



14th NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

EVENT & AICF EVENT CODE

U07 Open | U09 Open | U11 Open | U13 Open | U15 Open | U17 Open

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U07 Girls | U09 Girls | U11 Girls | U13 Girls | U15 Girls | U17 Girls

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Organized by

ALL ASSAM CHESS ASSOCIATION

In association with

All India Chess Federation

DATE: 27nd TO 31th DECEMBER 2025



VENUE: SARUSAJAI INDOOR STADIUM, GUWAHATI, ASSAM

2. Schedule:

PARTICULARS	DATE	TIME
Inauguration/Managers Meeting	27/12/2025	09:00 A.M.
Round – I	27/12/2025	10:30 A.M.
Round – II	27/12/2025	04:00 P.M.
Round – III	28/12/2025	09:30 A.M.
Round – IV	28/12/2025	03:30 P.M.
Round – V	29/12/2025	09:30 A.M.
Round - VI	29/12/2025	03:30 P.M.
Round – VII	30/12/2025	09:30 A.M.
Round – VIII	30/12/2025	03:30 P.M.
Round – IX	31/12/2025	09:30 A.M.
Prize Distribution	31/12/2025	03:30 P.M.

3. Eligibility for Participation:

Only individuals who are school students and who are Indian nationals are eligible to participate in this Championship. **Players who are foreign nationals, and who are with PIO or OCI card cannot participate.**

- I. **All entries should be strictly routed through the respective AICF affiliated state chess association. No direct entries shall be entertained in any circumstances.** Each State
- II. Association or School Association or School may enter an **unlimited number of players in each of the 12 age groups**. The player should be a bona-fide student at a school (any syllabus). In case that one girl group is less than 10 participants then it will be merged with the same open age group category.
- III. Entitled to participate are players (Boys & Girls) who shall not have reached the age of 07,09, 11,13,15 and 17 before 01 January 2026.
 - a) Under 07: Born on or after 1st January 2019
 - b) Under 09: Born on or after 1st January 2017
 - c) Under 11: Born on or after 1st January 2015
 - d) Under 13: Born on or after 1st January 2013
 - e) Under 15: Born on or after 1st January 2011
 - f) Under 17: Born on or after 1st January 2009

iv. ****Since there is no separate National School Chess Championship for Under 5/6, players for the Under 5/6 Asian School Chess Championship 2026, will be identified as per rankings from among the participants in the National School Under 7 Chess Championship 2025.** subject to their age. Therefore, those planning to participate in the Asian Youth Under 5/6 -2026 (if held) should participate in the National School Under – 7 Chess Championship 2025 to be eligible for consideration. **

The above-mentioned age category cut-offs have been kept in accordance with the Asian and World Age Group Championships scheduled to be held in 2026.

4. Age Proof: Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. **Certificates from School are not accepted.** Certificates should preferably be from the Panchayat, Municipality or Corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without date of birth certificates will not be allowed to participate. **The date of birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate. No state association shall recommend any player who doesn't come under the above criteria. However, player/state can appeal to AICF in this regard as per the notification published at <https://aicf.in/public-notice-dob-issue/> with undertaking and supporting documents.**

If any doubt arises about the claimed age of a player, the Tournament Committee has the right to refer the player during the championship for a due evaluation of age by competent medical experts. A player if declared over-age by such experts shall not continue in the championship and the matter shall be reported to AICF. Protest about the age of players may be made to the Chief Arbiter in writing along with a fee of **Rs. 5000/-** per player. This will not be refunded.

No protest about over age of a player will be entertained after the 2nd round of the championship.

Only the Coach or Manager deputed by the participating State Chess Association can lodge such protests. The Tournament Committee has the right to decide the day, time and place for such medical evaluation of age. AICF/Organizers will have the right to refer any player to the medical evaluation of age at any time during the Championship. Players refusing to take the test as decided by the Tournament Committee shall be deemed to have failed the test and shall be disqualified from the Championship.

5. Prizes: The cash prizes will be awarded to 12 (twelve) players in each category amounting to Rs.5,04,000/- (Rs. five lakhs four thousand only) as given below:

Prizes	Open Each Category	Girls Each Category
1st	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 10,000
2nd	Rs. 7,000	Rs. 7,000
3rd	Rs. 6000	Rs. 6000
4th	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 5,000
5th	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 4,000
6th	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 3,000
7th	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 2,000
8 th to 12 th	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,000

6. Dress Code:

As per AICF regulations on the dress code for players participating in all the National championships, all State Associations should send their players including special/donor entry players with proper uniform (as regards special/donor entry players, the respective State chess associations may collect the cost of the uniform from the players). Players should at least wear uniform T-Shirts/formal shirts (same color and brand with the name of the state printed prominently at the back and the state chess emblem in the front left side). The name/logo of the sponsors can be permitted. The girls/women are also given appropriate uniform dress. The above rule will also be applicable to Special units. Players without proper uniform will not be permitted to take part in the championship. This will be strictly enforced.

