

4TH GUJARAT INTERNATIONAL OPEN
GRANDMASTERS OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026
RULES & REGULATIONS (CATEGORY 'C')

System of play

Swiss System under FIDE Laws of Chess with 10 Rounds.

Time Control

60 minutes for all game with 30 sec increments from move 1

Tie Break

- (1) Buchholz Cut 1
- (2) Buchholz
- (3) Sonneborn-Berger
- (4) Direct Encounter
- (5) Most number of victories [Forfeit will be counted]
- (6) Number of wins with black.

Default Time (Walk over time)

15 minutes

If a player absents for a round, 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 next round.

The Chief Arbiter have the authority not to start round at scheduled time or the clock of a particular board, due to any unforeseen scenarios or force majeure situation arises.

Fair Play Regulations

FIDE and AICF Fair Play Regulations will be enforced including private checking during the event and 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 to the tournament hall which includes all types of wrist watches and electronic cigarettes (vapes). If the same found during the game, players are liable to lose the game and further participation in the tournament will be decided by Chief Arbiter on merit of the case.

During the game, players are not to speak with others (except with opponent and arbiter, as permitted in Laws of Chess)

If any player found concealing his identity (concealing rating/playing with a different name) the player concerned will be expelled from the event without any further notice.

Cash Prizes

Cash prizes will not be shared. One player will get one higher prize only. For Age based Veteran Category Prize, players born on or before 31 December 1965 are only eligible. To consider for Physically Challenged player category, players need to submit copy of their disability certificate before the start of the 5th round.

Appeal Committee

1. FA Nitin Rathore of Punjab
2. FA Shinde Saumil of Maharashtra
3. FA Nakul Chaudhary of Uttar Pradesh
4. FA Kavya S of Tamil Nadu
5. SNA Pandya Jaymin N of Gujarat

Three available members will attend the meeting in case of an appeal.

However, the following will be on S/By in case of withdrawal or unforeseen scenario of non-availability of the members mentioned above:-

1. FA Walde Harshal of Maharashtra
2. SNA Raj Prakhar of Haryana
3. SNA Sarthak Singh Parihar of Madhya Pradesh
4. SNA Kunal Kalra of Rajasthan
5. SNA Rajan Singh of Uttar Pradesh

Protest

Protest if any against the decision of Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted within 15 minutes after completion of the game with a fee of INR 3000. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. Only player him/herself (guardian for minor) are only allowed to lodge the appeal.

Pairing Program

Latest version of Swiss Manager will be used for pairing.

Cross pairing may be done in first round to avoid walkovers.

FIDE Rating Corrections

FIDE may correct errors in the published ratings on the FIDE server, and as a result, players' ratings may be revised during the tournament or prior to the calculation of the subsequent month's FIDE Rating List.

Chess Etiquette

Both players have to ensure and submit the correct results.

The scoresheet booklet needs to be left on the table after tearing of your original and duplicate copy of scoresheet.

The complex is a non-smoking area and smoke detectors are installed.

Players who have finished their game will be treated as spectators and are not allowed in the playing arena.

Only water will be allowed to have on table and other refreshments, players need to have outside playing area.

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

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

Other Guidelines

Players are requested to inform Chief Arbiter, if there are any corrections in "Name / FIDE_ID / Rating / DOB / Type / Gender"

Female players please check the letter 'F' in gender column.

All are requested to play fair with ethics and show high spirit of sportsmanship. We wish you a successful event!!

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SCHEDULE (CATEGORY 'C')

ROUND	DATE	TIME
Players Meeting	05 June 2026	1415 hrs
I	05 June 2026	1430 hrs
II	05 June 2026	1800 hrs
III	06 June 2026	1000 hrs
IV	06 June 2026	1400 hrs
V	06 June 2026	1730 hrs
VI	07 June 2026	1000 hrs
VII	07 June 2026	1400 hrs
VIII	07 June 2026	1730 hrs
IX	08 June 2026	1000 hrs
X	08 June 2026	1330 hrs
PD	08 June 2026	1800 hrs

Please observe complete silence once you entered the tournament hall as Category 'A' games maybe in progress

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Additional Fair Play Rules & Regulations

- FIDE Fair Play Regulations will be in force including private checking during the event. All players, coaches, and parents are to respect the regulations and cooperate with officials during the tournament.
- 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 (15 minutes for all Categories) and Fair Play check.**
- As far as possible, the checking will be done before and after the match. However, if required the fair play officials will carry out checking during the round also.
- **Players are strictly forbidden to bring mobiles, ear pods/earphones, smart glasses, e-cigarettes, any source of chess information material or any electronic devices or part of electronic device which include all types of watches (mechanical/analogue watches) to the playing arena. If the same found during the game, players are liable to lose the game and further participation in the tournament will be decided by Chief Arbiter in consultation with FPP on merit of the case.**
- Players are obliged to use only official pen of the tournament.
- Attire that covering the ears (other than religious reasons) are not permitted without the consent of the Chief Arbiter/Fair Play Officials as well as carrying bags, sun glasses, sports cap/hat etc to the tournament hall is prohibited.
- Leave all metallic items, previous round scoresheet etc at your room only. If you need to carry any personal items other than currency, like fruits, chocolates etc please use a cloth or transparent bag. Wallet and Small ladies purse will be allowed apart from passport if carrying.
- Strictly use the refreshment area for the eatables.
- Any player requires special attention due to medical reasons are requested to intimate the same to Chief Arbiter and FPP **before start of the first round.**
- During the game, players are not to speak with others (except with opponent and arbiter, as permitted in Laws of Chess).
- The Managers, parents and coaches are not to be allowed inside the hall during the game.
- A delay of 15 minutes is envisaged for live broadcast.
- Strict action will be taken after the consultation with Chief Arbiter if the fair play regulations are violated.

- Parents are strictly prohibited to bring the Mobiles, Laptops & any other electronic devices in the Spectators Gallery. They have to submit it to the cloak room.

Fair Play Team for the event: -

IA FI & FPE Kulkarni July
IA FPE Candidate Vaibhav Shah
FA & FPE Candidate Rahul Sharma