1st CastleMasters International Open Rapid Fide Rated Chess Tournament 2026

21st November to 22nd November 2026

(AICF Event Code: 492568/HR(R)/2026)

Venue: Satya School, Sector 49, Gurgaon

TECHNICAL MEETING

- **Pairing Software:** Swiss Manager.
- **System of Play:** 9 Rounds (Swiss - System)
- **Time Control:** 25 Minutes each + 10 Secs Increment From 1st Move
- **Default Time:** **15 Minutes** ; any player who arrives at the chessboard after 15 minutes shall lose the game. Those who lose points for arriving late should inform the chief arbiter so their names can be retained on the pairing list
- **Eligibility** : All the players are eligible to participate.
- **Tie Break:**

1) Buchholz Cut 1. **2)** Buchholz All. **3)** Sonneborn - Berger. **4)** Direct Encounter
5) Greater number of victories (Inclusive forfeit points)
6) Greater number of victories (With Black)

- **Electronic Device:**

As per AICF's Guidelines **Players are strictly forbidden to bring any kind of electronic devices including wrist watches (any type) to the tournament hall. If found during the game on person, player shall lose that game.**

- **Disqualification:**

If any player found concealing his identity (concealing rating/playing with a different name) the player concerned will be expelled from the event without any further notice.

- **Discussion / Analysis:**

As long as the game is in progress, a player may talk only to an Arbiter or to the opponent as permitted by **"The Laws of Chess"**. Analysis is not allowed in the playing hall / playing Arena.

❖ **Withdrawal (Removal from Pairing):**

In case a player is absent in any round without informing Chief Arbiter in writing, then that Player's name will be removed from the pairing for further rounds.

❖ **Draw Agreement:**

Players can agree for a draw after completion of 1st move of black.

❖ **Draw Claims :**

Claims for a draw are not valid without a scoresheet, even if players are using DGT boards. To claim a draw (either by threefold repetition or the 50-move rule), players must provide the scoresheet.

❖ **Spectators:**

Players who have finished their game will be treated as spectators and are not allowed in the playing arena. Any player who disrupts the decorum of the tournament will face exclusion from the event.

❖ **Protest:**

Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of ₹2000 within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident, the protest fee shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

APPEAL COMMITTEE

NO.	NAME	RATING
1.	Vivek Kumar Pathak (Int. Arbiter)	1664
2.	IM Aradhya Garg (Delhi)	2288
3.	Vinay, Raj Bhatt (UT)	2024
4.	Suraj Dahiya (FA) - Reserved	1880
5.	Sharma Harish (DL) - Reserved	1953

Important Guidelines

❖ Players are requested to inform Chief Arbiter, if there are any corrections in

"Name / FIDE_ID / Rating / DOB / Type / Club-State / Gender"

❖ All age category players Shall check their category in Type Column.

- For New Players, no changes will be entertained after the start of 3rd round, as the data has to be sent to AICF for creating FIDE ID's.
- **"Both players have to submit the results."**
- **Cash Prizes: Cash prizes will not be shared. A player is eligible for one higher prize only. Age Group and Category Prize-Player will get prize in own Group.**
- **Best Female prizes open to all female players – no age bar.**
- **Cut-off date for Veteran is December 31, 2025 (i.e., Those who completed 55 yrs of age on 31st December 2025 will be eligible for veteran category prize)**
- **FIDE FPP Regulations: FIDE as well as AICF fair play procedures will be enforced in this tournament.**
- **Rating displayed at FIDE Server before the start of 1st Round will only be considered for the event and no further request for rating changes will be entertained.**
- **There are some calculation errors on the FIDE server, and FIDE is working to fix them. As a result, players' ratings might be affected during or before the calculation of the next month's FIDE Rating List**

SCHEDULE

Round	Date	Time
1st	21.11.2026	0930 Hrs
2nd		1130 Hrs
3rd		1400 Hrs
4th		1600 Hrs
5th		1800 Hrs
6th	22.11.2026	0830 Hrs
7th		1030 Hrs
8th		1230 Hrs
9th		1500 Hrs
Prize Distribution	**22.11.2026**	**1730 Hrs**

Date: 21st November, 2026
Place: Gurgaon

Chief Arbiter
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