

Odisha Open – the 16th International Grandmasters Chess Festival 2025 – 26 Category “A” 1900 & above

(event code : 450579/OD/2026)

16 – 24 January 2026

Fair Play Rules & Regulations

Greetings!!!

- FIDE & AICF Fair Play Regulations will be in force including private checking during the event. All players, coaches, and parents are requested to strictly adhere to the rules & regulations and to cooperate with officials during the tournament.
- It is the duty of the player to be available for the Fair Play check on time at the tournament hall. **Players are requested to reach the venue 30 minutes before the start of the rounds considering the default time (15 minutes) and Fair Play check.**
- As far as possible, the checking will be done before and after the matches. However, if required the fair play officials will carry out checking during the round too.
- **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.**
- 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. Wallets are allowed inside the hall after checking.
- 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). Please maintain the discipline specially in Smoking Areas.
- The spectators (players who had completed their games), parents and coaches are not to be allowed inside the playing arena 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.
- Players can file the complaints by filling the forms of ITCs or PTCs .

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

Fair Play Team for the event : -

IA & FPE Aparajita Gochhikar (Women)
IA, FI & FPE Candidate Bhaskar V (Men)