



युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

15th Chennai Open International Grandmasters Chess Tournament 2024 for Sakthi Group Dr. N. Mahalingam Trophy

FIDE/AICF Event code: 378820/TN/2024 & TNSCA Approval No: INT-01/TN/24-25

Under the guidance of Dr. M Manickam, President, TNSCA
Organised by Tamil Nadu State Chess Association

Under the auspices of All India Chess Federation

Category 'A' (ELO 2000 & above)
(as on January 2025 FRL)

Date: 2nd to 9th January 2025

Venue: Hotel Ramada Egmore

Gandhi Irwin Rd, Ansari Estate, Egmore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600008
(Near Egmore Railway Station) Ph: 044-4610 4777

Total Cash Prize : Rs. 20,00,000/-

Main Prize

1 st	Rs. 4,00,000/- + Trophy	8 th	Rs. 60,000/-
2 nd	Rs. 3,00,000/-	9 th	Rs. 55,000/-
3 rd	Rs. 1,80,000/-	10 th	Rs. 50,000/-
4 th	Rs. 1,25,000/-	11 th – 15 th	Rs. 25,000/- each
5 th	Rs. 1,00,000/-	16 th -20 th	Rs. 20,000/- each
6 th	Rs. 85,000/-	21 st - 30 th	Rs. 15,000/- each
7 th	Rs. 70,000/-	31 st - 40 th	Rs. 10,000/- each

Category Prizes

ELO Rating	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
2300 to 2399	Rs.10000/-	Rs.8000/-	Rs.7000/-
2200 to 2299	Rs.10000/-	Rs.8000/-	Rs.7000/-
2100 to 2199	Rs.10000/-	Rs.8000/-	Rs.7000/-
2000 to 2099	Rs.10000/-	Rs.8000/-	Rs.7000/-

However, a player is eligible for one prize only (whichever is higher)
Indian Income Tax Act and rules in force will be applicable for TDS purpose.

Tournament Schedule:

02.01.2025	Thursday	03.00 PM	Round 1
03.01.2025	Friday	10.00 AM	Round 2
03.01.2025	Friday	04.00 PM	Round 3
04.01.2025	Saturday	10.00 AM	Round 4
05.01.2025	Sunday	10.00 AM	Round 5
05.01.2025	Sunday	04.00 PM	Round 6
06.01.2025	Monday	10.00 AM	Round 7
07.01.2025	Tuesday	10.00 AM	Round 8
08.01.2025	Wednesday	10.00 AM	Round 9
09.01.2025	Thursday	10.00 AM	Round 10
09.01.2025	Thursday	05.00 PM	Closing Ceremony
09.01.2025	Thursday	07.00 PM	Departure

Arrival	8.00 AM	2 nd Jan, 2025
Technical Meeting	2:00 PM	2 nd Jan, 2025
Inaugural Ceremony	2:30 PM	2 nd Jan, 2025

Entry Fee:

GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs and Rated 2400 and above - No entry Fee.

All the eligible players Rs.10,000/- will be the entry fee without lodging.

(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)

The last date of entry will be 27th December, 2024 (Friday)

Contact details:

Tamil Nadu State Chess Association, Room No.75, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Periamet, Chennai 600003. Phone: 044-25384477, E-mail: tnchesstmt@gmail.com
Website: www.tamilchess.com

Tournament Rules

System of Play

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 10 rounds.

Time Control

90 Minutes each with 30 seconds increment from move no.1.

Default Time 15 Minutes.

Any player who arrives at the chess board after the default time shall lose the game.

Tie Break

- 1) Buchholz cut 1
- 2) Buchholz
- 3) Sonneborn-Berger
- 4) Direct Encounter
- 5) Greater number of wins including forfeit games
- 6) Number of wins with black pieces.

In the event of tie the cash prizes will not be shared.

Condition for draw by agreement

Players should not agree for a draw in a game without completing 30 moves each.

Ban on Electronic devices and Wrist watch

All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. Players found in possession of these items will be declared lost.

Boarding & Lodging

All GMs will be provided free boarding and hotel accommodation on double sharing basis.

All IMs/WGMs/WIMs will be provided free boarding and hotel accommodation on triple sharing basis.

