



Smart Chess Academy 3rd International Open FIDE RAPID Rating Chess Tournament Karur 2026

(AICF EVENT CODE: 465727/TN(R)/2026, TNSCA EVENT CODE: RFR-27/KAR/25-26, KDCA: 19/2025-26/KAR)

(Under the aegis of All India Chess Federation, Tamil Nadu State Chess Association and Karur District Chess Association)

Date : 01/03/2026 (Sunday) (One Day Only)

Venue : Karpaga Mahal, Vennaimalai, Kadhapparai (po), Karur – 639 006
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY & TROPHIES

Rs. 2,50,000/- & 95 CASH PRIZES & 250+ TROPHIES

TOTAL No.OF PRIZES: 345+, All Participants will get CERTIFICATE + MEDAL

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

01/03/2026 (Sunday) Arrival/Reporting: 08.30 am Inaugural Function: 08.45 am

01.03.2026	Round 1	09.30 am	01.03.2026	Round 6	02.20 pm
01.03.2026	Round 2	10.30 am	01.03.2026	Round 7	03.10 pm
01.03.2026	Round 3	11.20 am	01.03.2026	Round 8	04.00 pm
01.03.2026	Round 4	12.10 pm	01.03.2026	Round 9	04.50 pm
01.03.2026	Round 5	01.30 pm	01.03.2026	P D	06.15 pm

15 & above
entries through
 Academy or School
 or College will get
Shields
FREE
ACCOMMODATION



Last Date for Registration: 26.02.2026

ENTRY FEE
For All Players
Rs.1250
 Free for GMs, IMs,
 WGMs, WIMs
OFFER Rs.1100
 till 20.02.2026

Time Control : Each 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment per Move

CHIEF ARBITER: IA UMAPATHY M 9843331032

DEPUTY CHIEF ARBITER: FA SIVARAMAKRISHNAN R 9600012893

REGISTRATION

Contact Organizer	Entry Fee can be paid online through the following website	Scan & Pay
Mr. R. MANIGANDAN 9976789573	signinchess.com, chessfee.com chessentry.in, easypaychess.com bookmyfee.com, circlechess.com, ticket360.co.in/event	 <small>manigandan ayyappan</small>

BANK DETAILS

Current A/c No : 1808202100000336, Beneficiary Name : SMART CHESS ACADEMY, Bank Name : PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, IFSC : PUNB0180820, Branch : KARUR M.G. ROAD, Send details to Email ID : timeican8789@gmail.com

PRIZE DETAILS

Place	Main Prize	Rated Between (1400-1500)	Rated Between (1501-1600)	Rated Between (1601-1750)	Unrated Players
1 st	Rs.20,000+T	Rs.4,000+T	Rs.4,000+T	Rs.4,000+T	Rs.4,000+T
2 nd	Rs.17,500+T	Rs.3,000	Rs.3,000	Rs.3,000	Rs.3,000
3 rd	Rs.15,000+T	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000
4 th	Rs.12,500	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000	Rs.2,000
5 th	Rs.10,000	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500
6 th	Rs.8,000	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500
7 th	Rs.7,000	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500	Rs.1,500
8 th	Rs.6,000	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250
9 th	Rs.5,000	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250
10 th	Rs.4,500	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250	Rs.1,250
11 th	Rs.3,000	Best Women (26 & Above Years)	Best Specially Challenged Players	Best Veterans (55 & Above Years)	Best Karur District Male
12 th	Rs.3,000				
13 th	Rs.2,000				
14 th	Rs.2,000	1 st - 1,500+T	1 st - 1,500+T	1 st - 1,500+T	1 st - 2,000+T
15 th	Rs.2,000	2 nd - 1,250	2 nd - 1,250	2 nd - 1,250	2 nd - 1,500
16 th	Rs.1,500	3 rd - 1,250	3 rd - 1,250	3 rd - 1,250	3 rd - 1,250
17 th	Rs.1,500	Best Andrapradesh Player	Best Karnataka Player	Best Pondicherry Player	4 th - 1,250
18 th	Rs.1,500				5 th - 1,250
19 th	Rs.1,500	1 st - 1,500	1 st - 1,500	1 st - 1,500	Best Karur District Female
20 th	Rs.1,500	Best Telangana Player	Best Kerala Player	Best Other State Player	
21 st to 30 th	Each Rs.1,250	1 st - 1,500	1 st - 1,500	1 st - 1,500	1 st - 2,000+T 2 nd - 1,500 3 rd - 1,250 4 th - 1,250 5 th - 1,250
		All Participants will get Certificates & Medals. Best Supportive Awards to Academy/School/College			

