

Odisha Open – the 16th International Grandmasters

Chess Festival 2025 – 26 Category “A” 1900 & above

(Event code : 450579/OD/2026)

Technical meeting minutes

Rules and Regulations

Number of rounds

The tournament will consist of 10 rounds and will follow the Swiss system format.

Pairing Program

The latest version of Swiss Manager will be used for pairing (Javafo).

Rate of play

90 minutes plus 30-second increment per move.

Default Time (Walkover time)

15 Minutes, any player who arrives at the chessboard after 15 minutes shall lose the game. Those who lose point by forfeit should inform the chief arbiter in writing to retain their name for further rounds.

Draw Agreement

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

Tiebreak

- a) Buchholz Cut 1
- b) Buchholz
- c) Sonneborn Burger
- d) Direct Encounter
- e) Number of wins (including forfeit points)
- f) Number of wins with black

Electronic Devices

During play, players are prohibited from carrying a **mobile phone, wristwatch (of any type), or any other electronic device** in their pockets or on their bodies within the playing area. If it is determined that a player had such a device in their possession during the game, regardless of whether it was turned off or had its battery removed, they will be forfeited the game. The opponent will be declared the winner.

Protest

Protest, if any, against the decision of the chief arbiter shall be made in writing to the appeals committee, with a protest fee of Rs. 3000/-, within 30 minutes. The protest fee shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

Appeals Committee

- 1. GM Nguyen Duc Hoa – Veitnam**
- 2. GM Srihari L R – India**
- 3. IM Slizhevsky Alexander – Russia**

Reserve

- 4. GM Aleksandrov Aleksej – Belarus**
- 5. IM Tologon Tegin Semetei - Krygystan**

Fair Play Regulations

The Fair Play regulations will be enforced. The fair play officer may ask a player to allow their clothing, bags, or other items to be inspected in private. An officer, authorised by the FPO and of the same gender as the player, will conduct the inspection. If a player refuses to cooperate with these requirements, the chief arbiter will take appropriate action under Article 12.9. 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. Players are not allowed to keep bags near their playing boards. players are requested to deposit their bags and other belongings at the bag counter/Cloak Room.

- 1) Prize money will not be shared.
- 2) Smoking is permitted in the smoking zone only.
- 3) Strict silence should be maintained in the playing hall.
- 4) Analysis is not allowed in the playing hall.

Chess Etiquette

Smoking is allowed at designated smoking area only.

Players are requested to wear a neat dress. Slippers, sunglasses and torn clothes are not allowed.

All players and Accompanying persons have to maintain proper Chess Etiquette for the entire duration of the tournament.

Tournament Schedule

Round	Day	Date	Time
1	<i>Friday</i>	16/01/2026	3. 00 pm
2	<i>Saturday</i>	17/01/2026	3. 00 pm
3	<i>Sunday</i>	18/01/2026	9.30 am
4	<i>Sunday</i>	18/01/2026	3. 00 pm
5	<i>Monday</i>	19/01/2026	3. 00 pm
<i>Rest day</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	20/01/2026	<i>No game</i>
6	<i>Wednesday</i>	21/01/2026	9: 30 am
7	<i>Wednesday</i>	21/01/2026	3. 00 pm
8	<i>Thursday</i>	22/01/2026	3. 00 pm
9	<i>Friday</i>	23/01/2026	3. 00 pm
10	<i>Saturday</i>	24/01/2026	9: 30 am
<i>Closing Ceremony</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	24/01/2026	5.00 pm

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Chief Arbiter