



Gujarat State Online Chess Championships - 2021

Organized By:

GUJARAT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

1. Tournament Schedule

Under-20 (Open) & Senior Women	20 th & 21 st July 2021	09:00 Hrs.
Under-20 (Girls) & Senior (Open)	22 nd & 23 rd July 2021	09:00 Hrs.

Championship will be played under Swiss System and the number of rounds and schedule will depend on number of participants. The schedule and time can be changed accordingly.

1. **Age Limit for Under-20:** Cut off dates is 1st January 2021 i.e. born on or after 01 January 2001

Age Proof: Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age.

Certificates from School are not valid. Certificates shall 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 child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate.**

2. **Eligibility:** Only Gujarat state players can participate in the event.

3. **Entry fee: Rs.300/- for each category**

Entry & Entry fee will be accepted strictly through online.

It is compulsory for all the participants to fill-up the form with all the details. Participants need to submit separate form for each category tournament. Registration link is as under:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAWn-HkuzIxiZKe8p3TQ6CvjiISd3h29yRMl9Ae-ZgoMw70Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

along with receipt of fee deposited in our Bank Account and attested copy of valid age proof certificate to the same mentioned link. Entries will be accepted only until 2 days before the event. The cut off time will be 3 PM.

“We respect your relationship with GSCA, please don't call us on last day to register your entry. So, please pay your entry fee in stipulated time.”

Bank details of Gujarat State Chess Association:

Bank: THE AHMEDABAD DIST. CO.OP. BANK LTD.

Bank Account No: 607026038555

Bank Address: Bodakdev Branch

Name: Gujarat State Chess Association

IFSC Code: GSCB0ADC001

4. **Playing platform:** The Virtual playing venue of the championship is located on the online chess server at <https://www.tornelo.com>
5. **Video Conferencing System:** Tournament shall be played under video supervision. We are using Zoom as Video Conferencing System (VCS) during the tournament. Players should login to Zoom with real names with starting rank mentioned on Chess-Results.com.
6. **Session:** The rate of play shall be 15 minutes with an increment of 05 seconds per move from move number one.
7. **Tournament type & System of Play:** "Online Chess with supervision" (Part IIIa) of Fide Online Chess Regulation. The Championship will be played under Fide Online Chess Regulation and the Swiss system.
8. **Pairing / Results:** Pairings will be made by the Platform. The results and provisional standings will be published in www.chess-results.com in accordance with announced tie break. However, the final standings published in GSCA website after Fair Play check will be the official one.
9. Downloadable E-participation Certificates will be awarded to all participants
10. **Tie Break:** Following is the order of tie-break:
 1. Buchholz Cut 1
 2. Buchholz
 3. Sonneborn-Berger
 4. Direct encounter
 5. The greater number of wins including forfeits
 6. Number of wins with Black pieces
11. **Protest:** Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/- within 15 Minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
12. **Appeals Committee:** Before the commencement of the tournament, a three-member appeals committee shall be formed by the GSCA.
13. **Withdrawal:** If any player is absent for any round without intimation to Chief Arbiter will be removed for all the remaining rounds without further notice.
14. **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 the rules, without prior notice. However, such changes should be approved by the GSCA. Such changes will, however, be communicated to all concerned.
15. **Registration of Players:** All participants in the Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2021-2022 before their entry registration on AICF Online portal. Online AICF registration can be done at the website <https://prs.aicf.in/players>
16. **Pre-move:** Pre-move is not permitted and this feature will be **turned off from the setting.**
17. **50 move rule and 3-fold repetition:** 50 move rule and 3-fold repetition rule will be automatically enforced.

18. Overriding Online results: Be aware of the various positions that are automatically declared drawn by the server. In general, the result prescribed by Tornelo will stand (see the set list of drawn positions). However, there are positions such as the one in the diagram.



With black to play in this position, it is checkmate after h2, then Ng3 for white. With black to play, if black lets his or her time expire, then the server will automatically call this a draw. In the unlikely situation that this or a similar position happens, players may appeal to an Appeals Panel and appeal that they should be declared the winner of the game.

Positions Declared Drawn

The following combinations will result in draws for insufficient material and will be automatically claimed by the server:

K+N vs K+N

K+N vs K

K+B vs K

K vs. K

K+B vs K+B (even with opposite-colored bishops)

K+N+N vs K

The following combinations will result in a draw if the player with the pawn flags down. Note that this goes for any pawn including a and h pawns:

K+N vs. K+P K+B vs K+P

These games will be scored as draws automatically by the server, and will be scored as such for our competition even though this is not in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

19. Playing Device: Only laptop or desktop computer (Only Windows OS will be allowed) are only allowed as playing device. (Mobile phones and tabs are strictly not allowed). Apple Macs are strictly not allowed.

