

If the number of participants at the start of the championship is an odd number in a category, the host association can add one entry to make it even.

Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in the championships.

In addition to the above, three additional entries from the state which won `Gold, two entries from the State which won the Silver and one additional entry from the State which won the Bronze in the National Under-8 Chess Championships 2021 (held in 2022) shall be accepted.

Open: Maharashtra (Gold) 3 Puducherry (Silver) 2 and Telangana (Bronze) 1

Girls: Karnataka (Gold) 3 and Tamil Nadu (Silver & Bronze)) 3. Telangana. And these entries from the State Associations shall be given only from the Rank list of their respective State Championships with proof and not to anybody else.

6. Dress Code: As per AICF regulations on dress code for players participating in all the National championships, all State Associations should send their players including special/donor entry players with proper uniform (as regards special/donor entry players, the respective state chess associations may collect the cost of the Uniform from the players). Players should at least wear uniform T Shirts/formal shirts (same colour and brand with the name of the State printed prominently at the back and the state chess emblem in the front left side). The name/logo of the sponsors can be permitted. Girls/Women have also to be given appropriate uniform. The above rule will also be applicable to Special units. Players without proper uniform will not be permitted to take part in the championship. This will be strictly enforced.

7. Entries/Entry Fee: All entries including special entries should come through the concerned State Association. The entry form should be sent together with attested copy of original date of birth certificate (Birth Certificates from Panchayat / Municipality/Corporation only accepted)

Entry Fee Structure:

**Ordinary entry: Rs.1250/-
(Rupees one thousand two hundred and fifty only)**

**Special entry: Rs.6250/-
(Rupees six thousand two hundred and fifty only)**

There will be a 50% concession in entry fee for participants from North Eastern States and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through: <https://prs.aicf.in/entry>. For clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries, please contact: aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

8. Late fee: Please note entry fee structure is valid till 21st September, 2022. Thereafter, a late fee of Rs.250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be entertained after 30th September, 2022 (up to 17:00 hrs).

9. System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. A total of eleven rounds shall be played.

Players from the same state shall not be paired against each other in the last round. However, they may be paired if there is no compatible opponent with the same point group or score group with a maximum difference of 1 point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

10. Default Time: Default time for arriving to the chessboard is 15 minutes.

11. Time Control: The rate of play shall be 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move number one.

12. Chess Clocks: Each participating State Chess Association must provide at least one clock in working order for every two players entered into the Championship.

13. Tie Break: Following is the order of tie-break:

- (a) Buchholz Cut1
 - (b) Buchholz
 - (c) Sonneborn Berger
 - (d) Direct encounter
 - (e) The greater number of wins (forfeit included)
 - (f) The greater number of wins by black
- In case of tie, cash prizes will not be shared.

14. Draw Agreement: Players shall not agree for a draw without the consent of the arbiter, before each player makes 30 moves.

15. Protest: Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbitrator shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/- within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

16. Appeals Committee: Before the commencement of the tournament, a five member appeals committee shall be formed by the AICF/organizers. All the members and reserves shall be from different states. No member of the Committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own state is involved and, in such case(s) the reserve member(s) shall take his place in the committee.

17. Tournament Committee: The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.

18. Interpretation: For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by the above rules of the tournament, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Committee has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules, without notice. However, such changes or inclusion will be subject to AICF clearance. Such changes will, however, be displayed in the tournament hall.

19. Withdrawal: If any player withdraws from the last two rounds in any National Championship on medical grounds, he/she should undergo treatment by a doctor recommended and supervised by the tournament committee.

20. Disqualification: No participant will leave the venue before the Prize Distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbitrator. The participants disregarding this rule will be suspended for one year.

21. Registration of Players with AICF: All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2022-23 before the registration on AICF Online portal for the entries. Online AICF registration can be done at the website www.aicf.in/players

22. Arrears: All arrears of affiliation fee/tournament fee including those of the current year must be cleared by the affiliated Association at the time of submitting the entries; otherwise the entries are liable to be rejected.

23. Electronic Devices: All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. Players in possession of the items will be declared lost.

Accommodation: Free dormitory accommodation will be provided to all the selected and seeded players and one Manager from each state. For assistance contact Mr. Prashant Raval (M) 90332 06772.

For special entries and accompanying persons they will have to make their own arrangement for stay or they can contact.

Mr. Ankit Dalal (M) 78788 60008

24. Boarding: A lump sum of Rs.1,500/- (Rupees fifteen hundred only) will be paid by the AICF towards the boarding expenses, only to the affiliated State Associations' seeded and selected players who play this championship under normal entry fee.

25. Existing provisions of Income-Tax as on date of championship are applicable for prize money.

COVID PROTOCOL

1. All players are required to mandatorily adhere the Covid Protocol issued by Government of India/Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time during championships.
2. Players have to sign the Self Declaration form on their arrival with respect to Covid-19.
3. All players are required to maintain social distancing and hand sanitization at all times.
4. Wearing of mask is mandatory at all times when the player is inside tournament hall.
5. Any symptomatic players will be removed from the championship as a precaution. All players are obliged to obey this rule and no protest can be made against this decision of Organizing Committee.
6. All officials and arbiters will be fully vaccinated.
7. Sanitization of Chess boards and Chess pieces will be carried out at regular intervals.
8. Parents and accompanying persons are not allowed inside tournament hall at all times.
9. Organizers take all the measures for safe championship environment. However, in case any untoward situation arises, the players will not ask damages from Organizers/All India Chess Federation.
10. Due to any unforeseen scenario, if the event needs to be cancelled, then AICF's obligation is limited to refunding the entry fee paid by the players.
11. By enrolling for the events, the players abide by all the terms and conditions of the championship for participation.

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ABOUT VENUE (SCIENCE CITY)

<https://sciencecity.gujarat.gov.in/>

HOW TO REACH VENUE

<https://www.google.co.in/maps/place/Science+City+Ahmedabad/@23.0802008,72.4952437,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xf955692e13272fcf!8m2!3d23.0802008!4d72.4952437>

MESSAGE



SHRI AJAY PATEL
(President, Asian Zone 3.1.7 of FIDE)

A diverse take in terms of what you can expect from a unique tournament venue, the Science City in Ahmedabad offers educational entertainment for the whole family. It was established by the government to introduce the young minds to space and cosmology, to have a talk with the dinosaurs, and a whole lot more. The many attractions in the Science City include 3D documentaries on space and the oceans which are shown on IMAX screens. You can also take a unique ride to get the authentic experience of what an earthquake feels like, and the immediate measures that you must follow to cope with such natural calamities.

The Aquatics gallery, India's largest public aquarium with state-of-the-art life support systems is designed and curated to give a memorable journey of the underwater world.

Newly added feather to the Gujarat science city is the Robotics Gallery. The Robotics Gallery is developed as an interactive gallery showcasing the frontiers of robotic technologies over an area of more than 11000 sq.mt. and which would provide a platform for the visitors to explore the ever-advancing field of robotics. A dedicated VR zone will take the visitors into the world of augmented and virtual reality. The journey at the gallery doesn't end without visiting the Robo café where you can relish food made by robotic chefs and served by Robo waiters.

The Science City Ahmedabad, our tournament venue is within proximity to the Ahmedabad airport as well as the Ahmedabad Junction.

Even the 3D shows are supremely enjoyable affairs. All in all, the experience of spending a day at Science City Ahmedabad is as wholesome as they come. And for that reason alone, you must take out the time for your valuable kids to make this place a part of your unforgettable lifetime memory during your visit to Ahmedabad for National U-7 Chess Championship.

All in all, the Science City is one of the best places to visit in Ahmedabad purely on the basis of the learning and ingenuity that it offers to a diverse array of players as well as parents.

I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all the players, officials, organizers and volunteers to Science City Ahmedabad and wish them all the best.