



ODISHA OPEN

The 16th International Grandmasters'

Chess Festival 2025-26

Organised by

ALL ODISHA CHESS ASSOCIATION (AOCA)

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 OPEN

20 Jan 2026

₹ 2,00,000/-

<https://odishachess.com/>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/fzHFy95qR8WUmZ5D9>

odishachess@gmail.com



16 - 24 Jan 2026



SOA Campus 2, Near SUM Hospital
Kalinga Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha



Event Code: 450579/OD/2026

Total Prize Fund: ₹ 25,00,000/-

Rounds : 10

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

**1900 ELO
& Above**

ELIGIBILITY: Indian players, **AICF registration** for the current 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 FRI	11:00	Technical Meeting
	11:30	Inauguration
	15:00	Round 1
17 Jan 26	15:00	Round 2
18 Jan 26 Sun	09:30	Round 3
	15:00	Round 4
19 Jan 26	15:00	Round 5
21 Jan 26 Mon	09:30	Round 6
	15:00	Round 7
22 Jan 26	15:00	Round 8
23 Dec 26	15:00	Round 9
24 Jan 26 THU	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/-
ODISHA & North East	₹ 8,500/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)	



LODGING & BOARDING

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

Participants & accompanying persons will be provided Only Dormitory accommodation arranged within 1 km of the venue.
(breakfast, lunch & dinner with accommodation) will be provided at SOA Guest House/Hostels on payment of ₹9,000/- per person.
Player has to arrange his/her own transportation to the venue.

• **AOCA registration for Odisha player for the year 2025-26 is compulsory.**

No fees will be refunded at any stage, once the registration is completed.

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
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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

B

Event Code: 450580/OD/2026**Total Prize Fund: ₹ 9,00,000/-****Rounds : 10****Time Control:** 60 minutes with 30 seconds increment from move no.1**Below 1900
(1899 &
Below)**

ELIGIBILITY: Players having the FIDE rating Elo **1899** & below for the **last three years** are only allowed to participate in this event. Unrated players with FIDE ID or active AICF ID (Indian) are also eligible. 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 01/04/2025 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 FRI	09:30	Technical Meeting
	10:30	Inauguration
	11:30	Round 1
	15:00	Round 2
17 Dec 26 SAT	09:00	Round 3
	14:00	Round 4
	17:30	Round 5
18 Jan 26 SUN	09:00	Round 6
	14:00	Round 7
	17:30	Round 8
19 Jan 26 MON	08:30	Round 9
	11:45	Round 10
	17:00	Prize Distribution

ENTRY FEE

All Players	₹ 4,500/-
ODISHA & North East	₹ 4,000/-
SOA	₹ 3,500/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)	

**LODGING & BOARDING**

Participants and accompany persons will be provided only Dormitory accommodation to be arranged within 1 km of the venue. Food (breakfast, lunch & dinner with accommodation) will be provided at SOA Guest House/Hostels on payment of ₹4,500/- per person. Player has 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 16.01.2026 (Breakfast onwards)

AOCA registration for Odisha player for the year 2025-26 is compulsory.

No fees will be refunded at any stage, once the registration is completed.

Main Prizes

Champion	₹ 1,00,000	
Runner-up	₹ 70,000	
Third	₹ 50,000	
Fourth	₹ 30,000	
Fifth	₹ 20,000	
Sixth	₹ 15,000	
Seventh	₹ 12,000	
Eighth	₹ 10,000	
Ninth	₹ 9,000	
Tenth	₹ 8,000	
11 - 19	₹ 7,000	
20 - 29	₹ 6,000	
30 - 40	₹ 5,000	

PRIZES

Rating	1	2	3	4-5	6-10
1700-1799	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,500	₹ 5,500
1600-1699	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,500	₹ 5,500
1500-1599	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,500	₹ 5,500
1400-1499	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,500	₹ 5,500

