

1ST CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

ORGANISED BY : **GLOBAL SPORTS ACADEMY**
VENUE : **CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL GREATER NOIDA**
DATE : **09TH TO 11TH JUNE 2026**

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

ORGANISING TEAM

Tournament Director : Mr Shashank Kumar 9873353737
Chief Arbiter : Ms Anisha Singh 9891246767
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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Category	Under 07 Category Under 13 Category	Under 09 Category Under 15 Category	Under 11 Category Under 17 Category
Date	09th June 2026	10th June 2026	11th June 2026
Reporting Time	08:30 am	08:30 am	08:30 am
Starting Time	09:30 am	09:30 am	09:30 am
Prize Distribution	12:30 pm	12:30 pm	12:30 pm

CATEGORY, AGE CUT OFF, NO. OF PARTICIPANTS, NO. OF ROUNDS, TOURNAMENT FORMAT

CATEGORY	AGE CUT OFF	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF ROUNDS	TOURNAMENT FORMAT
Under 07 Category	Born in 2019 or later	-	5	Swiss League
Under 09 Category	Born in 2017 or later	-	5	Swiss League
Under 11 Category	Born in 2015 or later	-	5	Swiss League
Under 13 Category	Born in 2013 or later	-	5	Swiss League
Under 15 Category	Born in 2011 or later	-	5	Swiss League
Under 17 Category	Born in 2009 or later	-	5	Swiss League

The Championship will be conducted in above mentioned age group categories.

Players must ensure they meet the age group criterion of their respective categories.

Tournament Format and Number of Rounds might change depending on the number of actual participants.

Its mandatory to disclose FIDE ID (if available) and concealment will lead to disciplinary action.

During the tournament if any player is found to be over age then he or she will be debarred from participating in the remaining matches and all played games will be considered as walkovers in favour of respective opponents.

The tournament will be played on Round Robin / Swiss League Basis and all players will be playing all rounds in their respective category irrespective of results.

PAIRING SOFTWARE AND UPDATES

Swiss Manager and Chess-Results

PAIRING SYSTEM

ROUND ROBIN - Pairing will be according to Standard Round Robin Format.

SWISS LEAGUE - 1st round pairings will be based on player ratings and alphabetical order whereas 2nd round onwards pairings will be based on points.

TIME CONTROL

10 Minutes + 02 seconds from move number 1.

Walkover Time is 10 minutes from the starting time of every round.

TIE BREAK SYSTEM

According to the latest guidelines of AICF and FIDE (as updated in Baku 2023 and applicable in India from April 2024) the following tie breaks will be applied :

FOR ROUND ROBIN FORMAT :

- 1) Direct Encounter
- 2) Sonneborn-Berger
- 3) Greater Number of wins including forfeit
- 4) Greater Number of wins with black pieces**

FOR SWISS LEAGUE FORMAT :

- 1) Bucholz Cut 1
- 2) Bucholz
- 3) Sonneborn-Berger
- 4) Direct Encounter
- 5) Greater Number of wins including forfeit
- 6) Greater Number of wins with black pieces

If still there is a tie for the top 2 or top 3 positions then we will have a 2 match blitz play off.

If still there is tie then Armageddon will be used.

SCORING METHOD

The scoring method will be 1, 1/2, 0 for every game.

Player will get full point in case of pairing allocated by and walkover.

30 move draw rule is not applicable so players can agree to draw after completion of 1st move.

NOTATION

Notation is not compulsory but its advisable to use standard chess notation for claiming three fold repetitions, perpetual checks etc.

Players can also analyse their games and learn from their games through it.

Notation sheets and pens will be provided by the organisers.

ILLEGAL MOVES

In case of 1st illegal move opponents time will be increased by 1 minute and offenders time will be reduced by 02 seconds. In case of 2nd illegal move game will be forfeited and opponent will be declared winner provided s/he is in a position to win through legal series of moves.

In both instances it is compulsory to inform the Arbiters.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE / RULES FOR BREAK ETC

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 09TH TO 11TH JUNE 2026

PARTICULARS	TIME SLOT
Reporting Time	08:30 am
Players Meeting	08:45 am
Round 1	09:30 am
Round 2	10:00 am
Round 3	10:30 am
Round 4	11:00 am
Round 5	11:30 am
Prize Distribution Ceremony	12:30 pm

The tournament will be conducted according to the above mentioned tentative schedule.

The next round will start according to tournament schedule once all matches for the current round of a particular category gets over.

If there is any change in tournament schedule due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the Organisers / Arbiters then it will be communicated accordingly.

Players can go to washroom during their matches after informing the Arbiters but are not suppose to talk / discuss anything with any person whatsoever.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TOURNAMENT

If any player wants to withdraw for any particular round or from the tournament then it has to be communicated in writing to the Tournament Director and Chief Arbiter. If any player is absent for any particular round without intimation then his or her name will be excluded from the remaining matches of the tournament.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES ETC

Any electronic devices including but not limited to mobile phone, bluetooth devices, wrist watches etc are not allowed in the playing hall under any circumstances whatsoever.

Books, Bags, Reading Material etc is not allowed in the playing hall.

If any such item is found then the match will be forfeited and disciplinary action will be initiated as the case may be.

Players can keep water bottles, necessary medicine etc with them after informing the Arbiter.

If any participant is alone without any accompanying person then he can switch off mobile phone or any other electronic device etc and keep it on the table so that it is clearly visible to opponent and Arbiters.

RULES FOR NON PARTICIPANTS ETC

Spectators and non participants are strictly not allowed in the tournament hall.

Discussion / Analysis is not allowed in the playing hall.

Players who have finished their games should get their results noted and leave the playing hall.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

All rules and regulations of on the board play for Rapid Tournament like touch and move, castling, enpassant, promotion etc as per the latest amendments according to AICF and FIDE guidelines will be followed in this tournament.

Any rules not covered above and any disputes arising thereof will be amicably resolved by the team of Arbiters while safeguarding the interests of all stakeholders.

Players can refer the decision of Arbiter for further review to the Deputy Chief Arbiter and Chief Arbiter.

The final decision in case of any dispute or any points not covered above will be that of the Chief Arbiter and it will be binding on all participants, parents, teachers, coaches etc.

Any kind of unprofessional behaviour or any comments or action against the Tournament Organisers / Arbiters by any participant, parent, guardian, teacher, coach etc will result in expulsion from the tournament and will result in disciplinary action and legal proceedings as the case may be.

Such incidents will be recorded and posted in social media. It will be reported to concerned schools, District Association, State Association, National Association and World Chess Federation for necessary action.

We expect all participants to play according to Fair Play Guidelines and uphold sportsman spirit during this competition.

This tournament is organised to provide good competitive environment to all participants so support, cooperation and patronage of all stakeholders specially parents, guardians, teachers, coaches and participants is of utmost importance.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

Participants / Parents / Guardians / Teachers / Coaches are requested to attend the Prize Distribution Ceremony.

Best Wishes



Ms Anisha Singh

Chief Arbiter