# 38th National Under-13 (Open & Girls) Chess Championship 2025

**Event Code:** 430540/GOA/2025 & 430541/GOA/2025 **Venue:** Daivadnya Bhavan, Calconda, Margao, Goa

Dates: 3rd – 9th September 2025

### Minutes of the Technical Meeting

#### System of Play

- The Championship will be conducted over **11 rounds**, following the **Swiss** system in accordance with the **FIDE Laws of Chess**.
- Players from the same state will not be paired against each other in the final round of the Championship.
- However, if no compatible opponent is available within the same score group (or within a maximum difference of 1 point), players from the same state may be paired.
- This regulation is applicable only to players in the top 50% score group at the end of the penultimate round.

#### Rate of Play

• Each player shall have **90 minutes**, with an increment of **30 seconds per move**, starting from move one.

#### **Default Time**

The default reporting time to the chessboard is 15 minutes.

#### **Draw Agreement**

 Players are not permitted to agree to a draw before each player has made at least 30 moves, unless the Chief Arbiter grants permission.

#### **Protests**

- Any protest the decision of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in writing, along with a protest fee of ₹3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only), within 30 minutes of the incident.
- The fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

#### **Over-Age Protest**

- A protest regarding the age of a player may be submitted in writing to the Chief
   Arbiter with a fee of ₹5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) per player.
- This fee is non-refundable.
- No protest on age will be entertained after the completion of the 2nd round of the Championship.

#### **Dress Code**

- Players **without proper uniform** will not be permitted to participate in the Championship.
- This rule will be strictly enforced.

#### Mobile Phones, Electronic Devices, and Wrist Watches

- If a player is found in possession of a mobile phone (whether switched on or off) or a wristwatch—either on their person or in a bag—they will **lose the game**.
- Players **wearing any kind of wristwatch during play** will also be declared lost, and the opponent will be awarded the win.
- No bags are allowed inside the tournament hall.

#### **Inspection by Arbiter**

- The Arbiter may require a player to allow inspection of clothes, bags, or other items in private.
- The inspection shall be carried out by the Arbiter or a person authorized by the Arbiter and shall be of the **same gender as the player**.
- If a player refuses to cooperate, the Arbiter shall take measures in accordance with **Article 12.9** of the FIDE Laws of Chess.

#### **Communication During Play**

 While a game is in progress, a player may communicate only in the FIDE official language with the Arbiter or with the opponent, as permitted under the Laws of Chess.

#### **Score Sheet**

• Maintaining a complete and accurate score sheet is mandatory for all players.

#### Withdrawal

• If a player withdraws from the last two rounds of a National Championship on medical grounds, the player must undergo treatment by a doctor recommended and supervised by the Tournament Committee.

#### **Food & Drink**

- Eating inside the tournament hall or at the board is strictly prohibited.
- Only water bottles, biscuits, and small dry fruits are allowed inside the hall.

#### Disqualification

- No participant shall leave the venue before the Prize Distribution Function without permission from the Chief Arbiter.
- Players disregarding this rule will be suspended for one year.

#### **Attendance**

All players are compulsorily required to attend both the Inauguration
 Ceremony and the Prize Distribution Function.

#### **Tie-Break System**

In case of a tie, the ranking will be decided in the following order:

- 1. Buchholz Cut 1
- 2. Buchholz
- 3. Sonneborn-Berger
- 4. Direct encounter
- 5. Greater number of wins (including forfeit points)
- 6. Greater number of wins with black pieces

#### **Prize Money**

Prize money will not be shared under any circumstances.

#### **Appeals Committee**

#### Chairman:

IA Ashesh Keni, Tournament Director

#### Members:

- 1. FA Mahendra Dhakal, Sikkim (AICF)
- 2. SNA Ajish A, Kerala
- 3. IA Arasu B, Member FIDE Technical Commission (TEC)

#### **Reserve Members:**

- 1. Aayush Shirodkar, Goa
- 2. SNA Rajashekaran T, Tamil Nadu

## **Event Schedule**

Date	Day	Time	Event
2nd Sept 2025	Tuesday	11:00 A.M. onwards	Arrival
3rd Sept 2025	Wednesday	11:00 A.M.	Technical Meeting
3rd Sept 2025	Wednesday	03:00 P.M.	Inauguration
3rd Sept 2025	Wednesday	04:00 P.M.	Round – 1
4th Sept 2025	Thursday	10:00 A.M.	Round – 2
4th Sept 2025	Thursday	03:30 P.M.	Round – 3
5th Sept 2025	Friday	10:00 A.M.	Round – 4
5th Sept 2025	Friday	03:30 P.M.	Round – 5
6th Sept 2025	Saturday	10:00 A.M.	Round – 6
7th Sept 2025	Sunday	10:00 A.M.	Round – 7
7th Sept 2025	Sunday	03:30 P.M.	Round – 8
8th Sept 2025	Monday	10:00 A.M.	Round – 9
8th Sept 2025	Monday	03:30 P.M.	Round – 10
9th Sept 2025	Tuesday	09:30 A.M.	Round – 11
9th Sept 2025	Tuesday	03:00 P.M.	Prize Distribution
9th Sept 2025	Tuesday	04:00 P.M. onwards	Departure

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