



MEPCO Sports Academy 1st FIDE Rated Rapid Open Chess Tournament -2026

AICF EVENT CODE: 492185/TN(R)/2026

TNSCA Approval no: RFR-17/VNR/26-27

Organized by

**MEPCO Sports Academy
Association with Sivakasi Chess Sparklers**

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Date: 30-08-2026

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Venue: Mepco Schlenk Engineering College, Sivakasi
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Total Prize Money: Rs.2,00,000/-

Additional trophies will be awarded to Under 8, 12 & 15 (as mentioned in the prize structure below) categories.

Entry fee: Rs.1000/-

Rs.800/- for Virudhunagar District Players

Entry fee to be paid through

www.signinchess.com / chessfee.com / easypaychess.com

SMS / Whatsapp / E-mail entries will not be accepted.

Lunch will be provided for all participants

Last date for entry: 05.00 PM, 28.08.2026

1st round pairings will be published on 29th August

Schedule

Round	Date	Time	Round	Date	Time	Round	Date	Time
1	30-08-2026	09.30 AM	4	30-08-2026	12.30 PM	7	30-08-2026	03.30 PM
2	30-08-2026	10.30 AM	5	30-08-2026	01.30 PM	8	30-08-2026	04.30 PM
3	30-08-2026	11.30 AM	6	30-08-2026	02.30 PM	9	30-08-2026	05.30 PM

Total Cash Prizes - 56

PRIZES	OPEN	1401 to 1500		1501 to 1600	
1	Rs.26000	1	Rs.3000	1	Rs.3000
2	Rs.22000	2	Rs.2000	2	Rs.2000
3	Rs.17000	3	Rs.1500	3	Rs.1500
4	Rs.15000	4	Rs.1000	4	Rs.1000
5	Rs.10000	5	Rs.1000	5	Rs.1000
6	Rs.8000				
7	Rs.7000	1601 to 1700		1701 to 1800	
8	Rs.6000	1	Rs.3000	1	Rs.3000
9	Rs.5000	2	Rs.2000	2	Rs.2000
10	Rs.4000	3	Rs.1500	3	Rs.1500
11 & 12	Rs.3000	4	Rs.1000	4	Rs.1000
13 to 15	Rs.2500	5	Rs.1000	5	Rs.1000
16 to 20	Rs.2000	Best Unrated		BEST VNR Dist	
21 to 25	Rs.1500	1	Rs.2000	1	Rs.1500
26 to 30	Rs.1000	2	Rs.1500	2	Rs.1000
Best Veteran > 55		Best Women > 14			
Rs.2000		Rs.2000			

Trophies for Under 8, 12 and 15 boys & girls (separate for Virudhunagar district players)

Rules & Regulations

System of play: Rapid rules will be followed.

Time control: 15 min + 5 sec per move.

Time delay increment will be followed instead of the regular Fischer increment.

In the time delay mode, if the increment time of 5 seconds is not used completely for a move, the unused increment time will **not** be added to the main time.

Default Time: 15 minutes

Tie- break: Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn Berger, Direct encounter,
Number of wins and Number of wins with black.

Prizes will not be shared in case of tie.

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AICF Player Registration

AICF player registration is compulsory for all players. AICF player registration fee is Rs.300/- for the year **2026 – 2027**. AICF player registrations will be accepted only through online. Players' registration should be done well before the start of the event.

For renewing AICF registration of existing players, please click <http://aicf.in/players/> and click extend membership.

For (new) fresh AICF registration, please click <http://aicf.in/online-player-registration/>

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 1 MB) 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 **2026 – 2027**. Player registration should be done well before the start of event. New entrants to the field of chess are informed that TNSCA player 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.

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Virudhunagar DCA player registration

Virudhunagar District Chess Association player registration is compulsory for Virudhunagar district players only. The fee for the year **2026 – 27** is Rs.50/- only has to paid only through <https://pages.razorpay.com/vdca>

Appeals Committee: An Appeals Committee will be formed during the technical meeting.

Protests: Protests, if any against the decision of the arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee Rs.2000/- (Rs. Two Thousand only) within 15 minutes of the **completion of the game**. The protest fee is refundable only if the protest is upheld. The decision of the appeals committee on all protests shall be final and binding.

Interpretation: For interpretation of the rules and deciding any point not covered by the rules, the decision of the tournament committee shall be final and binding.

Withdrawals: A player may withdraw at any stage of the event, after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing

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- ❖ 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/ Tamil Nadu State Chess Association/All India Chess Federation.
 - ❖ if any player withdrawals before the 1st round pairing or tournament organiser reschedules the tournament then full amount paid by the payer should be refunded to the player.
 - ❖ By enrolling for the events, the players are abiding by all the terms and conditions of the tournament for participation

Organizing Committee

- 1) Mr. N. Narendran Kamak, Sivakasi Chess Sparklers, 9843426884
- 2) Dr.K. Devaraju, Director, Mepco Sports Academy, 9842568513
- 3) Mr. AC Ganesh, Sivakasi Chess Sparklers
- 4) Mrs. A.M.K. Saliha Banu, Physical Directress, Mepco Schlenk Engineering College
- 5) Dr. N. Lingaraj, Physical Director, Mepco Schlenk Engineering College

Tournament Director : Dr. S. Arivazhagan, Principal, Mepco Schlenk Engineering College

Tournament Coordinator: Prof.R.Anantharam, International Arbiter

Organizing Secretary : Mr. N. Narendran Kamak, Sivakasi Chess Sparklers

Chief Arbiter : C. Jeyam Subbaiah , IA