20. Web-browser: Google Chrome web browser is highly recommended by the playing platform. Only tabs open in the web-browser are for the platform being used i.e. Tornelo

21. Internet connection: Internet connectivity is the player's responsibility. Please ensure you have a reliable connection which you trust.

22. Webcam: A functioning web cam is mandatory so that arbiters can comfortably see you and your surroundings. Players must be able to scan their playing area using their webcam.

23. Lighting: Adequate and even lighting is required, including on the players' faces. Natural light can be sufficient but artificial lighting is highly recommended for consistency. Please ensure that you and your surroundings will be visible on camera at all times.

24. Microphone / Speakers: A working microphone & speakers are mandatory. You must be able to hear arbiters. Please make sure speakers are turned on before the start of competition so arbiters can communicate with you. The arbiter may request that you turn up your microphone in order to observe noise originating from your call. Players must comply with this request.

25. Headphones: During play, head phones will not be permitted during the course of play. You may use them before or after the games.

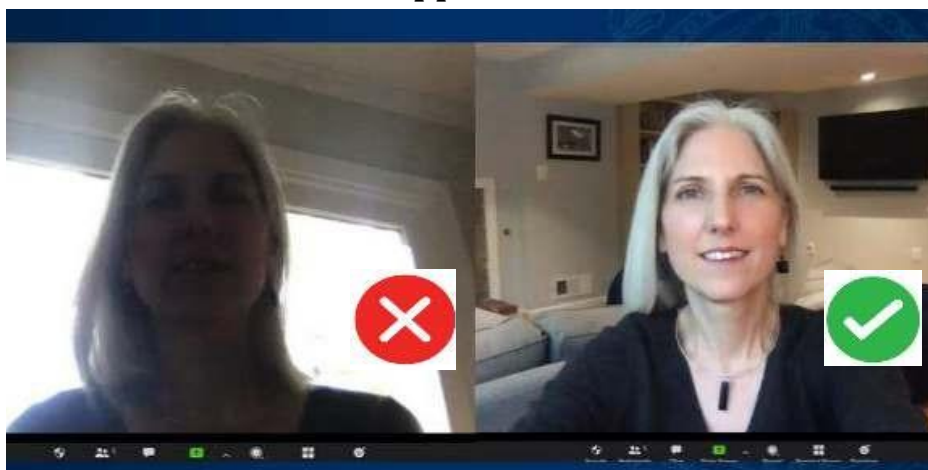
26. Playing area:

- a. Your playing area should be clear of all electronic devices except your playing computer.
- b. Cell phones and other handheld devices should be out of sight and out of reach. Players may be asked to have their belongings checked by an arbiter.
- c. All applications except for Zoom and web browser (Only Tornado Website) must have their tasks ended in the task manager and they may not be opened during the course of play.
- d. We require that all the notifications / pop-ups be turned off during the time of match.
- e. You should be alone in your playing area, ideally in a location with limited foot traffic.
- f. Players should be facing a wall in their playing area and are prohibited from directly facing a window or door.
- g. Players should not have a second monitor connected to their playing computer
- h. Players should not have written note so any reading material in their playing area
- i. The playing area will be checked by proctors and/or arbiters before the round begins. If a player leaves the playing area view, they may be subject to a truncated security check up on returning.
- j. Players are not permitted to leave the view of the camera at any time during the run of play. They may not leave the playing area for any reason and must always be visible on camera.

