



Festival Caissa – Sceptre Rapid FIDE Rating Chess Tournament

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KSCA Event Code: KSCA/G92/2526

Organized by Innovators Chess Academy on January 26, 2026 at Silicon City Academy of Secondary Education, Konanakunte, Bangalore. Register on www.icachess.in. Total Prize fund: Rs 5 lacs.

Players meeting: 8.30 am. Round 1 starts at 9 am.

Registration:

Entry fee structure:

Entries received until October 31, 2025: Rs 2250/-

Entries received from November 1 2025 until January 19 2026: Rs 2500/-

Entries received after January 19 2026 until January 24 2026: Rs 3000/- (including late fee)

Discounted entry fee for players registering to all 4 FIDE Rating Events – Navaratna, Crown, Chalice and Sceptre – Rs 10,000/- (total discount of Rs 1,500) is valid until October 31, 2025.

Entry fees is non-refundable and non-transferrable. Free entry to all Grandmasters and International Masters. They will have to take care of their accommodation on their own.

Festival Caissa and The Grand Prix System

Festival Caissa constitutes four FIDE Rating Events – 1 Blitz and 3 Rapid Events. While the Blitz Event takes place on January 23, 2026, the three Rapid FIDE Rating Chess Tournaments — Crown, Chalice and Sceptre — will be held on January 24, 25, and 26, 2026 respectively.

Prize winners from all these events will earn Grand Prix points. In addition, the best unrated player, the best player rated below 1900 and 1600, the best Veteran and the overall winner in each of the Festival's FIDE Rating Events (Blitz and Rapid) will receive 100 Grand Prix points. Any player accumulating 400 Grand Prix points during Festival Caissa will be awarded a bonus of ₹1,00,000. There are Grand Prix Points also awarded for Children in Chalice and Sceptre FIDE Rapid Rating Events – in the U8, U10 and U12 age categories.

The top 40 players with the highest Grand Prix points accumulated across the four FIDE-rated Festival events will qualify for the Grand Prix Finals — a 7-round Swiss Blitz tournament with a time control of 3 minutes plus a 2-second increment. The Finals will be held on January 26, 2026, at 6:45 PM. Further details on our website – icachess.in. Players who are tied on the same Grand Prix points as the 40th-placed player will also qualify for the Grand Prix Finals.

Venue and Metro accessibility:

Silicon City Academy of Secondary Education is located at Kumar Nursery, Off Kanakapura Rd, New Bank Colony, 8th Phase, Konanakunte, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560062. The Venue is 1.5 km from the Konanakunte Cross Metro Station. The school has hosted more than 100 Chess Tournaments since 2012.

Rules and Regulations

- 1) All Indian Citizen players with a valid AICF ID for the current financial year 2025-26 are eligible to participate, regardless whether they are rated or unrated. To register/renew your AICF Membership, please refer the link: <https://prs.aicf.in/players>. Foreign nationals need not have an AICF Membership.
- 2) All players from Karnataka must provide their KSCA ID at the time of registration. To register/renew your KSCA membership, please refer the link below
<https://karnatakachess.com/player-registration/>
- 3) Tie break for the Event will be announced and explained in the Players Meeting. The same will be published on the Notice Board during the Tournament.
- 4) Default time (Walkover time): The default time will be 5 minutes.
- 5) A five-member Appeals Committee shall be formed during the Players Meeting.
- 6) Any protest against a decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be submitted in writing within 10 minutes of the incident, accompanied by a protest fee of ₹1,000/-. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all participants.
- 7) Participation Certificate: E-Certificates will be provided to all participants. The same will be uploaded within 15 days from the conclusion of the Event on icachess.in.
- 8) Possession of any electronic device, including wristwatches, during play is strictly prohibited. Violation may result in forfeiture of the game.
- 9) The Tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess – FIDE Swiss System of 9 Rounds.
- 10) FIDE IDs will be generated during the Event – this is for players who do not have a FIDE ID.
- 11) Parents and non-participants are not allowed inside the Tournament Hall during play.
- 12) Prize Money will be transferred online within two weeks from the date of completion of the Event.
- 13) Time Control - 15 Minutes each with 5 seconds increment from move number one.

Round Schedule

Round 1	9 am	Round 2	10 am
Round 3	11 am	Round 4	12 pm

Lunch Break: 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm

Round 5	1.30 pm	Round 6	2.30 pm
Round 7	3.30 pm	Round 8	4.30 pm
Round 9	5.30 pm		

Prize Structure

	Main Prizes	Grand Prix Points
1 st Prize	Rs 100000	100
2 nd Prize	Rs 75000	90
3 rd Prize	Rs 50000	80
4 th Prize	Rs 40000	70
5 th Prize	Rs 30000	60
6 th Prize	Rs 20000	50
7 th Prize	Rs 15000	40
8 th Prize	Rs 12000	30
9 th and 10 th Prizes	Rs 10000 each	20 each
11 th to 16 th Prizes	Rs 8000 each	

Best Female player (any age):	Rs 10000	100
2 nd Best Female player (age age)	Rs 8000	90
Best veteran (above 60 years):	Rs 10000	100
2 nd Best veteran (above 60 years):	Rs 8000	90
Best Unrated player:	Rs 10000	100
2 nd Best Unrated player:	Rs 8000	90
Best Below 1900 rated player:	Rs 10000	100
2 nd Best Below 1900 rated player:	Rs 8000	90
Best Below 1600 rated player:	Rs 10000	100
2 nd Best Below 1600 rated player:	Rs 8000	90

Age Category Prizes – Grand Prix Points (for qualification into Grand Prix finals)

Under 8, 10 and 12 (Boys and Girls separate)

1 st place	200 points
2 nd place	150 points
3 rd place	100 points

- Chief Arbiter – Vasanth BH
- Players qualified for more than one prizes will be considered only for higher prize.
- Participation certificate in the form of E-Certificates will be awarded to all the participants. Merit Certificates will be awarded to all Prize winners during the Prize Distribution.

Venue Address:

Silicon City Academy of Secondary Education,
Kumar Nursery, Off Kanakapura Road, New Bank Colony, Chunchankatte, Konanakunte, Bangalore

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/5eZfyBxBnUmcnpj9>

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