

QUANTBOX CHENNAI GRAND MASTERS 2025-Challengers

6-15 August 2025

RULES & REGULATIONS

System of play

10 Players Single Round Robin tournament under FIDE Laws of Chess.

Time Control

90 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move 1 (Single Time Control)

Default Time

15 minutes

Draw Agreement

The players cannot draw a game by mutual agreement before Black's 40th move. A claim for a draw before black's 40th move is permitted through the Chief Arbiter or his Deputy in case of threefold repetition.

Tie Break

- (a) Direct Encounter
- (b) Sonneborn Berger
- (c) Number of Wins (Forfeit will be counted)
- (d) Number of wins with Black

- ❖ The tiebreaks will decide the standings but the prize money will be shared equally among the tied players. If two players tie for the first place, to decide the champion, they will have a playoff of two blitz games with a time control of 3 minutes with an increment of 2 seconds per move. If the score is even after the two games, then one sudden-death game will be played. Each player shall bid a number of minutes up to 10, and the player with the lower bid will have black, and will only need to draw the game to win the match and the title. The player with white will have 10 minutes and will need to win the game to win the match & the title, both the player will have an increment of 1 second from move no.61. The bidding takes place secretly -players have to submit their proposed time (for Black) in a sealed envelope to the Chief Arbiter, who then opens both envelopes and announces the bidding result.
- ❖ If three players tie for the first place, no. 2 & 3 ranked players according to the regular tiebreaks will have a play off as mentioned in the above paragraph. The winner of this play off has to play the no 1 ranked player to decide the champion.
- ❖ If four players have same number of points tying for the first place, they will play a knock out mini match, the no.1 ranked player meeting the no 4 ranked player and the other match will be between no 2 & 3 ranked players. The winners of each mini match qualify for the final play off to decide the champion.

- ❖ If five players have same number of points tying for the first place, no 1 ranked player will directly qualify for the final play off among this group. No. 2 & no. 5 will play one mini match and 3 & 4 will play another. The winners of the two mini matches face off again to spot the finalist to play against no.1 to decide the champion
- ❖ Where there are many stages in the play-off, there shall be a break of at least 5 minutes between each stage and draw of lots will decide the colour in each stage of play off.

Fair Play Regulations

FIDE Fair Play Regulations will be enforced during the tournament which include private checking.

It is the duty of the player to be available for the Fair Play check on time before start of the round. Reach early at the tournament hall considering the default time and Fair Play check. As far as possible, the checking will be carried out before and after the game. All players are to respect the regulations and cooperate with officials.

Players are strictly forbidden to bring mobiles, any source of chess information material or any electronic devices which include all types of watches (mechanical/analog watches too) to the tournament hall. If the same found during the game, players are liable to lose the game and further participation in the tournament will be decided by the Chief Arbiter on merit of the case.

Players are obliged to use only official pen of the tournament and bringing their own pen to the tournament hall is strictly forbidden.

Attire that covering the ears (other than religious reasons) are not permitted without the consent of the Chief Arbiter. Players are to leave all the items (Including wallet) at their respective room before the fair play check. Any player requires special attention due to medical reasons are requested to intimate the same to Chief Arbiter.

The players are not permitted to speak to their opponents (other than draw offer) during the games. He may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with a steward.

All the games will be screened by Prof Kenneth W Regan's FIDE Screening Tool.

A delay of 15 minutes is envisaged for live broadcast.

Protest

Protest if any against the decision of Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted within 30 minutes after completion of the playing session with fee of \$ 200 USD or its equivalent in local currency. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The appeal committee will be decided during the Technical Meeting.

Appeals Committee

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| 1. GM Srinath N | Chairman | India |
| 2. GM Anish Giri | Member | Netherlands |
| 3. Kincso Toth | Member | Hungary |

Reserves

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| 4. GM Vincent Keymer | Member | Germany |
| 5. GM Harika Dronavalli | Member | India |

Chess Etiquette

Appropriate sporting behaviour is expected from all participants and FIDE rules of conduct are to be strictly followed at all times.

The players are requested to wear proper dress. Shorts, slippers and torn jeans are not permitted.

Food and drinks are permitted in the refreshment area only. However, 1 bottle of water accepted at the board. In any case, don't let a bottle visible on the table. The arbiter may intervene to ask you to put a visible bottle under the table.

Players are obliged to cooperate with press in charge for short interviews or press meets after the game or function.

Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>
05 Aug 25	1730 h	Inauguration, Draw of Lots & Technical Meeting
07 Aug 25	1500 h	Round – 1
08 Aug 25	1500 h	Round – 2
09 Aug 25	1500 h	Round – 3
10 Aug 25	1500 h	Round – 4
11 Aug 25	1500 h	Round - 5
12 Aug 25	1500 h	Round – 6
13 Aug 25	1500 h	Round – 7
14 Aug 25	1500 h	Round – 8
15 Aug 25	1200 Noon	Round – 9
15 Aug 25	Immediately after last game of the Round-9.	Play Off Tie-Break Games, if required.
15 Aug 25	1900 h	Closing Ceremony

Prize Money

Total Prize money: Rs.25 lakh

1st place: Rs. 7.0 lakhs

2nd place: Rs. 4.0 lakhs

3rd place: Rs. 3.25 lakhs

4th place: Rs. 2.5 lakhs

5th place: Rs. 2.25 lakhs

6th place: Rs. 1.75 lakhs

7th place: Rs. 1.5 lakhs

8th place: Rs. 1.25 lakhs

9th place: Rs. 1.0 lakh

10th place: Rs.1.0 lakh

***Taxes as applicable**

*** Prize Money will be shared on equal points.**

List of Players

1. GM Abhimanyu Puranik
2. GM Aryan Chopra
3. GM Leon Luke Mendonca
4. GM Pranesh M
5. GM Iniyan Pa
6. GM Diptayan Ghosh
7. GM Adhiban B
8. GM Harika Dronavalli
9. GM Vaishali R
10. IM Harshavardhan G B