27. Zoom video call:

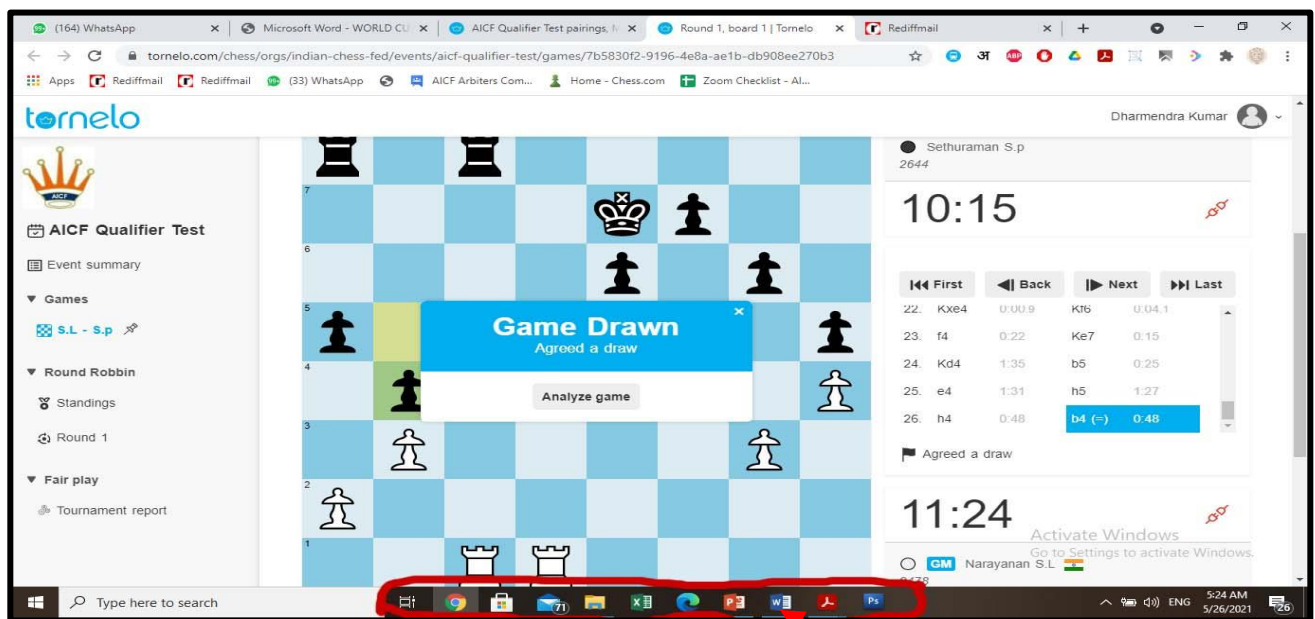
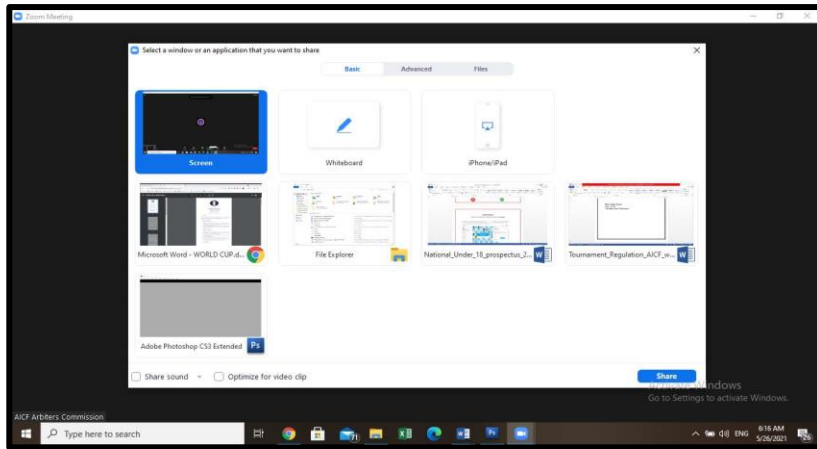
- a. Players must be present in the designated Zoom video call at least One hour before the beginning of first round and will be available throughout the last game of the day. In the event they are late, they will still be subject to a full fair play check at the arbiter's and proctor's discretion which may affect their starting clock times.
- b. If players are facing connectivity issues with Zoom, an arbiter must be notified by the players immediately through arbiters chat on tornado.
- c. Players may not leave the Zoom call until their games have completed for the day. Once they have completed a round, they will be free to leave the view of the camera until they return for their pre-game fair play checks.
- d. Players may not turn off their cameras until their games have completed for the day.
- e. Players may not disrupt other players or make unnecessary noise during the run of play.
- f. Virtual Zoom background is not permitted.

Face view appearance on video call

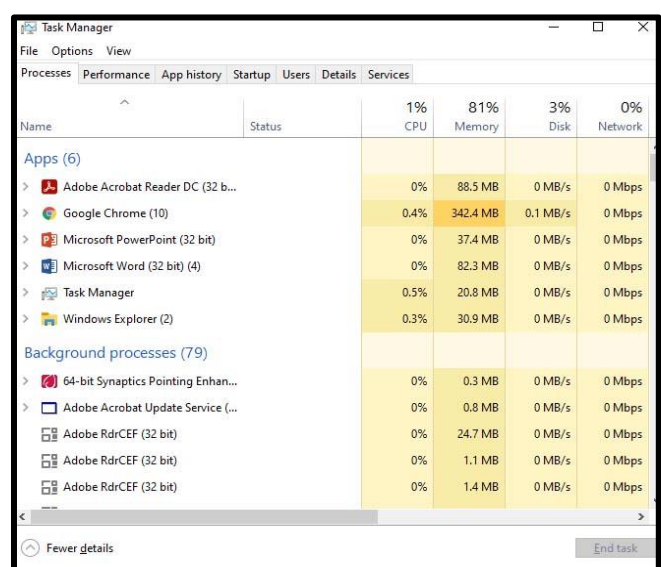
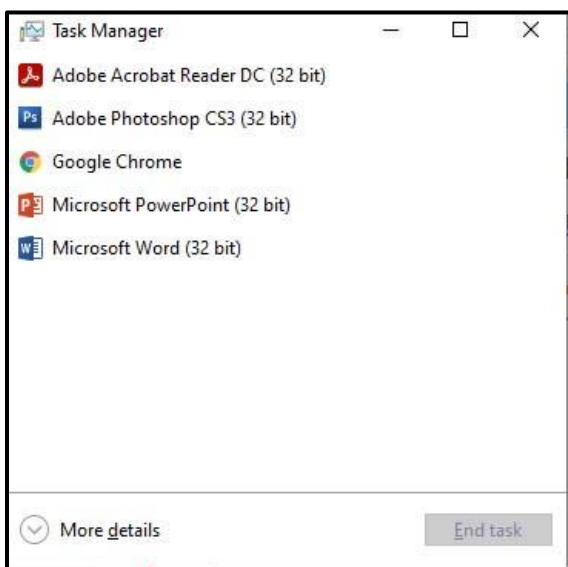


