

Shri Dhanpat Rai Sachdeva Memorial RAPID FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2026

Venue: Marina Banquet, Wazirpur, New Delhi

26th – 27th September 2026

Minutes of Technical Meeting

Number of rounds

The tournament will consist of 9 rounds and will follow the Swiss system format.

Rate of play

15 minutes plus a 10-second increment per move.

Default Time

Clock time (15 min): any player who arrives at the chessboard after 15 minutes shall lose the game.

Those who lose points for arriving late should inform the chief arbiter so their names can be retained on the pairing list.

Tiebreak

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| 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 | | |

Appeals Committee

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| 1) IM Dinesh Kumar Sharma - LIC | 4) IM Akash Dalvi - MAH |
| 2) IM Aradhya Garg -DEL | 5) FM Saurabh Anand - BIH |
| 3) IM Soham Kamotra -JK | |

Age category prizes

The Age category prizes to Best Players in Under 09, 11, 13, 15 (Boys & Girls) shall be awarded only within the age category. For Example, a player under-09 (Boys) shall not be eligible for the Under-11 prize and so on. (U09= Boys Under09, F09= Girls Under09 and so on)

Female Prize

- All female players are eligible for the best Female prize.
- The best veteran aged above 55 will receive a prize in the S56 group only,

Draw Claims

Claims for a draw are not valid without a scoresheet, even if players are using DGT boards. To claim a draw (either by threefold repetition or the 50-move rule), players must provide the scoresheet.

Protest

Protest if any, against the decision of the arbiter shall be made in writing to the appeals committee with a fee of Rs. 2000/- within 15 min.

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 forfeit the game. The opponent will be declared the winner.

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 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. Keep Bags 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.

Tournament Schedule

******(Schedule is subject to change; kindly check the announcements in the playing hall).******

Round	Day	Date	Time
1	Saturday	September 26	9:30 AM
2	Saturday	September 26	11:00 AM
3	Saturday	September 26	12:30 PM
	Lunch	Break	
4	Saturday	September 26	2:30 PM
5	Saturday	September 26	4:00 PM
6	Saturday	September 26	5:30 PM
7	Sunday	September 27	9:00 AM
8	Sunday	September 27	10:30 AM
9	Sunday	September 27	12:00 PM
PD Function	Sunday	September 27	6:30 PM

IA Anupam Bhattacharjee
Chief Arbiter