



**MASTERS CHESS ACADEMY, KANYAKUMARI**  
in association with

# **HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), NAGERCOIL**

under the auspices of AICF, TNSCA & KKDCA  
*conducts*

## **MASTERS CHESS ACADEMY, KANYAKUMARI 1<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL FIDE RATED Open Chess Tournament - 2026**

AICF Event Code: 490515/TN/2026 | TNSCA Approval No: RO-27/KKI/26-27  
KKDCA Approval No: 2/MCA/2026

**Total Cash Prize :  
₹ 4,00,000/-**

**Entry Fee :  
₹ 2000/-**

**Entry Fee -  
Free For GM & IM**

**+  
AICF  
Registration Fee  
₹ 300/-**

**+  
TNSCA  
Registration Fee  
(Only for Tamil Nadu  
State Players)  
₹ 150/-**

**+  
KKDCA  
Registration Fee  
(Only for Kanyakumari  
District Players)  
₹ 75/-**

**VENUE : HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS),  
ROCH NAGAR, KURUSADY, NAGERCOIL**

*Date*  
**SEPTEMBER  
4 to 7  
2026**

## Prize Money Breakup :



OPEN CATEGORY

| RANK | PRIZE MONEY | RANK      | PRIZE MONEY |
|------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1    | 30000       | 8         | 7000        |
| 2    | 25000       | 9         | 6000        |
| 3    | 20000       | 10        | 6000        |
| 4    | 15000       | 11 - 15th | 5000        |
| 5    | 10000       | 16 - 20th | 4000        |
| 6    | 9000        | 21 - 25th | 3500        |
| 7    | 8000        | 26 - 30th | 3000        |



RATING CATEGORY

| 1701 - 1800 | 1601 - 1700 | 1501 - 1600 | 1400 - 1500 | Best Unrated |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 5000        | 5000        | 5000        | 5000        | 5000         |
| 3500        | 3500        | 3500        | 3500        | 3500         |
| 3000        | 3000        | 3000        | 3000        | 3000         |
| 2500        | 2500        | 2500        | 2500        | 2500         |
| 2500        | 2500        | 2500        | 2500        | 2500         |



OTHER CATEGORIES

| Sr. Citizen (60 & Above) | Differently Abled | Women(18 & above) | Kanyakumari Under-17 Boys | Kanyakumari Under-17 Girls |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3000                     | 3000              | 3000              | 3000                      | 3000                       |
| 2500                     | 2500              | 2500              | 2500                      | 2500                       |
| 2500                     | 2500              | 2500              | 2500                      | 2500                       |



AGE CATEGORIES

|   | U-15 Boys | U-15 Girls | U-13 Boys | U-13 Girls | U-11 Boys | U-11 Girls | U-9 Boys | U-9 Girls |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | 3000      | 3000       | 3000      | 3000       | 3000      | 3000       | 3000     | 3000      |
| 2 | 2500      | 2500       | 2500      | 2500       | 2500      | 2500       | 2500     | 2500      |
| 3 | 2500      | 2500       | 2500      | 2500       | 2500      | 2500       | 2500     | 2500      |

> CATEGORY PRIZES FOR KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT PLAYERS :

FIVE SPECIAL PRIZES (TROPHY) FOR UNDER-7, 9, 11 & 13 BOYS & GIRLS SEPARATELY

> SPECIAL PRIZES FOR CORPORATE EMPLOYEES : 2 TROPHIES FOR MEN & 2 TROPHIES FOR WOMEN

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

INAUGURATION  
04.09.2026 | 10.00 AM

PLAYERS MEETING  
04.09.2026 | 10.30 AM

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION  
07.09.2026 | 6.00 PM

| ROUND                 | DATE       | TIME     |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> ROUND | 04.09.2026 | 11.00 AM |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> ROUND | 04.09.2026 | 4.00 PM  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> ROUND | 05.09.2026 | 9.30 AM  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> ROUND | 05.09.2026 | 2.30 PM  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> ROUND | 06.09.2026 | 9.30 AM  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> ROUND | 06.09.2026 | 2.30 PM  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> ROUND | 07.09.2026 | 8.30 AM  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> ROUND | 07.09.2026 | 1.00 PM  |

