



The 16th International Grandmasters Chess Festival 2025-26



Organised by
ALL ODISHA CHESS ASSOCIATION (AOCA)
&
E-Sports Association of Odisha (ESPAO)

In Association with
SOA University, Bhubaneswar



TOTAL PRIZE FUND:

₹45,00,000

CATEGORY 'A'

450579/OD/2026

1900 & Above
16 - 24 Jan 2026

₹ 25,00,000/-

CATEGORY 'B'

450580/OD/2026

BELOW 1900
16 - 19 Jan 2026

₹ 9,00,000/-

CATEGORY 'C'

450581/OD/2026

BELOW 1700
21 - 24 Jan 2026

₹ 9,00,000/-

CATEGORY 'D'

453915/OD(B)/2026

BLITZ 20 Jan
2026

₹ 2,00,000/-

Event Code: 450579/OD/2026

Total Prize Fund: ₹ 25,00,000/-

Rounds: 10

Time Control: 90minutes with 30 seconds
increment from move no.1

Category
"A"

**1900
ELO &
Above**

ELIGIBILITY: Indian players, **AICF registration** for the financial year
(from 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026) is mandatory while for the foreign players a valid
FIDE ID is required.

SCHEDULE		
15 Jan 26	17:00	Arrival
16 Jan 26	11:00	Technical Meeting
	11:30	Inauguration
	15:00	Round 1
17 Jan 26	15:00	Round 2
18 Jan 26	09:30	Round 3
	15:00	Round 4
19 Jan 26	15:00	Round 5
21 Jan 26	09:30	Round 6
	15:00	Round 7
22 Jan 26	15:00	Round 8
23 Jan 26	15:00	Round 9
24 Jan 26	09:30	Round 10
	17:00	Prize Distribution

ENTRY FEE

GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, 2400 and Above : **FREE**

All Foreign Players: **FREE**

1900 - 2199: ₹ 10,000/-

2200 - 2399: ₹ 8,700/-

North East: ₹ 8,500/-

Odisha Player: ₹ 7,500/-

(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)

LODGING & BOARDING

All GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, 2400 above & all foreign players will be provided **FREE** accommodation & boarding in well furnished hotels 15 minutes walkable distance from SOA UNIVERSITY.

All other participants & accompanying persons will be provided only Dormitory arrangement for accommodations within one KM from venue. Transportation to the venue at player's risk and food (Breakfast, lunch & dinner) in SOA Guest House/Hostels basis on payment of ₹ 9,000/- per person. Players have to arrange his/her own transportation to the venue.

• Odisha player **AOCA** registration is compulsory for the year 2025-26, if had not done.

• Odisha players are also required to do the **ESPAO** registration, which is absolutely free.



• Return of any fees cannot be claimed after any point of registration

• **Register before 10th Jan & get an event jacket or t-shirt for FREE**

Check-in: 17:00 on 15.01.2026. Check-out: 18:00 on 24.01.2026.
Food will be provided from 16.01.2026. (Breakfast onwards)

PRIZES

Main Prizes		
Champion	₹ 5,50,000	
Runner-up	₹ 3,50,000	
Third	₹ 2,00,000	
Fourth	₹ 1,00,000	
Fifth	₹ 80,000	
Sixth	₹ 60,000	
7 - 8	₹ 50,000	
9 - 10	₹ 30,000	
11 - 15	₹ 20,000	
16 - 40	₹ 15,000	

Rating (min. 5.5 points)	1	2	3	4
2200 - 2299	₹ 12,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,000
2100 - 2199	₹ 12,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,000
2000 - 2099	₹ 12,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,000
1900 - 1999	₹ 12,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,000

20 Cash Prizes
(Foreigners 2100
& Above
(min. 5.5 points))

₹ 15,000 each

ODISHA	₹ 12,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000
Veteran (60+) (min. 4.5 points)	₹ 10,000	₹ 9,000	₹ 7,000
Women (min. 4.5 points)	₹ 10,000	₹ 9,000	₹ 7,000

Event Code: 450580/OD/2026

Total Prize Fund: ₹ 9,00,000/-

Rounds: 10

Time Control: 60minutes with 30 seconds
increment from move no.1

Category
"B"

Below 1900
(1899 &
Below)

ELIGIBILITY: Players having the **FIDE rating 1899** & below for the last three years are only allowed to participate in this event & Unrated players and also Indian players. However, any player who finished **1st or 2nd** in the rating restricted FIDE rated event for the last year (**15-01-2025 to 15-01-2026**) is not eligible to participate. **AICF registration** for the financial year (from 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025) is mandatory while for the foreign players a valid **FIDE ID** is required.

