

ATHENS OF THE EAST

5th INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTERS OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT 2025 – Cat C (Below 1800)

28th TO 30th December 2025

Venue: VALLABA VIDYALAYA CBSE SCHOOL, ALAGAR KOVIL MAIN ROAD, MADURAI



- ❖ **Pairing Software:** Swiss Manager.
- ❖ **System of Play:** 9 Rounds (Swiss - System)
- ❖ **Time Control:** 60 Minutes each + 30 Sec Increment From 1st Move
- ❖ **Default Time:** 15 Minutes
- ❖ **Draw offer:** Players shall not agree for a draw before 30th move of Black
- ❖ **Tie Break:**
 - 1) Buchholz Cut 1. 2) Buchholz All. 3) Sonneborn - Berger. 4) Direct Encounter
 - 5) Greater number of wins Including forfeits. 6) Number wins with Black pieces.
- ❖ **Electronic Device:**

As per AICF's Guidelines All electronic items including wrist watches (all types of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. If found during the game on person, player shall lose that game.
- ❖ **Fair Play Regulations:** FIDE Fair Play Regulations will be in force and players are obliged to respect the rules.
- ❖ **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.**
- ❖ **Eligibility:** Players having career rating of 1799 & below for the last three years (from 1st December 2022) are only eligible to participate in the event.
- ❖ **Players who finished first or second in any rating restricted tournament will not be eligible to play in any rating restricted tournament for one year from the date of such achievement.**

❖ **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.

❖ **Spectators:**

Players who have finished their game will be treated as spectators and are not allowed in the playing arena.

❖ **Protest:**

Protest, If any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of ₹ 1,000/- within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident, the protest fee shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.



Important Guidelines

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

“Name / FIDE_ID / Rating / DOB / Type / Gender”

❖ Women/Female players please check the letter **‘F’** in gender column.

❖ 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.**

APPEALS COMMITTEE

NO.	NAME	Federation
1.	Lokesh N	Krishnagiri
2.	FA Palaniappan AL	Chennai
3.	SNA Vigneshwaran K	Virudhunagar
4.	Karthikeyan Sivagami	Tiruvannamalai
5.	FA Harshal Walde	Maharashtra

RESERVE COMMITTEE

NO.	NAME	STATE
1.	Balakowshi D S	Thanjavur
2.	Ashwin Ravichandran	Nilgiris

❖ SCHEDULE

Round	Date	Time
1	28-12-2025	09:30 hrs.
2	28-12-2025	13:00 hrs.
3	28-12-2025	16:30 hrs.
4	29-12-2025	09:30 hrs.
5	29-12-2025	13:00 hrs.
6	29-12-2025	16:30 hrs.
7	30-12-2025	08:30 hrs.
8	30-12-2025	12:00 Noon
9	30-12-2025	15:30 hrs.
Prize Distribution	30-12-2025	18:30 hrs.

Date: 28th December, 2025

Place: Madurai

IA Manjunath
Chief Arbiter