



53rd National Challengers Chess Championship 2015

at Nagpur (Maharashtra)

16th to 27th August 2015

AICF Event Code: 114518 /MAH/2015

On behalf of

ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

Under the aegis of

Maharashtra Chess Association

and Conducted through

Nagpur District Chess Association,

Vidarbha Chess Association

& Nagpur Chess Academy,

Nagpur.

Tournament Venue:

Naivedyam Celebration Centre,

North Ambazari Road,

Opposite NIT Swimming Pool

Nagpur- 440010

Tournament Schedule

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| 16-Aug-2015 | Arrival | Sunday | 09.00 am onwards |
| 16-Aug-2015 | Inauguration | Sunday | 04.00 pm |
| 16-Aug-2015 | Players Meeting | Sunday | 06.00 pm |
| 17-Aug-2015 | Round 1 | Monday | 03.00 pm |
| 18-Aug-2015 | Round 2 | Tuesday | 09.30 am |
| 18-Aug-2015 | Round 3 | Tuesday | 04.00 pm |
| 19-Aug-2015 | Round 4 | Wednesday | 10.00 am |
| 20-Aug-2015 | Round 5 | Thursday | 09.30 am |
| 20-Aug-2015 | Round 6 | Thursday | 04.00 pm |
| 21-Aug-2015 | Round 7 | Friday | 10.00 am |
| 22-Aug-2015 | Round 8 | Saturday | 10.00 am |
| 23-Aug-2015 | Round 9 | Sunday | 10.00 am |
| 24-Aug-2015 | Round 10 | Monday | 10.00 am |
| 25-Aug-2015 | Round 11 | Tuesday | 10.00 am |
| 26-Aug-2015 | Round 12 | Wednesday | 10.00 am |
| 27-Aug-2015 | Round 13 | Thursday | 10.00 am |
| 27-Aug-2015 | Closing Ceremony | Thursday | 03.00 pm |

Total Prize Fund Rs.5,00,000/-

| Rank | Prize Fund | | Rank | Prize Fund |
|-----------------|------------|--|------------|------------|
| 1 st | 1,50,000 | | 7th | 17,500 |
| 2 nd | 87,500 | | 8th | 12,500 |
| 3 rd | 62,500 | | 9th | 10,000 |
| 4 th | 37,500 | | 10th | 7500 |
| 5 th | 30,000 | | 11th -20th | 3750 |
| 6 th | 22,500 | | 21st -30th | 2500 |

Lodging:

Free accommodation will be provided to all the selected participants and one Accompanying official (manager) nominated by concerned State Chess Association for each State. Players and officials availing this facility have to inform the same on or before 12th August, 2015.

*****Accompanying persons and special entries have to make their own arrangements. If they want to avail this facility may contact the organizers on or before 12th August, 2015.*****

Eligibility:

1. Every Affiliated State Association / Institutional Members of All India Chess Federation shall be entitled to send four entries. Any state association / institution failed to send its full quota, the vacancies so caused shall not be filled.
2. All Grandmasters, International Masters and Women Grandmasters are seeded.
3. First 6 players from previous National Challengers rankings other than GMs, IMs and WGMs.
4. First 2 players from 2014 under-25 Chess Championship.
5. National Junior Chess Champion from 2014.
6. Winner & Runner-up of the 2014 National Women Challengers Chess Championship.
7. Current World Champion in any category.
8. Current Asian Junior Champion and first three from last Asian Men Chess Championship.
9. The host Association MCA shall be entitled to fill additional entries of 2 players.

10. All Board prize winners of the 2014 National Team Chess Championship.
11. Four players approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no State Chess Association exists.
12. Any Player who remits the prescribed Special Entry fee of Rs. 10,000/- (for Ex-National Premier and National 'A' players Rs. 5,000/-). **All special entries should come through their respective State Association / Affiliated Unit of AICF.** However the AICF/ Maharashtra Chess Association/ Organizers reserve the right to accept or reject such entries without assigning any reason thereof.
13. A Nominee of Hon. Secretary of AICF.
14. If total numbers of entries is an odd number, then the host association may add one more entry to make it an even number.
15. **Only Indian Nationals are eligible to participate in this championship.**

Entries & Entry Fee :

Regular entry Rs. 1,500/- , Special Rs. 10,000/- Ex-National Premier and National 'A' players Rs. 5,000/-.

