



# 15<sup>th</sup> Chennai Open International Grandmasters Chess Tournament 2024 for Sakthi Group Dr. N. Mahalingam Trophy

FIDE/AICF Event code: 378820/TN/2024  
& TNSCA Approval No: INT-01/TN/24-25

Organised by: Tamil Nadu State Chess Association  
Under the guidance of All India Chess Federation

Category 'A' (ELO 2000 & above)  
(as on Dec. 2024 FRL)

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Venue: Hotel Ramada Egmore**

**Gandhi Irwin Rd, Ansari Estate, Egmore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600008 (Near  
Egmore Railway Station) Ph: 044-4610 4777**

The venue is about one hour drive from Chennai airport, 10 minutes from MGR  
Central Railway Station and 5 minutes from Egmore Railway station

**Total Cash Prize: Rs. 20,00,000/-**

## Main Prizes

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rs. 4,00,000/-	8 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 60,000/-
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rs. 3,00,000/-	9 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 55,000/-
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rs. 1,80,000/-	10 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 50,000/-
4 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 1,25,000/-	11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 25,000/- each
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 1,00,000/-	16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 20,000/- each
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 85,000/-	21 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 15,000/- each
7 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 70,000/-	31 <sup>st</sup> to 40 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 10,000/- each

## Category Prizes

ELO Rating	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
2300 to 2399	Rs.10000/-	Rs.8000/-	Rs.7000/-
2200 to 2299	Rs.10000/-	Rs.8000/-	Rs.7000/-
2100 to 2199	Rs.10000/-	Rs.8000/-	Rs.7000/-
2000 to 2099	Rs.10000/-	Rs.8000/-	Rs.7000/-

**However, a player is eligible for one prize only (whichever is higher)**  
**Indian Income Tax Act and rules in force will be applicable for TDS purpose.**

### Tournament Schedule:

<b>Arrival</b>	8.00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2025
<b>Technical Meeting</b>	2.00 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2025
<b>Inaugural Ceremony</b>	2.30 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2025

02.01.2025	Thursday	03.00 PM	Round 1
03.01.2025	Friday	10.00 AM	Round 2
03.01.2025	Friday	04.00 PM	Round 3
04.01.2025	Saturday	10.00 AM	Round 4
05.01.2025	Sunday	10.00 AM	Round 5
05.01.2025	Sunday	04.00 PM	Round 6
06.01.2025	Monday	10.00 AM	Round 7
07.01.2025	Tuesday	10.00 AM	Round 8
08.01.2025	Wednesday	10.00 AM	Round 9
09.01.2025	Thursday	10.00 AM	Round 10
09.01.2025	Thursday	05.00 PM	Closing Ceremony
09.01.2025	Thursday	07.00 PM	Departure

### Entry Fee:

**GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs and Rated 2400 and above - No entry Fee.**

**All rated players Rs.10,000/- will be the entry fee without lodging.**  
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)

**The last date of entry will be 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 (Friday)**

Contact details:

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Website: [www.tamilchess.com](http://www.tamilchess.com)

Entry fee can be paid through online portal, use the link given below

1. [www.chessfee.com](http://www.chessfee.com)
2. [www.easypaychess.com](http://www.easypaychess.com)
3. [www.signinchess.com](http://www.signinchess.com)
4. [www.chessentry.com](http://www.chessentry.com)

## **Tournament Rules**

### **System of Play**

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 10 rounds.

### **Time Control**

**90 Minutes each with 30 seconds increment from move no.1.**

### **Default Time**

**15 Minutes.** Any player who arrives at the chess board after the default time shall lose the game.

### **Tie Break**

1) Buchholz cut 1 2) Buchholz 3) Sonneborn-Berger 4) Direct Encounter 5) Greater number of wins including forfeit games 6) Number of wins with black pieces.

In the event of tie the cash prizes will not be shared.

### **Condition for draw by agreement**

Players should not agree for a draw in a game without completing 30 moves each.

### **Ban on Electronic devices and Wrist watch**

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

## **Boarding & Lodging**

All GMs will be provided free boarding and hotel accommodation on double sharing basis.

All IMs/WGMs/WIMs will be provided free boarding and hotel accommodation on triple sharing basis.

All other participants / accompanying persons who require lodging may contact Mr.V.Dhanasekaran (Mobile 9841748583 / 9884748583)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **AICF Player Registration**

All Indian players must be registered with AICF for the year 2024 – 2025 before the registration deadline to participate in the tournament. Those who have not registered with AICF are required to do AICF registration online at <https://prs.aicf.in/players> before sending their entry.

### **TNSCA Player Registration**

All Tamil Nadu players must be registered with TNSCA as player for the year 2024 – 2025 before the registration deadline to participate in the tournament. Those who have not registered with TNSCA are required to do TNSCA registration online at <https://registration.tamilchess.com/> before sending their entry.

### **Protest**

Protest, if any against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000/- within one hour of the completion of the game. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

### **Appeals Committee**

Before the commencement of the tournament, a five member committee of Appeal with two reserves shall be formed by the organisers. All the members and reserves shall be from different federation. No member of the committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own federation is involved and in such case the reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee.

### **Organising Secretary**

Mr. B. Murugavel  
Vice President, TNSCA

### **Tournament Director**

Mr. P. Stephen Balasamy  
General Secretary, TNSCA

### **Technical Director**

Mr. R. Anantharam  
Vice President, TNSCA

For further assistance please contact:

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**Hotels near the tournament venue:**

Lakshmi Lodge, 16, Kennet Lane, Egmore (opposite to Egmore Railway Station)	Ph: +91 44 42148725/26/27 Mobile: +91 98409 00342
Hotel Pandian, 15, Kennet Lane, Egmore (opposite to Egmore Railway Station)	Ph: +91 44 28192727 Mobile: +91 98414 21207 +91 98414 21202
Vestin Park Hotel 39, Red Cross Road, Egmore	Ph: +91 44 28527171 Mobile +91 99400 11946



**Dr. N. Mahalingam, founder, Sakthi group of companies was a chess philanthropist beyond comparison. His compassion for chess players in distress was phenomenal. He expressed his appreciation of the achievements of chess players with meaningful gifts that inspired them to higher efforts. As a former President of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association and All India Chess Federation, Dr. N. Mahalingam Championed the growth and the development of the game.**