



1st Maharashtra Chess Festival Below 2000 FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2023

(For below 2000 rated players only)

ORGANISED BY: MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION

UNDER THE AGEIS OF: ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

From 1st to 4th June 2023

VENUE: HOTEL CENTRE POINT – NAGPUR

ADDRESS: 24, CENTRAL BAZAAR ROAD, RAMDASPETH, NAGPUR – 440010

GOOGLE MAPS LINK: <https://goo.gl/maps/g5bVhz2ijd4nGWEZ8>

AICF EVENT CODE: 325096/MAH/2023

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY Rs. 10,00,000/-

1. Eligibility:

- The tournament is open for players who have not crossed the Standard FIDE rating of 2000 in the past 36 months prior to the start of the tournament are eligible to participate.
- RTPCR or final vaccination certificate.

2. System of Play:

- The Tournament shall be played under the FIDE Laws of Chess for a total of 9 rounds on a Swiss-League basis.

3. Time Control:

- Each player shall have 60 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

4. Fair Play:

- Players who finished first or second in any rating restricted tournament will not be eligible to play in any rating restricted tournament for one year from the date of such achievement.

5. Tournament Schedule:

Date	Day	Event	Time
31 st May	Wednesday	Arrival	1:00 pm onwards
1 st June	Thursday	Technical Meeting	10:00 am
1 st June	Thursday	Inauguration	10:30 am
1 st June	Thursday	Round 1	11:00 am
1 st June	Thursday	Round 2	3:30 pm
2 nd June	Friday	Round 3	9:30 am
2 nd June	Friday	Round 4	2:00 pm
3 rd June	Saturday	Round 5	8:30 am
3 rd June	Saturday	Round 6	12:30 pm
3 rd June	Saturday	Round 7	4:30 pm
4 th June	Sunday	Round 8	9:00 am
4 th June	Sunday	Round 9	1:30 pm
4 th June	Sunday	Closing Ceremony	5:30 pm
4 th June	Sunday	Departure	6:30 pm onwards

6. Entry Fee:

- From rating 1501 to 2000 – Rs. 3,000.
- From rating 1000 to 1500 – Rs. 4,000.
- For unrated players – Rs. 5,000
- Last date of entry submission – 22nd May 2023
- Last date of entry submission with late fee of Rs. 500 – 28th May 2023
- No request towards waiver of entry fee or late fee will be entertained.
- Players can register via the link given below:

<https://forms.gle/vZXE96NrsERDXpAP7>

- Bank account details for entry fee payment:

Account Name	Maharashtra Chess Association
Bank Name	Kotak Mahindra Bank
Account No.	1146360584
Branch	Senapati Bapat Road, Pune
IFSC Code	KKBK0001779
SWIFT Code	KKBKINBBXXX

- Participants are to mandatorily attach the transaction receipt in the Google Form link given above and send it via email to maharashtrachessassociation@gmail.com.
- Entry will be subject to rating verification as per the June 2023 classical rating list.
- For any queries related to the payments please contact Mr. Rohit Tembe - +91 8007944674

7. AICF and MCA registration 2023-2024 for Indian Players:

- All Indian participants shall be registered with AICF for the year 2023-24 before submitting entry for this tournament. Players not yet registered can do so by remitting a sum of Rs. 300/- online on <https://prs.aicf.in>.
- All participants from Maharashtra shall be registered with MCA for the year 2023-24 before submitting entry for this tournament. Players not yet registered can do so by remitting a sum of Rs. 150/- online on https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php.

8. Force Majeure:

The organizing committee bear no responsibility in case of a Force Majeure which might lead to cancellation or postponement of the event.

9. Prize Structure:

- **Main Prizes (Total – Rs. 6,04,000):**

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 1,10,000 + trophy
2 nd Rank	Rs. 95,000 + trophy
3 rd Rank	Rs. 85,000 + trophy
4 th Rank	Rs. 55,000
5 th Rank	Rs. 35,000
6 th Rank	Rs. 30,000
7 th Rank	Rs. 22,500
8 th Rank	Rs. 18,000
9 th to 11 th Ranks	Rs. 15,000 each
12 th and 13 th Ranks	Rs. 13,000 each
14 th and 15 th Ranks	Rs. 12,500 each
16 th to 20 th Ranks	Rs. 11,500 each

- **Category Prizes (Total – Rs. 3,96,000):**

Below 1800

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 13,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 12,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 11,000

Below 1500

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 12,750
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,750
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,750

Below 1200

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 12,500
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,500

Best Unrated

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 12,250
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,250
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,250

Best Veteran

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000

Best Female:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,500
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,500

Best Maharashtra:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000

Best Vidarbha Player:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000

Best Under 15:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 12,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000
4 th to 6 th Ranks	Trophy each

Best Under 13:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,500
2 nd Rank	Rs. 11,000
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000
4 th to 6 th Ranks	Trophy each

Best Under 11:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000
4 th to 6 th Ranks	Trophy each

Best Under 9:

Rank	Amount
1 st Rank	Rs. 11,000
2 nd Rank	Rs. 10,500
3 rd Rank	Rs. 10,000
4 th to 6 th Ranks	Trophy each

Prize Money Notes:

- The prizes shall not be shared and a player would be eligible for one higher prize only.
- Tax will be deducted as per the Indian Income Tax Act.
- All payments to Indian players would be made by bank transfer.
- Prize winners from foreign countries would be required to submit a copy of their passport & visa.

10. Default Time (Walkover Time):

- The default time will be 15 minutes.

11. Tie-Break:

- Following tie breaks will be implemented:
 - a. Buchholz Cut 1.
 - b. Buchholz.
 - c. SB.
 - d. Direct Encounter.
 - e. Greater number of wins (including forfeit points)
 - f. Greater number of wins with Black pieces

12. Protest:

Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only) within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The amount would be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

13. Appeals Committee:

Appeals Committee will be formed in the technical meeting. The decision of the said committee shall be final and binding on all the participants.

14. Interpretation:

For further interpretations of the rule(s) and deciding any aspect not covered by the said tournament prospectus, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all the participants. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition/deletion/amendment to these rules. However, such changes shall be displayed on the noticeboard.

- 15.** Players are not allowed to carry bags, mobile phones, wrist watches and other electronic devices to the playing arena. Arrangements will be made for players to deposit their bags, mobile phones, etc.

16. Important Contacts:

1. Niranjana Godbole – Tournament Director – +91-9673003780
2. KK Barat – Jt. Organising Secretary - +91-9422174490
3. Bhushan Shriwas – Jt. Organising Secretary – +91-9890860484
4. Rohit Tembe – Registrations – +91-8007944674
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COVID PROTOCOL

- **All players are required to mandatorily adhere the Covid Protocol issued by Government of India/Government of Maharashtra at the time of the tournament.**
- **All players are required to maintain social distancing and hand sanitization at all times.**
- **Wearing of mask is not mandatory at present in Maharashtra but at the time of the tournament everyone will have to abide by the guidelines of state and central government at the time.**
- **Any symptomatic players will be removed from the championship as precaution. All players are obliged to obey this rule and no protest can be made against this decision of Organizing Committee.**
- **All officials and arbiters should be fully vaccinated.**
- **Parents and accompanying persons are not allowed inside the tournament hall at all times.**
- **Organizers take all the measures for safe championship environment however, in case any untoward situation arises, the players will not ask damages from Organizers/All India Chess Federation.**
- **Due to any unforeseen scenario, if the event needs to be cancelled, then the organisers obligation is limited to refunding the entry fee paid by the players.**
- **By enrolling for the events, the players are abiding by all the terms and conditions of the championship for participation.**