SCHEDULE		
15 Jan 26	17:00	Arrival
16 Jan 26	09:30	Technical Meeting
	10:30	Inauguration
	11:30	Round 1
	15:00	Round 2
17 Jan 26	09:00	Round 3
	14:00	Round 4
	17:30	Round 5
18 Jan 26	09:00	Round 6
	14:00	Round 7
	17:30	Round 8
19 Jan 26	08:30	Round 9
	11:45	Round 10
	17:00	Prize Distribution

ENTRY FEE

All Players:	₹ 4,500/-
North East:	₹ 4,000/-
SOA:	₹ 3,000/-
Odisha Player:	₹ 3,000/-

For Odisha player Category B, C & D combined Fee 6,000/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)

LODGING & BOARDING

Participants & accompanying persons will be provided Only Dormitory arrangement for accommodations within one KM from the venue. Transportation to venue at player's risk and food (Breakfast, lunch & dinner) in SOA Guest House/Hostels basis on payment of sharing payment of 4,500/- per person. Players have to arrange his/her own transportation to the venue.

- Check-in: 17:00 on 15.01.2026. Check-out: 18:00 on 19.01.2026.
Food will be provided from 16.12.2026. (Breakfast onwards)

- Odisha player AOCA registration is compulsory for the year 2025-26 if had not done.

- Odisha players are also required to do the ESPAO registration, which is absolutely free.



- Register before 10th Jan & get an event jacket or t-shirt for FREE

PRIZES

Main Prizes		
Champion	₹ 1,00,000	
Runner-up	₹ 70,000	
Third	₹ 40,000	
Fourth	₹ 25,000	
Fifth	₹ 20,000	
Sixth	₹ 15,000	
Seventh	₹ 10,000	
Eighth	₹ 9,000	
Ninth	₹ 8,000	
Tenth	₹ 8,000	
11 - 15	₹ 7,000	
16 - 20	₹ 6,000	
21 - 40	₹ 5,000	

Rating	1	2	3	4 - 5	6 - 10
1700-1799	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000
1600-1699	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000
1500-1599	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000
1400-1499	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000

Veteran (60+)	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000
Women	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000

Best ODISHA	
1	₹ 15,000
2	₹ 10,000
3	₹ 8,000
4	₹ 7,000
5	₹ 6,000
6 - 7	₹ 5,000
8 - 10	₹ 4,000
11 - 15	₹ 3,000

Un-Rated	
1	₹ 15,000
2	₹ 10,000
3	₹ 8,000
4	₹ 7,000
5	₹ 6,000
6 - 7	₹ 5,000
8 - 10	₹ 4,000
11 - 15	₹ 3,000



Event Code: 450581/OD/2026

Total Prize Fund: ₹ 9,00,000/-

Rounds: 10

Time Control: 60minutes with 30 seconds
increment from move no.1

Category
"C"

Below 1700
(1699 &
Below)

ELIGIBILITY: Players having the **FIDE rating 1699** & below for the last three years are only allowed to participate in this event. Unrated players and Indian players. However, any player who finished **1st or 2nd** in the rating restricted FIDE rated event for the last year (**20-01-2026 to 20-01-2026**) is not eligible to participate. **AICF registration** for the financial year (from 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026) is mandatory while for the foreign players a valid **FIDE ID** is required.

SCHEDULE		
21 Jan 26	13:00	Arrival
	16:30	Technical Meeting
	17:00	Round 1
22 Jan 26	09:00	Round 2
	14:00	Round 3
	17:30	Round 4
23 Jan 26	09:00	Round 5
	14:00	Round 6
	17:30	Round 7
24 Jan 26	08:30	Round 8
	11:45	Round 9
	17:00	Prize Distribution

ENTRY FEE

All Players: ₹ 4,500/-
ODISHA & North East: ₹ 4,000/-
SOA: ₹ 3,000/-

For Odisha player Category B, C & D combined Fee 6,000/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)

LODGING & BOARDING

Participants & accompanying persons will be provided only Dormitory arrangement for accommodations within one KM from the venue. Transportation to venue player's risk and food (Breakfast, lunch & dinner) in SOA Guest House/Hostels basis on payment of ₹ 4,500/- per person. Players have to arrange his/her own transportation to the venue.