7. Registration: All entries including special entries should come through the concerned State Association. However, AICF will have the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason. The entry form should be sent together with attested copy of original date of birth certificate (Birth Certificates from Panchayat/Municipality/Corporation only accepted).

Entry fee: *RS. 1,500/- (one thousand five hundred only)*

There will be a 50% concession in the entry fee for participants from North eastern states and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through: <https://prs.aicf.in/entry>. (Please use Debit/Credit Card or Net Banking and avoid UPI, QR or SCAN). For further clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries, please contact: aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

8. Late Fee: Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till **13th December 2025**. Thereafter a late fee of **Rs. 250/-** per player will be levied. No entry will be accepted after **20th December 2025** (up to 18:00 hrs.).

Players should come with the below mentioned documents:

- (1) Passport size photo
- (2) Original date of birth certificate
- (3) AICF certificate (if medical test qualified)
- (4) Payment proof
- (5) The certificate from the school mentioning that he/she is a bonafide student of the school

9. System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. Totally 9 rounds shall be played in each category. In case that one girl group has less than 10 participants then it will be merged with the same age group open category.

Players from the same state shall not be paired against each other in the last round. However, they may be paired if there is no compactible opponent with the same point group or score group with the maximum difference of 1 point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

10. Default Time: Default timing for arriving to the chess board is 15 minutes. Those who arrive at the board 15 minutes after the start of the game will be declared lost.

11. Time Control: The rate of play shall be **90** minutes with an increment of **30** seconds per move from move number one.

12. Chess Clocks: Each participating State Chess Association must provide at least one clock in working order for every two players entered in the Championship.

13. Tie-Break: Following is the order of Tie-Break:

- (a) Buchholz Cut1
- (b) Buchholz
- (c) Sonneborn Berger
- (d) Direct encounter
- (e) The greater number of wins (forfeit included)
- (f) Number of wins with black pieces

In case of tie, cash prizes will not be shared.

14. Draw Agreement: Players shall not agree for a draw without the consent of the arbiter, before each player makes 30 moves.

15. Protest: Protests, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3,000/- (Rs. three Thousand only) within one hour of the occurrence of the incident. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

16. Appeals Committee: Before the commencement of the tournament, a five-member Appeals Committee shall be formed by the AICF/Organizers. All the members and reserves shall be from different states. No member of the Committee can vote on dispute in which a player from his own state is involved and, in such case(s), the reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final and binding on players concerned.

17. Tournament Committee: The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.

18. Interpretation: For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by rules of the tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules without prior notice. However, such changes or inclusion will be subject to AICF & TNSCA clearance. Such changes, however, will be displayed at the Championship venue.

19. Withdrawal: *If any player withdraws from the last two rounds in any National Championship on medical grounds, he/she should undergo treatment by a doctor recommended and supervised by the tournament committee. After the 1st-round pairing is published, the entry fee will not be refunded.*

20. Disqualification: No participant will leave the venue before the prize distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule will be suspended for one year.

21. AICF Registration: All participants in the National Championship should be registered with AICF for the year 2025-2026. Online AICF registration is available on the website www.aicf.in. Those who have paid the AICF Registration fee but are yet to receive the AICF registration card should send a photocopy of the acknowledgment for having paid the fee to organizers of earlier tournaments or to their association. Before the start of the championship all the players must be registered with AICF for the year 2025-2026. No entry will be accepted without AICF Player's Registration for 2025-2026.

22. Electronic Devices: All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall.

If a player is found to possess a mobile (switched on/off)/wristwatch, either on the person or in a separate bag, he will be declared as lost. Player wearing any kind of watch during the game will also be declared lost.

23. Accommodation: Players and accompanying persons are required to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

We understand the importance of a comfortable and convenient stay for all participants and their parents. The **Sarusajai area of Guwahati**, where the event will be held, offers a wide range of hotel options to suit diverse preferences and budgets.

For those seeking a luxurious experience, several reputed **star-category hotels** in and around the city offer premium services and amenities. Additionally, numerous **mid-range and budget-friendly** accommodations are available near the venue.

Participants are encouraged to explore **online booking platforms** to browse available options, compare prices, and read reviews to make an informed choice that best meets their needs.

When selecting accommodation, one of the key factors to consider is the **proximity to Sarusajai Stadium**. Online platforms also provide details on hotel distances from the venue, helping participants minimize travel time and maximize convenience.

To ensure a **stress-free and enjoyable experience**, we strongly recommend securing your preferred accommodation well in advance.

Nearby areas such as **Basistha, Lokhra, Beltola, Sixmile and Ganeshguri** are conveniently located close to the venue. For your reference, we will also provide the names and contact numbers of some reputed and recognized hotels situated around the Sarusajai Stadium area.

Before finalizing your booking, please check the **hotel ratings, tariffs, distances, and reviews** through online resources (such as Google or trusted travel websites).

We warmly welcome all players, parents, and officials to **Guwahati, Assam**, for a memorable and competitive **National School Chess Championship 2025!**

For further details / local assistance, please contact:

Contact Information

For Accommodation Assistance:

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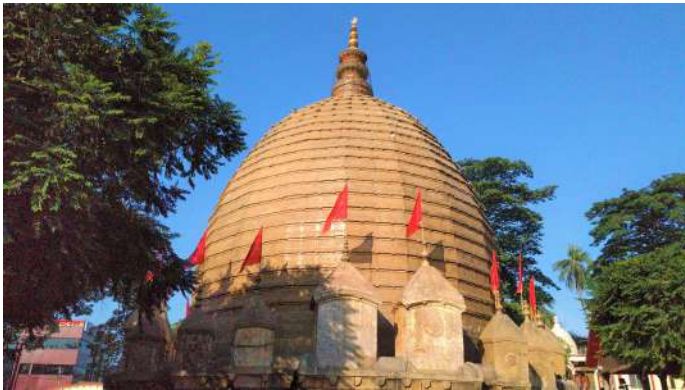
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Welcome to Assam

ASSAM, THE "GATEWAY TO NORTHEAST INDIA," IS A VIBRANT STATE KNOWN FOR ITS LUSH LANDSCAPES, RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE, AND DIVERSE WILDLIFE. NESTLED IN THE BRAHMAPUTRA AND BARAK RIVER VALLEYS, IT IS FAMOUS FOR ASSAM TEA, SILK, AND BEING HOME TO THE ONE-HORNED INDIAN RHINOCEROS. THE STATE OFFERS A UNIQUE BLEND OF NATURAL BEAUTY, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, AND WARM HOSPITALITY, MAKING IT A PERFECT STARTING POINT TO EXPLORE THE ENCHANTING NORTHEAST REGION. WITH ITS TROPICAL CLIMATE AND YEAR-ROUND CHARM, ASSAM TRULY EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF INDIA'S NORTHEAST.



Top Local Attractions to Explore

Kamakhya Temple

- One of the most revered Shakti Peethas in India, Kamakhya Temple attracts devotees from all over the world. Perched atop Nilachal Hill, it offers a serene ambiance and breathtaking views of the city.

Umananda Temple

- Located on the serene Peacock Island in the Brahmaputra River, this temple dedicated to Lord Shiva is accessible by a short ferry ride. The island is considered the smallest inhabited river island in the world.

Assam State Zoo and Botanical Garden

- Perfect for families, this zoo is home to various exotic and native animal species, including the majestic one-horned rhinoceros.

Guwahati Planetarium

- A hub for astronomy enthusiasts, the planetarium offers engaging shows about the cosmos and celestial events.

Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra

- This cultural center showcases Assam's rich heritage, including traditional art, dance, music, and handloom.

Basistha Ashram

- Situated on the outskirts of the city, this ancient ashram is a blend of spirituality and nature, surrounded by a picturesque forested area.

Dispur Secretariat Building

- Dispur, being the state capital, houses the Secretariat building, which is a prominent landmark of administrative importance.

Brahmaputra River Cruise

- Enjoy a relaxing evening on a river cruise with panoramic views of the Brahmaputra and its surroundings. Opt for sunset or dinner cruises for an unforgettable experience.

Nearby Destinations for Short Day Trips

- **Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary (48 km):** Known for its dense population of one-horned rhinos.
- **Kaziranga National Park (4-5 hours drive):** A UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its wildlife safaris.
- **Sualkuchi Village (35 km):** Renowned as the "Manchester of Assam," this village is famous for its silk weaving industry.



Accommodation Options

Luxury Stays

1. **Vivanta Guwahati (★★★★★)**
 - Located in Khanapara, this upscale hotel offers modern amenities, fine dining, and a spa.
2. **Radisson Blu Hotel Guwahati (★★★★★)**
 - Known for its scenic location near the Brahmaputra River and premium hospitality services.

Mid-Range Hotels

1. **Hotel Lilawati Grand (★★★)**
 - Centrally located and offers comfortable rooms at affordable rates.
2. **Dynasty Hotel (★★★)**
 - Ideal for travelers looking for cozy accommodations with convenient access to the city's attractions.

Budget-Friendly Options

1. **Hotel Prag Continental**
 - A value-for-money stay with basic amenities and good accessibility.
2. **Mayur Residency**
 - A pocket-friendly option for budget-conscious travelers.

Guest Houses and Homestays

- Explore options on platforms like Airbnb and Booking.com for family-friendly homestays near Dispur or the main city area.

Transportation Options

By Air

- **Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (Guwahati Airport):**
- Located about 25 km from Dispur, the airport connects the city with major Indian cities and a few international destinations. Prepaid taxis and app-based cabs like Uber and Ola are readily available.

By Rail

- **Guwahati Railway Station:**
- Situated in the heart of the city, this station connects Guwahati to various parts of India. Auto-rickshaws, cabs, and city buses provide easy access to nearby areas.

By Road

- **Bus Services:**
- Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC) and private operators run frequent bus services connecting Dispur and Guwahati with nearby towns and cities.
- **Local Transport:**
 - Auto-rickshaws and cycle-rickshaws for short distances.
 - App-based cabs (Uber, Ola) and rental car services for convenience.
- **Nearby Bus Stop : Lokhra**