



MPL 34TH NATIONAL UNDER-14 & UNDER-14 GIRLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS-2022

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Date: 9th – 14th May, 2022

Organised by

Gujarat State Chess Association

Under the aegis of

All India Chess Federation

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AICF's Official National Championships Sponsor



:Venue Partner:

Rajpath Club, S. G. Highway, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Total Prize Fund: Rs.8,00,000/-

:Accommodation Partner:



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

1. Tournament Schedule:

Particulars	Date	Time
Arrival	08-May-2022	After 1200 hrs
Technical Meeting	09-May-2022	0930 hrs
Inauguration	09-May-2022	1000 hrs
Round – 1	09-May-2022	1100 hrs
Round – 2	09-May-2022	1630 hrs
Round – 3	10-May-2022	0930 hrs
Round – 4	10-May-2022	1530 hrs
Round – 5	11-May-2022	0930 hrs
Round – 6	11-May-2022	1530 hrs
Round – 7	12-May-2022	0930 hrs
Round – 8	12-May-2022	1530 hrs
Round – 9	13-May-2022	0930 hrs
Round – 10	13-May-2022	1530 hrs
Round – 11	14-May-2022	0930 hrs
Prize Distribution	14-May-2022	1500 hrs
Departure	14-May-2022	1800 hrs

2. **Age Limit:** Players should be born on or after 1.1.2008

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 Arbitrator in writing along with a fee of Rs.5000/- per player. This will not be refunded. No protest about the 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.4,00,000/- as given below:

Prizes	Open	Girls
1	80,000	80,000
2	60,000	60,000
3	50,000	50,000
4	40,000	40,000
5	35,000	35,000
6	23,000	23,000
7	20,000	20,000
8	18,000	18,000
9	14,000	14,000
10	10,000	10,000
11 to 20	5,000 each	5,000 each

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

(a) 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.

(b) Top four players from 2019 National Under-13 Open & Girls Chess Championships are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories subject to age stipulation.

(c) The top two players from 2019 Under-11 Open and Girls Championships are eligible to participate as seeded players in their respective categories.

(d) The Champions from 2019 National Under-09 Open & Girls Chess Championships are eligible to participate as seeded player in their respective category.

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

(f) 2019 World No.2 & 3 in Under-12 and Under-14 categories subject to age stipulation.

(g) 2019 Asian U-14 top three rankers subject to age stipulation.

(h) 2019 Asian Under-12 Champion subject to age stipulation.

(i) The winner and runner up of 2019 National U-13 Girls Championship are eligible to play in open section subject to age stipulation.

- (j) The winner of 2019 National Under-11 Girls Championship is eligible to play in open section.
- (k) Current over the Board national Champion in any higher category subject to age stipulation.
- (l) All GMs/IMs are seeded in Open Section and all WGMs/WIMs are seeded in Girls Section subject to age stipulation.
- (m) Any other player who remits the prescribed Special Entry Fee of Rs.6,250/-. Such entries should come through the respective affiliated State Association.
- (n) Host Gujarat State Chess Association is entitled to fill two additional players in each category.
- (o) The AICF Secretary has a discretionary seat in each category in this Championship
- (p) Two players in each category approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no State Association exists.
- (q) 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.
- (r) Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in the championships.
- (s) 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-13 Chess Championships 2019 shall be accepted. Open: Tamil Nadu (Gold & Silver) 5 and Kerala (Bronze) 1. Girls: Telangana (Gold) 3, Maharashtra (Silver) 2 & Karnataka (Bronze) 1. 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 the original date of birth certificate (Birth Certificates from Panchayat/Municipality/Corporation only accepted).

Entry Fee Structure:

Ordinary entry: Rs.1,250/- (Rupees one thousand two hundred fifty only)

Special Entry: Rs.6,250/- (Rupees six thousand two hundred fifty only)

There will be a 50% concession in the entry fee for the 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: aicfnationaleentries@gmail.com

8. Late fee: Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till 27th April, 2022. Thereafter a late fee of Rs.250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be entertained after 1st May, 2022 (up to 17:00hrs).

9. System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. Totally, nine 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 chess board 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 Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000/- 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 Arbiter. 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.
- 24. Accommodation:** Free dormitory accommodation will be provided to all the selected and seeded players and one manager from each state. For special entries and accompanying persons they will have to make their own arrangement for stay.
- 25. Boarding:** A lump sum of Rs.1500/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred only) will be paid by the organizers towards the boarding expenses, only to the affiliated State Associations' seeded and selected players who play this championship under normal entry fee.

COVID PROTOCOL

1. All players are required to mandatorily adhere to the Covid Protocol issued by Government of India/Government of Gujarat at the time of the championship.
2. All players need to submit a negative RTPCR test obtained within 48 hours of their arrival. A Covid care centre will be set up at the venue.
3. Players have to sign the Self Declaration form on their arrival with respect to Covid-19.
4. All players are required to maintain social distancing and hand sanitization at alltimes.
5. Wearing of mask is mandatory at all times when the player is inside tournamenthall.
6. 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 OrganizingCommittee.
7. All officials and arbiters will be fully vaccinated.
8. Sanitization of Chess Board and Chess pieces will be carried out at regular intervals.
9. Parents and accompanying persons are not allowed inside tournament hall at all times.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. By enrolling for the events, the players are abiding by all the terms and conditions of the championship for participation.

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