

3RD RAMAGYA ATHENA INTER SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026

ORGANISED BY : RAMAGYA SCHOOL NOIDA
VENUE : RAMAGYA SCHOOL SECTOR 50 NOIDA
DATE : 28TH TO 30TH OCTOBER 2026

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

ORGANISING TEAM

Tournament Director : Mr Sandeep Kumar -
Chief Arbiter : Mr Vivek Mitra 9871843939
Deputy Chief Arbiter : Ms Anisha Singh
Arbiter : Mr Pankaj Shakya
Arbiter : Mr Amit Kumar
Arbiter : Mr Utkarsh Raj

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Category	Under 07 Category Under 13 Category	Under 09 Category Under 15 Category	Under 11 Category Under 17 Category
Date	28th October 2026	29th October 2026	30th October 2026
Reporting Time	08:30 am	08:30 am	08:30 am
Starting Time	09:30 am	09:30 am	09:30 am
Prize Distribution	01:00 pm	01:00 pm	01:00 pm

CATEGORY, AGE CUT OFF, NO. OF PARTICIPANTS, NO. OF ROUNDS, TOURNAMENT FORMAT

CATEGORY	AGE CUT OFF	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF ROUNDS	TOURNAMENT FORMAT
Under 07 Category	Born in 2019 or later	18	5	Swiss League
Under 09 Category	Born in 2017 or later	23	5	Swiss League
Under 11 Category	Born in 2015 or later	23	5	Swiss League
Under 13 Category	Born in 2013 or later	27	5	Swiss League
Under 15 Category	Born in 2011 or later	21	5	Swiss League
Under 17 Category	Born in 2009 or later	12	5	Swiss League

The tournament will be conducted in above mentioned age group categories. Tournament Format and Number of Rounds might change depending on the number of actual participants.

Players must ensure they meet the age group criterion of their respective categories. During the tournament if any player is found to be over age then he or she will be debarred from participating in the remaining matches and all played games will be considered as walkovers in favour of respective opponents.

Concealment of FIDE ID, Rating or any other relevant fact will lead to disciplinary action as deemed fit by the Organising Team.

The tournament will be played on Swiss League Basis and all players will be playing all rounds in their respective category irrespective of results.

PAIRING SOFTWARE AND UPDATES

Swiss Manager and Chess-Results

PAIRING SYSTEM

SWISS LEAGUE - 1st round pairings will be based on player ratings and alphabetical order whereas 2nd round onwards pairings will be based on points.

TIME CONTROL

Time Control	10 Minutes + 02 Seconds Increment per move
Grace Time	10 Minutes for Round 1
Walkover Time	10 Minutes from starting time of every round except round 1

TIE BREAK SYSTEM

According to the latest guidelines of AICF and FIDE (as updated in Baku 2023 and applicable in India from April 2024) the following tie breaks will be applied :

FOR SWISS LEAGUE FORMAT :

- 1) Bucholz Cut 1
- 2) Bucholz
- 3) Sonneborn-Berger
- 4) Direct Encounter
- 5) Greater Number of wins including forfeit
- 6) Greater Number of wins with black pieces

If still there is a tie for the top 2 or top 3 positions then Chief Arbiter might use other Tie Breaks or Play Off or Armageddon.

SCORING METHOD

The scoring method will be 1, 1/2, 0 for every game.

Player will get full point in case of pairing allocated bye and walkover.

30 move draw rule is not applicable so players can agree to draw after completion of 1st move.

NOTATION

Notation is not compulsory but its advisable to use standard chess notation for claiming three fold repetitions, perpetual checks etc.

Players can also analyse their games and learn from their games through it.

Notation sheets and pens will be provided by the organisers.

ILLEGAL MOVES

In case of 1st illegal move opponents time will be increased by 1 minute and offenders time will be reduced by 02 seconds. In case of 2nd illegal move game will be forfeited and opponent will be declared winner provided s/he is in a position to win through legal series of moves.

In both instances it is compulsory to inform the Arbiters.

RULES FOR NON PARTICIPANTS ETC

Spectators and non participants are strictly not allowed in the tournament hall.

Discussion / Analysis is not allowed in the playing hall.

Players who have finished their games should get their results noted and leave the tournament hall.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TOURNAMENT

If any player wants to withdraw for any particular round or from the tournament then it has to be communicated in writing to the Tournament Director and Chief Arbiter. If any player is absent for any particular round without intimation then his or her name will be excluded from the remaining matches of the tournament.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE / RULES FOR BREAK ETC

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 28TH TO 30TH OCTOBER 2026

PARTICULARS	TIME SLOT
Reporting Time	08:30 am
Players Meeting	08:45 am
Round 1	09:30 am
Round 2	10:00 am
Round 3	10:30 am
Round 4	11:00 am
Round 5	11:30 am
Prize Distribution Ceremony	01:00 pm

The tournament will be conducted according to the above mentioned tentative schedule.

The next round will start according to tournament schedule once all matches for the current round of a particular category gets over.

If there is any change in tournament schedule due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the Organisers / Arbiters then it will be communicated accordingly.

Players can go to washroom during their matches after informing the Arbiters but are not suppose to talk / discuss anything with any person whatsoever.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES ETC

Any electronic devices including but not limited to mobile phone, bluetooth devices, wrist watches etc are not allowed in the playing hall under any circumstances whatsoever.

Books, Bags, Reading Material etc is not allowed in the playing hall.

If any such item is found then the match will be forfeited and disciplinary action will be initiated as the case may be.

Players can keep water bottles, necessary medicine etc with them after informing the Arbiter.

If any participant is alone without any accompanying person then he can switch off mobile phone or any other electronic device etc and keep it on the table so that it is clearly visible to opponent and Arbiters.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

All rules and regulations of on the board play for **Rapid Chess Tournament** like touch and move, castling, enpassant, promotion etc as per the latest amendments according to AICF and FIDE guidelines will be followed in this tournament.

Any rules not covered above and any disputes arising thereof will be amicably resolved by the team of Arbiters while safeguarding the interests of all stakeholders.

Players can refer the decision of Arbiter for further review to the Deputy Chief Arbiter and Chief Arbiter.

The final decision in case of any dispute or any points not covered above will be that of the Chief Arbiter and it will be binding on all participants, parents, teachers, coaches etc.

Any kind of unprofessional behaviour or any comments or action against the Tournament Organisers / Arbiters by any participant, parent, guardian, teacher, coach etc will result in expulsion from the tournament and will result in disciplinary action and legal proceedings as the case may be.

Such incidents will be recorded and posted in social media. It will be reported to concerned schools, District Association, State Association, National Association and World Chess Federation for necessary action.

We expect all participants to play according to Fair Play Guidelines and uphold sportsman spirit during this competition.

This tournament is organised to provide good competitive environment to all participants so support, cooperation and patronage of all stakeholders specially parents, guardians, teachers, coaches and participants is of utmost importance.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

Participants / Parents / Guardians / Teachers / Coaches are requested to attend the Prize Distribution Ceremony.

Best Wishes



Mr Vivek Mitra

Chief Arbiter