All other participants / accompanying persons who require lodging may contact Mr.V.Dhanasekaran (Mobile 9841748583 / 9884748583)



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Category 'B' (ELO 1999 & below)

(as on January 2025 FRL)

Date: 2nd to 5th January 2025

Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

Periamet, Chennai – 600 003

(Near MGR Chennai Central Railway Station)

The venue is about one hour drive from Chennai airport, 5 minutes from MGR Central Railway Station and 10 minutes from Egmore Railway station

Total Cash Prize : Rs. 10,00,000/-

Main Prize

1 st	Rs. 1,00,000/-	7 th	Rs. 12,000/-
2 nd	Rs. 70,000/-	8 th	Rs. 10,000/-
3 rd	Rs. 50,000/-	9 th	Rs. 9,000/-
4 th	Rs. 30,000/-	10 th	Rs. 8,000/-
5 th	Rs. 20,000/-	11 th – 20 th	Rs. 6,000/- each
6 th	Rs. 15,000/-	21 st - 40 th	Rs. 5,000/- each

Category Prizes

Position	1400-1500	Position	1501-1650	Position	1651-1800
1 st	₹45,000.00	1 st	₹45,000.00	1 st	₹45,000.00
2 nd	₹25,000.00	2 nd	₹25,000.00	2 nd	₹25,000.00
3 rd	₹20,000.00	3 rd	₹20,000.00	3 rd	₹20,000.00
4 th	₹12,000.00	4 th	₹12,000.00	4 th	₹12,000.00
5 th	₹10,000.00	5 th	₹10,000.00	5 th	₹10,000.00
6 th	₹5,000.00	6 th	₹5,000.00	6 th	₹5,000.00
7 th	₹5,000.00	7 th	₹5,000.00	7 th	₹5,000.00
8 th	₹5,000.00	8 th	₹5,000.00	8 th	₹5,000.00
9 th	₹5,000.00	9 th	₹5,000.00	9 th	₹5,000.00
10 th	₹5,000.00	10 th	₹5,000.00	10 th	₹5,000.00
11 th	₹5,000.00	11 th	₹5,000.00	11 th	₹5,000.00
12 th	₹5,000.00	12 th	₹5,000.00	12 th	₹5,000.00
13 th	₹5,000.00	13 th	₹5,000.00	13 th	₹5,000.00
14 th	₹5,000.00	14 th	₹5,000.00	14 th	₹5,000.00
15 th	₹5,000.00	15 th	₹5,000.00	15 th	₹5,000.00

	Unrated
1 st	₹7,000.00
2 nd	₹6,000.00
3 rd	₹5,000.00
	Special prizes
Veteran - 1 st	₹6,000.00
Women - 1 st	₹6,000.00

However, a player is eligible for one prize only (whichever is higher)

Indian Income Tax Act and rules in force will be applicable for TDS purpose.

Prizes	U-7 Boys & Girls Born on or after 01.01.2018	U-9 Boys & Girls Born on or after 01.01.2016	U-11 Boys & Girls Born on or after 01.01.2014	U-13 Boys & Girls Born on or after 01.01.2012	U-15 Boys & Girls Born on or after 01.01.2010
1 st	Cycle	Cycle	Cycle	Cycle	Cycle
2 nd to 10 th	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy

All under – 7 players will receive a trophy.

Tournament Schedule:

02.01.2025	Thursday	02.00 PM	Round 1
02.01.2025	Thursday	05.00 PM	Round 2
03.01.2025	Friday	09.00 AM	Round 3
03.01.2025	Friday	02.00 PM	Round 4
03.01.2025	Friday	05.00 PM	Round 5
04.01.2025	Saturday	09.00 AM	Round 6
04.01.2025	Saturday	02.00 PM	Round 7
04.01.2025	Saturday	05.00 PM	Round 8
05.01.2025	Sunday	09.00 AM	Round 9
05.01.2025	Sunday	02.00 PM	Round 10
05.01.2025	Sunday	05.00 PM	Closing Ceremony

Arrival	09.30 AM	2nd Jan, 25
Technical Meeting	10.00 AM	2nd Jan, 25
Inaugural Ceremony	01.00 PM	2nd Jan, 25

Entry Fee: All Players: INR 5,000/-

The last date of entry will be 28th December, 2024 (Saturday)

Tournament Rules

1. Eligible players

- Players having career rating of 1999 & below (for the last three years from 01.01.2022) are only eligible to participate in the event.
- 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.

2. System of Play

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 10 rounds.

3. Time Control

60 Minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1 for the entire game.

4. Default Time

15 Minutes. Any player who arrives at the chess board after the default time shall lose the game

5. Draw Offer

Players shall not agree for a draw before 30th move of black.

6. Tie Break

- Buchholz cut 1
- Buchholz
- Sonneborn- Berger
- Direct Encounter
- Greater number of wins including forfeit games
- Number of wins with black pieces.

In case of a tie, the latest FIDE rules shall come into effect. **The cash prizes however will not be shared.**

7. Ban on Electronic devices and Wrist watch

As per AICF regulations, wristwatches and other electronic devices are strictly prohibited inside the playing area. Players found in possession of these items will be declared lost.