Note: There will be 50% concession in entry fee for participants from North Eastern States and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Entries should be received on or before **10th August 2015** at the following address by DD drawn in favor of "**Nagpur District Chess Association**" Payable at Nagpur and thereafter confirm thru mail. Late entries will be accepted with late fee of Rs. 250/- per player till **15th August 2015**. No entry will be entertained after **15th August 2015**.

To transfer NEFT/RTGS transaction has to be done in favor of Nagpur District Chess Association.

Bank Details

Name of Beneficiary: Nagpur District Chess Association

Bank Name: BANK OF INDIA

Branch Name: SITABULDI

Account No.: 870610110010157

IFSC Code: BKID0008706

City: NAGPUR

Players Registration:

All participants in the 53rd National Challengers Chess Championship must be registered with AICF for the year 2015-2016. Application forms are available in the website www.aicf.in. Those who have already done registration with AICF should send proof for the same. Those who have not registered with AICF for the year 2015-2016 should send an amount of **Rs.250/- towards AICF registration fee** along with the duly filled and signed AICF player's registration form plus one passport size photo.

Participants from Maharashtra State are required to obtain MCA Registration for the year 2015-2016 by sending an amount of **Rs.150/- towards MCA registration fee** along with the duly filled and signed MCA player's registration form plus one passport size photograph in addition to the entry fees.

Tournament Regulations:

1. The tournament will be played under the laws of chess & FIDE Swiss System.
2. Zero Minute Rules: The zero tolerance rules will be followed "any player who arrives at chess board after the start of the session shall lose the game. The default time is zero minutes"
3. Total of 13 rounds shall be played.
4. Time control of 90 minutes of each for first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes each for the rest of game with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move no.1

5. Top 9 rankers of this championship will qualify for forthcoming National Premier championship.

6. Smoking & use of alcohol and any other “drugs/Drink” are strictly prohibited inside the venue.

Chess Clocks:

Each participating association must provide at least two DGT chess clocks in working order for every four players sent by that association in the championship.

Tie Break:

Buchholz tie-break system will be applied.

1. Buchholz Cut-1, 2. Buchholz Cut-2, 3. Sonneborn Berger, 4. Buchholz Median

For unplayed games and byes, it has to be assumed that the player had played against a virtual opponent in that round as per the rules prescribed in FIDE Handbook – C06 – FIDE Tournament Rules – F. Handling Unplayed Games for Calculation of Buchholz (Congress 2009)

(<http://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=20&view=category>)

Tournament Committee:

The tournament committee consists of Chief Arbiter, Secretary of AICF or his representative, and the secretary and two members of the host association shall be constituted before commencement of the tournament.

Protests:

Protest if any, against the decision of the chief arbiter shall be made in writing with protest fee Rs. 500/- within 30 minutes of occurrence of the incident. The amount shall be refunded if appeal is upheld. The decision of the appeals committee is FINAL AND BINDING on all players concerned.

Appeals Committee :

Before commencement of the tournament Five Member Appeals Committee shall be formed by AICF/Organizers. All members and the reserves shall be from the different states. No Members of the committee can vote on the dispute in which a player from his own state is involved in such case(s) reserve member(s) shall take his place in the committee. The decision of the appeals committee is Final and Binding on all players concerned.

Withdrawals:

A player may withdraw from the Championship at any stage, after informing Chief Arbiter in writing.

Disqualification:

No player shall leave the venue before the prize distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule shall be suspended for one year.

Arrears:

The affiliated Association must clear all arrears of affiliation fee / tournament fee including those of current year at the time of submitting the entries. Otherwise the entries are liable to be rejected.

Interpretation:

For interpretation of the rules and deciding any point not covered by rules, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding. The Tournament Committee has every right to make any additional or amendment to these rules, without notice. However, such changes/or inclusion will be subject to AICF clearance. Such changes will, however be displayed at the tournament hall.

Contact for more Details and confirmation of entry:

Registration and Entry Fee Payment:

Address:-Nagpur District Chess Association,

C/o. Mr. K K Barat, Secretary,

178, Tikekar Road, Dhantoli,

Nagpur 440012

Cell: 9422174490

E-mail:- ndcanagpur@gmail.com

Note: - With copy mark to Maharashtra Chess association

Email Id: - maharashtrachess@gmail.com

Accommodation:-

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