



2nd MAHARASHTRA INTERNATIONAL OPEN GRANDMASTER CHESS TOURNAMENT 2023

(For above 2000 rated players only)

ORGANISED BY: MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION

UNDER THE AGEIS OF: ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

From 1st to 9th June 2023

VENUE: HOTEL CENTRE POINT – NAGPUR

ADDRESS: 24, CENTRAL BAZAAR ROAD, RAMDASPEETH, NAGPUR – 440010

GOOGLE MAPS LINK: <https://goo.gl/maps/g5bVhz2ijd4nGWEZ8>

AICF EVENT CODE: 325095/MAH/2023

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY Rs. 25,00,000/-

1. Eligibility:

- The tournament is open for players who have a Standard FIDE rating of 2000 and above as per the June 2023 rating list.
- RTPCR or final vaccination certificate.

2. System of Play:

- The Tournament shall be played under the FIDE Laws of Chess for a total of 11 rounds on a Swiss-League basis.

3. Time Control:

- Each player shall have 90 minutes with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

4. Tournament Schedule:

Date	Day	Event	Time
31 st May	Wednesday	Arrival	1:00 pm onwards
1 st June	Thursday	Technical Meeting	2:00 pm
1 st June	Thursday	Inauguration	2:30 pm
1 st June	Thursday	Round 1	3:00 pm
2 nd June	Friday	Round 2	9:00 am
2 nd June	Friday	Round 3	3:00 pm
3 rd June	Saturday	Round 4	10:00 am
4 th June	Sunday	Round 5	9:00 am
4 th June	Sunday	Round 6	3:00 pm
5 th June	Monday	Round 7	10:00 am
6 th June	Tuesday	Round 8	10:00 am
7 th June	Wednesday	Round 9	10:00 am
8 th June	Thursday	Round 10	10:00 am
9 th June	Friday	Round 11	10:00 am
9 th June	Friday	Closing Ceremony	4:00 pm
9 th June	Friday	Departure	5:00 pm onwards

5. Entry Fee:

- No entry fee for GMs, IMs, WGMs and WIMs.
- No entry fee for foreign players rated above 2000.
- Rated from 2000 to 2200 – Rs. 10,000.
- Rated 2200 and above – Rs. 8,500.
- All Maharashtra players can avail discount of Rs. 1,000.
- Last date of entry submission – 22nd May 2023
- Last date of entry submission with late fee of Rs. 500 – 28th May 2023
- No request towards waiver of entry fee or late fee will be entertained.
- Players can register via the link given below:

<https://forms.gle/MsHGp9ik974puGaL7>

- Bank account details for entry fee payment:

Account Name	Maharashtra Chess Association
Bank Name	Kotak Mahindra Bank
Account No.	1146360584
Branch	Senapati Bapat Road, Pune
IFSC Code	KKBK0001779
SWIFT Code	KKBKINBBXXX

- Participants are to mandatorily attach the transaction receipt in the Google Form link given above and send it via email to maharashtrachessassociation@gmail.com.
- Entry will be subject to rating verification as per the June 2023 classical rating list.
- For any queries related to the payments please contact Mr. Rohit Tembe - +91 8007944674

6. Accommodation:

- All GM's will be provided free lodging & boarding on double sharing basis.
- All IM's, WGM's and WIM's having rating 2200 and above and foreign rated players will be provided free lodging & boarding on double sharing basis.
- All other players can avail lodging & boarding at subsidized rates. The rooms will be available on first come first serve basis or you can arrange the accommodation on your own.
- All participants need to confirm their accommodation (including extra person – if any) requirement while registering for the tournament via email to [\(maharashtrachessassociation@gmail.com\)](mailto:maharashtrachessassociation@gmail.com)

7. AICF and MCA registration 2023-2024 for Indian Players:

- All Indian participants shall be registered with AICF for the year 2023-24 before submitting entry for this tournament. Players not yet registered can do so by remitting a sum of Rs. 300/- online on <https://prs.aicf.in>.
- All participants from Maharashtra shall be registered with MCA for the year 2023-24 before submitting entry for this tournament. Players not yet registered can do so by remitting a sum of Rs. 150/- online on https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php.

8. Prize Structure:

- **Main Prizes (Total – Rs. 21,40,000):**

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 3,50,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 2,75,000 + trophy
3 rd Rank	Rs. 2,00,000 + trophy
4 th Rank	Rs. 1,75,000
5 th Rank	Rs. 1,50,000
6 th Rank	Rs. 1,25,000
7 th Rank	Rs. 1,00,000
8 th Rank	Rs. 75,000
9 th Rank	Rs. 60,000
10 th Rank	Rs. 60,000
11 th Rank	Rs. 40,000
12 th & 13 th Ranks	Rs. 35,000 each
14 th & 15 th Ranks	Rs. 30,000 each
16 th to 20 th Ranks	Rs. 25,000 each
21 st to 30 th Ranks	Rs. 20,000 each
31 st to 35 th Ranks	Rs. 15,000 each

- **Category Prizes (Total – Rs. 3,60,000):**

Below 2400

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 15,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 14,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 14,000

Below 2300

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 13,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 12,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 12,000

Below 2200

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 12,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 11,000

Below 2100

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000

Best Maharashtra

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 15,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 13,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 12,000

Best Female:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 35,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 30,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 25,000

**Special Prize: Game of the Round – Rs. 3,000/- each round.****Game of the Tournament – Rs. 10,000/- amongst game of round winners.****Best Emerging Player (Male & Female) – Rs. 20,000/- each****Prize Money Notes:**

- The prizes shall not be shared and a player would be eligible for one higher prize only.
- Tax will be deducted as per the Indian Income Tax Act.
- All payments to Indian players would be made by bank transfer.
- Prize winners from foreign countries would be required to submit a copy of their passport & visa.

9. Default Time (Walkover Time):

- The default time will be 15 minutes.

10. The Drawn Game:

- The players shall not agree for a draw without consent of arbiter before each player makes 30 moves.

11. Tie-Break:

- Following tie breaks will be implemented:
 - a. Buchholz Cut 1.
 - b. Buchholz.
 - c. SB.
 - d. Direct Encounter.
 - e. Greater number of wins (including forfeit points)
 - f. Greater number of wins with Black pieces

12. Protest:

Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only) within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The amount would be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

13. Appeals Committee:

Appeals Committee will be formed in the technical meeting. The decision of the said committee shall be final and binding on all the participants.

14. Interpretation:

For further interpretations of the rule(s) and deciding any aspect not covered by the said tournament prospectus, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all the participants. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition/deletion/amendment to these rules. However, such changes shall be displayed on the noticeboard.

15. Visa Assistance to Foreign Players:

- Foreign players with valid FIDE ID who desire visa assistance are required to write to the All-India Chess Federation (AICF):
ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION #101-102, A Block, First Floor, Naurang House, 21, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110001
- Email indianchessfed@gmail.com / www.aicf.in

16. Players are not allowed to carry bags, mobile phones, wrist watches and other electronic devices to the playing arena. Arrangements will be made for players to deposit their bags, mobile phones, etc.**17. Force Majeure:**

The organizing committee bear no responsibility in case of a Force Majeure which might lead to cancellation or postponement of the event.

18. Important Contacts:

1. Niranjan Godbole – Tournament Director – +91-9673003780
2. KK Barat – Jt. Organising Secretary and Accommodations - +91-9422174490
3. Bhushan Shriwas – Jt. Organising Secretary and Accommodations – +91-9890860484
4. Rohit Tembe – Registrations – +91-8007944674
5. Amit Kench – Accommodations - +91-9923429561

COVID PROTOCOL

- All players are required to mandatorily adhere the Covid Protocol issued by Government of India/Government of Maharashtra at the time of the tournament.
- All players are required to maintain social distancing and hand sanitization at all times.
- Wearing of mask is not mandatory at present in Maharashtra but at the time of the tournament everyone will have to abide by the guidelines of state and central government at the time.
- Any symptomatic players will be removed from the championship as precaution. All players are obliged to obey this rule and no protest can be made against this decision of Organizing Committee.
- All officials and arbiters should be fully vaccinated.
- Parents and accompanying persons are not allowed inside the tournament hall at all times.
- 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.
- Due to any unforeseen scenario, if the event needs to be cancelled, then the organisers obligation is limited to refunding the entry fee paid by the players.
- By enrolling for the events, the players are abiding by all the terms and conditions of the championship for participation.