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Category 'C' (ELO 1799 & below)
(as on January 2025 FRL)

Date: 6th to 8th January 2025

Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

Periamet, Chennai – 600 003

(Near MGR Chennai Central Railway Station)

The venue is about one hour drive from Chennai airport, 5 minutes from MGR Central Railway Station and 10 minutes from Egmore Railway station

Total Cash Prize : Rs. 10,00,000/-

Main Prize

1 st	Rs. 1,00,000/-	7 th	Rs. 12,000/-
2 nd	Rs. 70,000/-	8 th	Rs. 10,000/-
3 rd	Rs. 50,000/-	9 th	Rs. 9,000/-
4 th	Rs. 30,000/-	10 th	Rs. 8,000/-
5 th	Rs. 20,000/-	11 th – 20 th	Rs. 6,000/- each
6 th	Rs. 15,000/-	21 st - 40 th	Rs. 5,000/- each

Category Prizes

Position	1400-1500	Position	1501-1600	Position	1601-1700
1 st	₹45,000.00	1 st	₹45,000.00	1 st	₹45,000.00
2 nd	₹25,000.00	2 nd	₹25,000.00	2 nd	₹25,000.00
3 rd	₹20,000.00	3 rd	₹20,000.00	3 rd	₹20,000.00
4 th	₹12,000.00	4 th	₹12,000.00	4 th	₹12,000.00
5 th	₹10,000.00	5 th	₹10,000.00	5 th	₹10,000.00
6 th	₹5,000.00	6 th	₹5,000.00	6 th	₹5,000.00
7 th	₹5,000.00	7 th	₹5,000.00	7 th	₹5,000.00
8 th	₹5,000.00	8 th	₹5,000.00	8 th	₹5,000.00
9 th	₹5,000.00	9 th	₹5,000.00	9 th	₹5,000.00
10 th	₹5,000.00	10 th	₹5,000.00	10 th	₹5,000.00
11 th	₹5,000.00	11 th	₹5,000.00	11 th	₹5,000.00
12 th	₹5,000.00	12 th	₹5,000.00	12 th	₹5,000.00
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06.01.2025	Monday	10.00 AM	Round 1
06.01.2025	Monday	02.00 PM	Round 2
06.01.2025	Monday	05.00 PM	Round 3
07.01.2025	Tuesday	09.00 AM	Round 4
07.01.2025	Tuesday	02.00 PM	Round 5
07.01.2025	Tuesday	05.00 AM	Round 6
08.01.2025	Wednesday	09.00 AM	Round 7
08.01.2025	Wednesday	02.00 PM	Round 8
08.01.2025	Wednesday	05.00 AM	Round 9
08.01.2025	Wednesday	08.00 PM	Closing Ceremony

Arrival 08.00 AM 6th Jan, 25
Technical Meeting 09.00 AM 6th Jan, 25
Inaugural Ceremony 09.15 PM 6th Jan, 25

Entry Fee: All Players: INR 5,000/-

The last date of entry will be 2nd January, 2025 (Thursday)

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2. System of Play

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3. Time Control

30 Minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1 for the entire game.

4. Default Time

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Entry fee can be paid through online portal, use the link given below

1. www.chessfee.com
2. www.easypaychess.com
3. www.signinchess.com
4. www.chessentry.in

GENERAL INFORMATION

AICF Player Registration

All Indian players must be registered with AICF for the year 2024 – 2025 before the registration deadline to participate in the tournament. Those who have not registered with AICF are required to do AICF registration online at <https://prs.aicf.in/players> before sending their entry.

TNSCA Player Registration

All Tamil Nadu players must be registered with TNSCA as player for the year 2024 – 2025 before the registration deadline to participate in the tournament. Those who have not registered with TNSCA are required to do TNSCA registration online at <https://registration.tamilchess.com/> before sending their entry.

Protest

Protest, if any against the decision of the Chief Arbitrator, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000/- within one hour of the completion of the game. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

Appeals Committee

Before the commencement of the tournament, a five member committee of Appeal with two reserves shall be formed by the organisers. All the members and reserves shall be from different federation. No member of the committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own federation is involved and in such case the reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee.

Accommodation

Players / accompanying persons who are in need of accommodation, can contact
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Mobile: +91 98417 48583 / 98847 48583
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Organising Secretary
Mr. B. Murugavel
Vice President, TNSCA

Tournament Director
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For further assistance please contact:

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Hotels near the tournament venue:

Lakshmi Lodge, 16, Kennet Lane, Egmore (opposite to Egmore Railway Station)	Ph: +91 44 42148725/26/27 Mobile: +91 98409 00342
Hotel Pandian, 15, Kennet Lane, Egmore (opposite to Egmore Railway Station)	Ph: +91 44 28192727 Mobile: +91 98414 21207 +91 98414 21202
Vestin Park Hotel 39, Red Cross Road, Egmore	Ph: +91 44 28527171 Mobile +91 99400 11946



Arutchelvar Dr. N. Mahalingam

Dr. N. Mahalingam, founder, Sakthi group of companies was a chess philanthropist beyond comparison. His compassion for chess players in distress was phenomenal. He expressed his appreciation of the achievements of chess players with meaningful gifts that inspired them to higher efforts. As a former President of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association and All India Chess Federation, Dr. N. Mahalingam Championed the growth and the development of the game.