• Check-in: 13:00 on 21.01.2026. Check-out: 18:00 on 24.01.2026. Food will be provided from 21.01.2026. (Lunch onwards)

• Odisha player AOCA registration is compulsory for the year 2025-26 if had not done.

• Odisha players are also required to do the ESPAO registration, which is absolutely free.



• Register before 10th Jan & get an event jacket or t-shirt for FREE

PRIZES

Main Prizes		
Champion	₹ 1,00,000	🏆
Runner-up	₹ 70,000	🏆
Third	₹ 50,000	🏆
Fourth	₹ 30,000	
Fifth	₹ 20,000	
Sixth	₹ 15,000	
Seventh	₹ 10,000	
Eighth	₹ 9,000	
Ninth	₹ 8,000	
Tenth	₹ 8,000	
11 - 19	₹ 7,000	
20 - 29	₹ 6,000	
30 - 40	₹ 5,000	

Rating	1	2	3	4	5-8	9-10
1400 - 1499	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 6,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000
1500 - 1599	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 6,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000

Veteran (60+)	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000
Women	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000



Age Category

Boys & Girls

B&G	1	2	3	4	5
U06	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 2,000	Trophy	Trophy
U07	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 2,000	Trophy	Trophy
U08	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 2,000	Trophy	Trophy
U09	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 2,000	Trophy	Trophy
U11	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 2,000	Trophy	Trophy
U13	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 2,000	Trophy	Trophy

Unrated	
1	₹ 15,000
2	₹ 10,000
3	₹ 7,000
4	₹ 6,000
5	₹ 5,000
6	₹ 5,000
7-8	₹ 5,000
9-10	₹ 4,000

Best Odisha	
1	₹ 15,000
2	₹ 10,000
3	₹ 7,000
4	₹ 6,000
5-8	₹ 5,000
9-10	₹ 4,000

Event Code: : 453915/OD(B)/2026

Total Prize Fund: ₹ 2,00,000/-

Rounds: 09

Time Control: 5minutes with 3 seconds
increment from move no.1

Category
"D"

Open
Blitz

ELIGIBILITY: : Players having the **FIDE ID** or active **AICF ID** are only allowed to participate in this event.
Other regulations according to **FIDE** as well as **AICF**

SCHEDULE

20 Jan 26	10:00	Arrival
	10:30	Inauguration
	11:00	Round 1
20 Jan 26	11:30	Round 2
	12:00	Round 3
	12:30	Round 4
20 Jan 26	13:00	Round 5
	14:30	Round 6
	15:00	Round 7
20 Jan 26	15:30	Round 8
	16:00	Round 9
	17:00	PD

ENTRY FEE

All Players: ₹ 1,000/-
ODISHA & North East: ₹ 1,000/-
SOA: ₹ 1,000/-

For Odisha player Category B, C & D combined Fee 6,000/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)

LODGING & BOARDING

Participants & accompanying persons will be provided Only Dormitory arrangement for accommodations within one KM from the venue. Transportation to venue at player's risk and food (Breakfast, lunch & dinner) in SOA Guest House/Hostels basis on payment of ₹ 1,200/- per person only for 20th Jan. Players have to arrange his/her own transportation to the venue.

*Odisha player AOCA registration is compulsory for the year 2025-26 if had not done.

*Odisha players are also required to do the ESPAO registration, which is absolutely free.