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

**Best ODISHA**

1	₹ 15,000
2	₹ 10,000
3	₹ 8,500
4	₹ 7,500
5	₹ 7,000
6-10	₹ 5,000
11-15	₹ 4,000

Un-Rated

1	₹ 15,000
2	₹ 10,000
3	₹ 8,500
4	₹ 7,500
5	₹ 7,000
6-10	₹ 5,000
11 - 15	₹ 4,000



Event Code: 450581/OD/2026

Total Prize Fund: ₹ 9,00,000/-

Rounds : 9

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

**Below 1700
(1699 &
Below)**

ELIGIBILITY: Players having the FIDE rating Elo 1699 & below for the last three years are only allowed to participate in this event. Unrated players with FIDE ID or active AICF ID (Indian) are also eligible. 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 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026) is mandatory while for the foreign players a valid FIDE ID is required.

SCHEDULE

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

ENTRY FEE

All Players	₹ 4,500/-
ODISHA & North East	₹ 4,000/-
SOA	₹ 3,500/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)	



LODGING & BOARDING

Participants & accompanying persons will be provided Only Dormitory accommodation arranged within 1 km of the venue.
(breakfast, lunch & dinner with accommodation) will be provided at SOA Guest House/Hostels on payment of ₹4,500/- per person.
Player has 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)

AOCA registration for Odisha player for the year 2025-26 is compulsory.
No fees will be refunded at any stage, once the registration is completed.

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 each

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 🏆

**Best SOA Prizes
Top 7 Trophies**

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

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Event Code: **453915/OD(B)/2026**Total Prize Fund: **₹ 2,00,000/-**

Rounds : 9

Time Control: 5 minutes with 3 seconds
increment from move no.1Open
Blitz**ELIGIBILITY:** Players having the FIDE ID or active AICF ID (Indian) are only allowed to participate in this event.

Other regulations according to FIDE as well as AICF

SCHEDULE

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

ENTRY FEE

All Players	₹ 1,000/-
ODISHA & North East	₹ 1,000/-
SOA	₹ 1,000/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)	

**LODGING & BOARDING**

Participants & accompanying persons will be provided Only Dormitory accommodation arranged within 1 km of the venue.
(breakfast, lunch & dinner with accommodation) will be provided at SOA Guest House/Hostels on payment of ₹1,200/- per person.
Player has to arrange his/her own transportation to the venue.

AOCA registration for Odisha player for the year
2025-26 is compulsory.

No fees will be refunded at any stage, once the
registration is completed.

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	
Ninth	₹ 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 SOA Prizes
Top 3 Trophies**

Age Category **Boys & Girls Mix**

	1	2	3	4	5
U 09					
U 13					
U 15					

Best ODISHA

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

Un-Rated

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

Rules / Regulations / Informations



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' & 'D'.



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**.

AOCA can allow few below 1900 player in CAT 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 & AICF Rules shall come into effect. However, the cash prizes will not be shared. One player will be given one (higher) prize only.



Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of ₹3,000 within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is up held.



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



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 **any 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, interviews 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 are available from Railway Station. However, the organizers will make arrangements to drop the players after the completion of the event.



*Organiser is having the 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.)

LAST DATE OF NORMAL ENTRY A & B CATEGORY : 12 JANUARY 2026, ENTRY MAY BE ALLOWED UP TO 15 JANUARY 2026, 5 PM WITH LATE FEE OF ₹ 500 / LAST DATE OF NORMAL

ENTRY C & D CATEGORY : 16 JANUARY 2026, ENTRY MAY BE ALLOWED UP TO 19 JAN 5PM WITH LATE FEE FOR ₹ 500 ONLY.



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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Mr. Sankar Mishra, Vice President AOCA
FA Bidhu Bhusan Mishra, Tresurer AOCA
FA Abhisek Acharya, EC Member AOCA
Mr. Ritesh Rath, EC Member AOCA
Ms. Padmini Singh, EC Member AOCA



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REGISTRATION FORM

1900
& Above
A

Below
1900
B

Below
1700
C

No. _____

Date: _____

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Category : ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ 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.

ALL ODISHA CHESS ASSOCIATION
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Parent/Guardian's Signature

Player's Signature



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION