

## 2nd Maharashtra Chess Festival Below 1800 FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2025

1. No of Rounds : Nine
2. System of Play : **Swiss League**
3. **Software** : **Swiss Manager**
4. Schedule : **We will maintain the schedule as per Prospectus**
5. Time Control : **60 mins each plus 30 sec Increment from move 1**
6. Default time : **15 minutes**
7. **AICF Registration** is compulsory for all the Indian Players.
8. MCA Registration is compulsory for Maharashtra Players.
9. FIDE Standard Rules will Apply.
10. Draw Agreement : Players cannot agree for a draw before 30th black move. If there is a draw claim under three fold repetition the same has to be claimed with the Arbiter.
11. Tie Breaks: 1. Buchholz Cut 1 2. Buchholz, 3) Sonneborn-Berger 4. Direct Encounter 5. Greater number of Victories (including forfeit games) 6. Greater number of wins with Black Pieces.
12. During play, a player is forbidden to carry a mobile phone and/or any other electronic devices like pen drive, sim card (**including all type of wrist watch**) in the playing venue his pocket/body. If it is evident that a player had such a device during the game in his pocket even in switch off mode or battery removed, he shall lose the game. The opponent shall win. No bags will be allowed inside the tournament hall. Small cover with eatables and normal water bottle is allowed
13. As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
14. Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only) within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The amount would be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
15. In the first round, cross pairing may be done to avoid walkover.

### **FAIR PLAY REGULATION :**

- All players should go through Fair play check before entering the playing venue.
- FPP Checks can be conducted before the round also during the game and after the game if Fair play team needs to. Players need to Cooperate.

- All Players requested to Reach 30 minutes prior to start of each game to go under Fair Play Checks, considering default time because of crowd during Checks.
- Parents Spectators Coaches Managers Accompanying Person not allowed inside the Playing Venue if they have to go through Fair Play Check.
- FIDE Fair Play Regulations will be enforced including private checking during the event and all players are to respect the regulations and cooperate with officials. **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.
- **Players are strictly forbidden to bring mobiles, any source of chess information material, score sheets of last round or Electronic bottle, Ear buds & any electronic devices to the tournament hall which includes all types of wrist watches.** If the same found during the game, players are liable to lose the game and further participation in the championship will be decided by Chief Arbiter on merit of case. Attire that covering the ears are not permitted without the consent of Chief Arbiter/Fair Play Arbiters. Players are obliged to use only official pen of the championship and bringing their own pen to the tournament hall is strictly forbidden. Washrooms are specified for players and they must use the same.
- During the game, players are not to speak with others (except with opponent and arbiter, as permitted in Laws of Chess)
- All players entitled to follow Fair Play regulations, Anti Cheating Regulations by FIDE Fair Play Commission and AICF Fair Play Commission.
- If anyone is handicapped, using hearing device or medical history to be notify to FPP team

**Appeals Committee :**

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| 1. Soboleva Anastasia | - Russia         |
| 2. Gopinath P         | - Tamil Nadu     |
| 3. Nikam Ravindra     | - Maharashtra    |
| 4. Gopikrishna N      | - Andhra Pradesh |
| 5. Gaikwad Dagadu     | - USA            |

**Reserve:**

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| 1. T. Sampath Kumar  | - Karnataka |
| 2. Thulasi Ram Kumar | - Telengana |

IA R. SRIVATSAN  
Chief Arbiter

## Tournament Schedule

Day	Date	Round	Time
Friday	25.04.2025	1	10:30 hrs
Friday	25.04.2025	2	15:00 hrs
Saturday	26.04.2025	3	10:00 hrs
Saturday	26.04.2025	4	15:00 hrs
Sunday	27.04.2025	5	09:00 hrs
Sunday	27.04.2025	6	13:00 hrs
Sunday	27.04.2025	7	17:00 hrs
Monday	28.04.2025	8	08:30 hrs
Monday	28.04.2025	9	12:30 hrs
Prize Distribution : 16:00 hrs on 28 April 2025			