ESPAO
Registration
Free

PRIZES

Main Prizes		
Champion	₹ 30,000	🏆
Runner-up	₹ 20,000	🏆
Third	₹ 15,000	🏆
Fourth	₹ 10,000	
Fifth	₹ 7,000	
Sixth	₹ 5,000	
Seventh	₹ 4,000	
Eighth	₹ 4,000	
Nineth	₹ 4,000	
Tenth	₹ 4,000	
11 - 15	₹ 3,000	
16-19	₹ 2,500	
20 - 25	₹ 2,000	

Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6
1400 - 1600	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 2,000	₹ 1,500	₹ 1,000	₹ 1,000
1601 - 1800	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 2,000	₹ 1,500	₹ 1,000	₹ 1,000

Veteran (60+)	1st	₹ 3,000
Women	1st	₹ 3,000

Best ODISHA	
1	₹ 5,000
2	₹ 3,000
3	₹ 2,000
4	₹ 1,500
5	₹ 1,000
6	₹ 1,000



Age Category

Boys & Girls Mix

	1	2	3	4	5
U 09	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆
U 13	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆
U 15	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆

Un-Rated	
1	₹ 5,000
2	₹ 3,000
3	₹ 2,000
4	₹ 1,500
5	₹ 1,000
6	₹ 1,000

Rules / Regulations / Information



System of Play: The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with **10 rounds** in Category 'A' & 'B' and **9 Rounds** in Category 'C' and 'D'. The latest FIDE rules in force shall apply.



For Indian players, AICF registration for the financial year (01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026) is mandatory. - To renew <https://prs.aicf.in/player> - To register <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>
For foreign players a valid FIDE ID is mandatory.



Organizer can allow few below **1900 players in Category 'A'** in some special condition.



An **Appeals Committee** will be formed before the start of the Tournament, comprising of 5 members. Appeals Committee's decision will be final and binding on all the players concerned.



Tie-break: In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come into effect as per AICF guidelines. However, the cash prizes will not be shared. One player will be given one (higher) prize (in the played Category).



Protest if any, against the decision of the Arbiter, Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with protest a fee of ₹3,000/- within 15 minutes after the completion of the game to the committee. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.



Withdrawals: After informing the Chief Arbiter in writing, a player may withdraw at any event stage.



FIDE Fair Play Regulations will be in force, and players must respect the rules. Players are not allowed to carry **mobile phones, wristwatches** (of any type) and **other electronic devices** to the playing area, during the Tournament.



There will be tax deductions of **foreign players prize money** as per the Govt. guidelines. **Indian Income Tax Act** and Rules will be applicable.



Prize money will be transferred online mode and in INR (Indian National Rupee) only. Participation in this tournament will be accepted as the player's consent to take photos, videos in this event for publishing and promotions.



E-Certificate will be awarded to all the participants.



Venue/Transport: Players are requested to report directly at the venue. Airport is approximately **8 kms** from the venue. The Railway Station approximately **10 kms** from the venue. MO BUS nos. are available from Railway Station. However, the organizers will make arrangements to drop the players after the completion of the event.



Organiser is having right to accept or reject any entries without assigning any reason.



In Emergency, Please Contact

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Registration

Players can pay the entry fee and submit the entries through below mentioned link. <https://forms.gle/JufeDsycrHcuZfr7A>

(preferred mode of entry registration)

(Don't submit the form before uploading the payment proof.)

REGISTRATION



Payment



BANK DETAILS

Name of Account : All Orissa Chess Association
SB Acc. No: 33586806553
Name of Bank: STATE BANK OF INDIA
IFS Code: SBIN0003815
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CONTACT DETAILS

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ODISHA OPEN

(The 16th International Grandmaster Chess Festival 2025-26)



1900
& Above
A

Below
1900
B

Below
1700
C

REGISTRATION FORM

No. _____ Date: _____

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Category : ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ B, C, D Gender : ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

Name : _____

AICF ID : _____ FIDE ID : _____

Date of Birth : D D M M Y Y Title / Rating : _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Father's Name : _____

Address : _____

State : _____ District : _____

Mobile : _____ Pin code : _____

E-Mail : _____

PAYMENT DETAILS

Entry Fee : _____	Name : All Orissa Chess Association
No. of Accom. : _____	Account No. : 33586806553
Accom. Amount : _____	Bank Name : STATE BANK OF INDIA
Total Amount : _____	IFSC Code : SBIN0003815
Date of Payment : _____	Branch : Jagatpur Cuttack
Mode of Payment : _____	UPI ID : alloca@sbi
Payment Reference: _____	



For any Remittance Bank Details (write Neatly & Correctly)

Name of Account Holder : _____

Account Number : _____

IFSC Code : _____

Bank Name : _____

Branch Name / State : _____

OFFICIAL USE

Received by
Authority Sign.

I hereby declare that all the information stated above is true and correct to the best of knowledge.

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

Player's Signature



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION