

28 November 2026 / Saturday

SOUTH OPEN

FIDE RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026

From the organisers of Bengaluru Open 2026

A massive 1,095 entries

Ever recorded in one-day FIDE Rapid in India

Rapid: 9 rounds | 10 + 5 | Reporting 8 AM | Round 1: 9 AM IST

₹4,00,000

Total Cash Prize Fund

100+ Category Prizes | Trophies & Medals

200+ PRIZES

Register



Location

**Sri Sai Palace**

Mysore Road Junction, Kengeri, Bengaluru - 560060

Entry Fees & Schedule

FIDE Rapid

Early Bird	₹1,000	Till 28 October
Early Bird	₹1,500	29 October - 8 November
Regular Entry	₹1,999	9 - 25 November
Late Entry	₹2,499	26 November onwards

Free entry: GM, IM, WGM and WIM players only.

Refunds allowed for withdrawals on or before 23 November 2026; none after. Entry fees are non-transferable.

Schedule

Reporting: 8:00 AM

Round 1: 9:00 AM IST

9 rounds | 10+5

Prize distribution: 5:30 PM

Chief Arbiter

Murugasundram K

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FIDE ID / KSCA ID / Gender updates and corrections

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Register for Rapid



Rapid Cash Prizes

Main Prizes

1st	₹30,000	2nd	₹20,000	3rd	₹18,000
4th	₹15,000	5th	₹10,000	6th	₹10,000
7th	₹8,000	15th	₹4,500	23rd	₹3,000
8th	₹7,000	16th	₹4,500	24th	₹3,000
9th	₹6,500	17th	₹4,000	25th	₹3,000
10th	₹5,500	18th	₹4,000	26th	₹2,500
11th	₹5,500	19th	₹4,000	27th	₹2,500
12th	₹5,000	20th	₹4,000	28th	₹2,500
13th	₹4,500	21st	₹4,000	29th	₹2,500
14th	₹4,500	22nd	₹3,000	30th	₹2,500

Unrated

1400-1500

Place	Cash Prize
1st	₹4,000
2nd	₹3,500
3rd	₹3,000
4th	₹2,500
5th	₹2,500
6th	₹2,500
7th	₹2,500
8th	₹2,500
9th	₹2,500
10th	₹2,500
11th	₹2,000
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13th	₹2,000
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8th	₹2,500
9th	₹2,500
10th	₹2,500
11th	₹2,000
12th	₹2,000
13th	₹2,000
14th	₹2,000
15th	₹2,000

Rapid Category Prizes

1501-1600

1st	₹4,500
2nd	₹3,500
3rd	₹3,000
4th	₹2,500
5th	₹2,500
6th	₹2,500
7th	₹2,500
8th	₹2,500
9th	₹2,500
10th	₹2,500

1601-1700

1st	₹5,000
2nd	₹4,000
3rd	₹3,000
4th	₹3,000
5th	₹2,500
6th	₹2,500
7th	₹2,500
8th	₹2,500
9th	₹2,500
10th	₹2,500

1701-1800

1st	₹6,000
2nd	₹4,500
3rd	₹3,500
4th	₹3,000
5th	₹3,000
6th	₹3,000
7th	₹3,000
8th	₹3,000
9th	₹3,000
10th	₹3,000

Special Prizes

Best Women Player	1st ₹3,000 2nd ₹2,500
Best Physically Challenged Player	1st ₹3,000 2nd ₹2,500
Best Visually Challenged Player	1st ₹3,000 2nd ₹2,500
Best Veteran Player	1st ₹3,000 2nd ₹2,500
Best Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Player	1st ₹3,000 2nd ₹2,500

100+ Category Prizes

U7 | U9 | U11 | U13 | U15

Each Age Group: Boys and Girls Separately

1st	Trophy
2nd	Trophy
3rd	Trophy
4th	Trophy
5th	Trophy

6th	Medal
7th	Medal
8th	Medal
9th	Medal
10th	Medal

School & Academy Awards

Best School	Best Academy - Bangalore
Best Academy - Tamil Nadu	Best Academy - Karnataka
Best Academy - Kerala	Best Academy - Andhra Pradesh
Best Academy - Telangana	

Rules & Regulations

01. Time Control

FIDE Rapid: 10+5 (10 minutes + 5 seconds increment).

02. System of Play

The tournament will be conducted under FIDE Laws of Chess using the Swiss System, consisting of 9 rounds.

03. Protests

Protests against a decision of the Chief Arbiter must be made in writing to the Appeals Committee within 10 minutes of the incident, accompanied by a protest fee of ₹1,000. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

04. Withdrawals During Play

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

05. Withdrawal Deadline

The last date for pre-tournament withdrawal is 23 November 2026.

06. Appeals Committee

A five-member Appeals Committee shall be formed.

07. Prize Eligibility

Players qualifying for more than one prize will be considered only for the higher prize.

08. Spot Entries

Spot entries will not be entertained, to ensure rounds start on time.

09. Chess Equipment

Chess sets and clocks will be provided to all players.

10. Prize Distribution

Players will forfeit their prize if they are not present during prize distribution.

11. Playing Arena

Players are not allowed to carry bags, mobile phones, wristwatches or other electronic devices into the playing arena.

12. Entry Fees and Refunds

Entry fees are non-transferable. Refunds are allowed for withdrawals made on or before 23 November 2026. No refund will be initiated for withdrawals made after 23 November 2026.

13. AICF Registration

AICF registration is mandatory for all players.

14. KSCA Registration and ID

KSCA registration and a KSCA ID are mandatory for all Karnataka players.

Rules & Regulations

15. Open Participation

The tournament is open to players from all districts, states and countries. Participation is not restricted to Bengaluru players.

16. Certificates

Physical certificates will be awarded only to winners. Participants will receive an e-certificate.

17. Free Entry

Free entry is available to GM, IM, WGM and WIM players only.

18. Acceptance of Entries

The organiser reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.

19. Parents During Rounds

Parents must leave the tournament hall during rounds. If a parent does not leave, the player's entry will be disqualified for interference in the game.

20. Personal Belongings

The organiser is not responsible for personal belongings.

21. Food Stalls

The organiser is not responsible for food stalls or any issues related to the stalls.

22. Damage and Theft

Players must bear the cost of any damage they cause. Legal action will be taken in cases of theft of chess clocks or pieces.

23. Seating

One chair per entry will be provided in the parents' waiting area. Chairs must not be reserved for belongings or players.

24. Use of Available Chairs

Parents may show this seating rule and occupy an available chair. The organiser is not responsible for seating disputes.

25. Active / Valid AICF Registration

Players without active/valid AICF registration will not be paired for the first round. Players or guardians must verify their registration before entering.

26. Tournament Media

Tournament photographs and videos will be used in digital and print media.

27. Photography By Participants

Players and parents are not allowed to take photographs or videos during the tournament. If a player or parent is seen taking photographs or videos, the player's entry will be disqualified.

Venue & Registration



AI-generated venue illustration

Sri Sai Palace

Mysore Road Junction, Kengeri, Bengaluru - 560060

Metro: Challaghatta & Kengeri, 1 km each. Use Kengeri Metro, not Kengeri Bus Terminal Metro.

NICE Road access: BSK 6th Stage 10 mins; Bannerghatta 20 mins; Electronic City / IKEA Nagasandra 30 mins. Majestic 50 mins; Mysuru / Airport 90 mins. BMTC: 226N from Majestic, 227 from KR Market. Travel times are approximate.

Choose Your Registration Platform

Sajjan Academy



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Circlechess



Contacts

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Parking: 100 cars and 100 two-wheelers, first come, first served; spaces are not guaranteed. Arrange parking independently. Do not call the organiser or team for parking assistance, including on tournament day. If full, arrange alternative parking at your own expense.