

10TH KICC OPEN CHESS FESTIVAL [SEMI- CLASSICAL]

Saturday & Sunday, 20-21 December 2025

Organised by: King's Indian Chess Club

TOURNAMENT RULES

[Minutes of Technical Meeting]

1. **System:** The Tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss League System (no elimination, you can play all the rounds irrespective of the results).
2. **Time format: 25 minutes + 10 seconds** increment per move starting from move 1.
3. **Separate Playing Categories: Open, Under 15, Under 12, Under 09**
4. **Total number of rounds: 7**
5. **Tie Break:** In case of a tie, the followed tie-breaks shall be implemented: **1)** Buchholz Cut 1; **2)** Buchholz; **3)** Sonneborn Berger; **4)** Direct Encounter **5)** Greater number of victories (forfeits included); **6)** Number of victories with Black.
6. **Illegal moves:** First illegal is allowed and will be marked by the Arbiter. Second illegal will result in loss of the game.
7. **Disputes:** In case of any disputes pertaining to the tournament, Chief Arbiter's decision shall be final and binding on all.
8. **Default Time (Walkover time)** is 25 minutes (till flag fall/ entire time runs out). If a player wishes to be absent for a round (or wishes to skip any specific round/s), he/ she should inform the Chief Arbiter before the next round pairing to retain their name in the pairing list. Otherwise, they will not be paired for the next round.
9. **Electronic Devices:** Mobile phones, digital watches and any other kinds of electronic devices are not allowed in the tournament hall during active rounds.
10. **Prize:** In case of a tie, the prize money will not be shared. Only one prize shall be given, whichever is higher.
11. **Discipline:** Loud talk, practice games in the tournament hall is strictly prohibited.
12. The Organiser reserves the right to admit or refuse any entry without assigning any reason. The Organiser also reserve the right of admission to the venue.
13. **Age category check:**
 - Under 15 - Born on or after 1st January 2010;
 - Under 12 - Born on or after 1st January 2013;
 - Under 09 - Born on or after 1st January 2016;
 - For Consolation Prizes:**
 - Under 08- Born on or after 1st January 2017;
 - Senior Citizens (S55)- Born on or before 31st December 1970

Date: 20th December 2025

Place: Pune, Maharashtra

Chief Arbiter

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PLAYING SCHEDULE

ROUND	DATE	TIME
SATURDAY, 20 TH DECEMBER 2025		
1	20/12/2025	9:00 AM
2	20/12/2025	10:30 AM
3	20/12/2025	12:00 NOON
LUNCH BREAK AFTER 3 ROUNDS		
4	20/12/2025	2:00 PM
SUNDAY, 21 ST DECEMBER 2025		
5	21/12/2025	9:00 AM
6	21/12/2025	10:30 AM
7	21/12/2025	12:00 NOON
PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AFTER LAST ROUND AROUND 1:40 PM		

- Reporting time: 8:15 AM
- Players' Meeting: 8:40 AM
- No need to physically report to the Arbiter desk if your name is included in the chess-results list. You can directly sit at the assigned board number.

Chief Arbiter