Screen share

Players must share their screen and not just the browser .



Arbiters should be able to see this taskbar that shows which programs are open.



They may also ask to see your computer's Task Manager for confirmation. For task manager, press [ctrl]+[shift]+[esc]

28. Tornelo:

- To avoid mouse slip, turn on move confirmation in Game Preferences setting. Instead of dragging the pieces, click the original square, then click the destination square.
- Do not share your Tornelo password with anyone. Simultaneous multiple connection is not allowed. This will result in fair play violation and immediate loss of the game.
- Players' tornelo.com username must match the username that was used during registration. You may not play on a private account or secret account.
- Player shall enter his FIDE ID as entered in Registration form while joining the event in Tornelo Player profile. If player doesn't have FIDE ID, he can put 0.

29. Disconnections

- It is the player's responsibility to be connected to the playing zone.
This includes providing a stable internet connection and a working playing device.
- During a disconnection both players must not leave their places without the permission of the Arbiter.
- Any disconnection for a duration of 3 minutes or more from Zoom will be declared loss.

30. Communication:

- **Zoom Chat**
- **Arbiters chat on Tornelo (Arbiters call)**

- a. Players shall not be permitted to contact anyone during the course of play.
- b. Players shall have a direct line of communication to their assigned arbiter during the course of play. This shall be done via the Zoom chat, with the Arbiter clearly identified by "Arbiter" in their Zoom name
- c. Players shall notify the Arbiter immediately in the event they are facing a technical issue. If they are unable to contact the arbiter via Zoom due to connectivity issues, they must attempt to reconnect during the round but may not contact via other methods.

31. Penalties:

Cards awarded in a Game.

Warning:

- a. The following offences may result in a player receiving a first and final warning:
 - i. An internet disconnection for a duration of 2 minutes or less
 - ii. Any offence not listed that, in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter, merits the award of a first and final warning.

Yellow card

- b. The following offences may result in a player receiving a yellow card:
 - i. Camera shut off from Zoom via manual shut off
 - ii. Disconnection from Zoom without disconnecting from Tornelo.
 - iii. An internet disconnection for a duration of over 2 minutes and less than 3 minutes
 - iv. Disruption of other players/talking
 - v. Not sharing their screen on the Zoom call
 - vi. Any offence requiring a player to be warned for second time in that game
 - vii. Any offence not listed that, in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter, merits the award of a yellow card.

Red card

- c. The following offences may result in the player receiving a red card:
 - i. Any offence that would result in a player being awarded a second yellow card

32. Bans and Disqualification:

- a. A player will be banned for their next round if they receive either:
 - ii. A red card in one game, or
 - iii. Two yellow cards in two different games
- b. Any serious offence may result in disqualification from the whole tournament, at the discretion of the AICF & Tournament Committee.

33. Additional Actions: In addition, any violations outlined in this section may be subject to additional fair play screening which may result in the player's clock running while the screening is taking place.

34. Fair Play Rules: The fair play measures should be applied in accordance with the FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations and FIDE Anti-Cheating Protection Measures. Multiple mode of Fair Play check will be carried out and any fair play violation will be viewed seriously by GSCA & a strict action will be taken to the player which shall be extended to over the board events also.

35. Selection: The top four players from the State will qualify as official entries for the National Junior Open & Girls, Senior National Women Chess Championships 2021 and their entry fee will be taken care by GSCA on reimbursement basis. Players (Official/Special Entries) desirous to participate in National Championship are required to make the entries before the deadline stipulated by AICF in the National Entries portal.

36. FPP removed players: Any player who has been removed by GSCA FPP during Age Group/School Championship are not eligible to take part in any official events until GSCA Central Council take a decision on this matter. (For detailed Fair Play Rules, click the link: <http://gsca.in/Circular/FAIR%20PLAY%20RULES.pdf>)

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