Category Prizes :Under 09,11,13,17,25 Players will be awarded with 250 Mega Trophies

Category	Trophies	Category	Trophies	Karur District Players	Born on or after
Under 09 Boys	20	Under 09 Girls	20	Boys - 5	Girls - 5
Under 11 Boys	20	Under 11 Girls	20	Boys - 5	Girls - 5
Under 13 Boys	20	Under 13 Girls	20	Boys - 5	Girls - 5
Under 17 Boys	20	Under 17 Girls	20	Boys - 5	Girls - 5
Under 25 Boys	20	Under 25 Girls	20	Boys - 5	Girls - 5

All Under-8 Youngest Players will get Special Trophies (Born on or after 01.01.2018)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules	The Latest FIDE RAPID Rules in force shall apply and the Swiss System will be followed.
System of Play	Total Nine Rounds shall be played.
Time Control	Each 10 minutes plus 5 seconds increment from Move No. 1
Default time	Default time is 10 minutes. Players have to be at the board within 10 minutes from start of the round.
Tie Breaks	Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn Berger, Direct encounter, Number of wins (forfeit included) & Number of wins with Black pieces tie-break rules will be applied. In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.
Accommodation	Free Accommodation. Dormitory Type Hall will be provided. Bring your own beddings.
AICF Player Registration	AICF player registration is compulsory for all Indian players. AICF Player Registration fee is Rs. 300/- for the year 2025-2026. As per latest AICF regulation dated 31.07.2017, it is informed that from 01 September, 2017 all AICF registrations will be accepted only through online. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that AICF player's registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament. For renewing AICF registration of existing players, please click https://prs.aicf.in/players For fresh AICF registration please click https://prs.aicf.in/new-register For fresh AICF registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address (unique) not used by any other person/ player for AICF, ready before the registration process. Note: Only passport size (less than 1MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.
TNSCA Player Registration	TNSCA player registration is compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players. TNSCA Player Registration fee is Rs.150/- for the year 2025-2026. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that TNSCA player's registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament. For renewing TNSCA player registration of existing players, please click https://registration.tamilchess.com/ For fresh TNSCA registration please click https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/ For fresh TNSCA registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address ready before the registration process. Note: Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.
Karur District Player Reg.	KDCA player registration fee is Rs. 75/- for the year 2025-2026 (for Karur District Players only)
Protest	Protests if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with protest fee of Rs.500/- within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident to the appeals committee. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
Appeals Committee	Before the commencement of the Tournament, appeals committee will be formed from the senior participants present at the players meeting. The appeals committee decisions will be final and binding on all players concerned.
Withdrawals	A player may withdraw at any stage of the event, after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.
Right of admission	The AICF/TNSCA /KAR DCA/Organizer SMART Chess Academy reserves the rights of admission.
Wrist watches Mobile	As per AICF regulation, wrist watches and any other electronic devices like mobiles are strictly prohibited inside the playing hall in FIDE rated events
Silence in the Hall	Strict silence must be observed in the Tournament Hall. Players who have finished their games shall not remain in the tournament hall. Players shall not analyze the game in the tournament hall.
COVID Protocol	All the participants must follow the latest COVID Protocol as started by Government of Tamil Nadu & India.
Cash Prize	Prize Money will be distributed by CASH only
Note	Birth Certificate is necessary for Category Prize. 'Smoking' Strictly Prohibited inside the Karpaga Mahal.
Last Date	Entries will be closed at 10.00 pm on 26/02/2026. Strictly No Spot Entries.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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CHIEF GUESTS

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R. AYYAPPAN

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KARUR OLD BUS STAND TO VENUE

Town Bus and Mini Bus are available from Karur Old Bus Stand to Venue

Vennaimalai Bus Stop near Karpaga Mahal

Parking is available opposite of Karpaga Mahal

Accommodation, Car Parking & Canteen Facilities are available at the Venue