Entry Fee can be paid online through

- [www.easypaychess.com](http://www.easypaychess.com)
- [chessmii.com](http://chessmii.com)
- [signinchess.com](http://signinchess.com)
- [chessfee.com](http://chessfee.com)

Last Date :  
1-9-2026 | 6.00pm

## Rules & Regulations

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| System of Play                                       | The Latest FIDE Rules in force shall apply and the Swiss system will be followed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Mode of Tournament                                   | Total 8 rounds shall be played.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Time Control                                         | 90 minutes each + 30 seconds increment per move from move no.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Default time                                         | Default time will be 15 minutes from the start of the game. Players who arrive at their boards after the default time shall lose their game.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Tie break                                            | As per AICF recommendations, Tie-break will be applied. In case of tie, prizes will not be shared.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| AICF Player Registration                             | AICF player registration is compulsory for Indian players. AICF Player Registration fee is Rs. 300/- for the year 2026-2027. All AICF registrations will be accepted only through online. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that AICF player's registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament. For renewing AICF registration of existing players, please click <a href="http://aicf.in/players/">http://aicf.in/players/</a> . For fresh AICF registration please click <a href="http://aicf.in/online-player-registration/">http://aicf.in/online-player-registration/</a> . For fresh AICF registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address (unique) not used by any other person/ player for AICF, ready before the registration process.<br>Note : Only passport size (less than 1MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded. |
| TNSCA Player Registration for Tamilnadu players only | TNSCA player registration is compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players. TNSCA Player Registration fee is Rs.150/- for the year 2026-2027. Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that TNSCA players registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament. For renewing TNSCA player registration of existing players, please click <a href="https://registration.tamilchess.com/">https://registration.tamilchess.com/</a> . For fresh TNSCA registration please click <a href="https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/">https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/</a> . For fresh TNSCA registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address ready before the registration process.<br>Note : Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.                                                          |
| KKDCA Player Registration                            | KKDCA player registration is compulsory for Kanyakumari District Players. The Registration fee is Rs.75/- for the year 2026-2027 which must be paid online through <a href="https://easypaychess.com/membership.asp">https://easypaychess.com/membership.asp</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Protests                                             | Protests if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with protest fee of Rs.1000/- within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident to the appeals committee. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Appeals Committee                                    | Before the commencement of the Tournament, appeals committee will be formed from the senior participants present at the players meeting. The appeals committee decisions will be final and binding on all players concerned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Withdrawals                                          | A player may withdraw at any stage of the event, after informing the chief arbiter in writing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Last date                                            | Entries close at 6.00.P.M on 1-9-2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Rights of admission                                  | The AICF/ TNSCA/KKDCA/organizer reserve the rights of admission to the venue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Accommodation:                                       | Unfurnished Free Dormitory type of Accommodations will be provided. Players are requested to bring their own bedding.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Food                                                 | Quality food will be provided at nominal cost.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Certificate                                          | Participation certificates will be awarded to all participants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Chief Arbiter                                        | Dr. Winston G (FIDE ID:5096898), International Arbiter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wrist watches                                        | As per AICF regulations the wrist watches are restricted inside the playing hall in all FIDE Rated events. Players are instructed not to wear any kind of wrist watches while Playing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



**1<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL FIDE RATED**  
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**Dr. Sr. S. Sahayaselvi**

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## List of Hotels in Nagercoil

| Hotel Name                |        | Phone Number |
|---------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Hotel Sahana Castle       |        | 04652-274350 |
| Hotel Udupi International |        | 04652-272036 |
| Pioneer Grand Palace      | Star   | 09488819043  |
| Hotel Vijayetha           |        | 04652-232206 |
| Hotel Lance International |        | 07092288822  |
| Hotel Vashanth Krishna    |        | 09442501504  |
| Ramraj Residency          | Luxury | 09488958811  |
| VLR Residency             |        | 07373004652  |
| Blue Haven Lodge          |        | 04652-227877 |
| Harris Residency          |        | 04652-402297 |
| Hotel Ganga               | Budget | 04652-232599 |

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# HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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- History
- Economics
- English

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#### M.Sc

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- Zoology
- Physics

#### B.Sc

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- Physics
- Chemistry
- Botany
- Zoology

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- Commerce

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#### B.A

- English Literature with Media Communication

#### B.Com

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- Corporate Secretaryship
- Commerce with Computer Application

#### M.A

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- History

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