



h2e Power Systems Maharashtra State FIDE Rating Under 19 Open and Girls Selection Chess Championship 2026



AICF Event Code: 469635/MH/2026 and 469636/MH/2026

Event Dates : 15th to 17th May 2026

Organized By Pune District Chess Circle

Under the Aegis of: Maharashtra Chess Association, All India Chess Federation and FIDE



Venue

Shree Ganesh Sabhagruha and
Ashwamedh Hall, KG Pawar Road,
Erandwane, Karve Road Pune 411004



1. Invitation :

- Pune District Chess Circle has the honour to invite all Chess players from the State of Maharashtra to participate in the “h2e Power Systems Maharashtra State FIDE Rating Under 19 Open and Girls Selection Chess Championship 2026”.

2. Recognition :

- The championship is held under the auspices of the MCA, AICF & FIDE. The said championship is organized by “Pune District Chess Circle” and will serve as the selection event for the National Under 19 Chess Championship 2026.

3. Eligibility Criteria :

- Only the players who fulfil the following conditions are eligible to play in the said chess championship.
- Born on and after 1st January 2007.
- All entries should be strictly routed through the respective District Chess Associations affiliated with MCA.



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Each district association is entitled to field 4 players in the Open & 4 in Girls in each category.

- Additional entries for last year's medal winners are as follows.
Under 19 Girls: Sangli – 3 ; Chh Sambhajinagar-2; Akola – 1
Under 19 Open: Nagpur – 3; Pune – 2; Chandrapur -1
- ‘Selected Player’ means the player selected from the respective District Selection Events. Besides the above, the District Associations may enter an unlimited number of players as a Donor Entry.

4. Selection of Maharashtra Team :

- The top 4 boys and Top 4 girls will be selected to represent Maharashtra State in the forthcoming National Chess Championship for the Same Age Group. Players participating in this championship will only be allowed to participate in National Chess Championship.
- Participation in this championship is compulsory if any player wishes to take part in National Under-19 Chess Championship, 2026
- Any player wishes to skip the state selection championships and directly take part in national championships then he/she will have to pay a non refundable privilege fee of Rs. 3,500 to MCA. Privilege fee will not be collected if the player has participated in any one of the state selection championships prior to playing in the national championship in which he/she desires to take part in. Any decision taken by the Hon. Gen. Secretary of Maharashtra Chess Association regarding entry under the privilege fee scheme will be treated as final.

5. Date of Birth Certificates :

- Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. School ID card/Aadhar Card won't be accepted as DOB proof. Certificates should preferably be from the Panchayat, Municipality or Corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without date of birth certificates will not be allowed to participate.
- The date of birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate.
- If any doubt arises about the claimed age of a player, the Tournament Committee has the right to refer the player during the championship for a due evaluation of age by competent medical experts. A player if declared over age by such experts shall not continue in the championship and the matter shall be reported to AICF. Protest about the age of players may be made to the Chief Arbiter in writing along with a fee of 5000/- per player. This will not be refunded. No protest about over age of a player will be entertained after 2nd round of the championship.



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6. Registration & Entry fee :

- District Selected Player: Rs. 1000/- Donor Entry: Rs. 2000/-
- Last Date and time: 13th May 2026 - 8:00 pm Entry fee will only be refunded if player informs his/her withdrawal of entry before the pairing of the 1st round is made

7. Event Schedule

Event	Date	Time
Arrival	14/5/2026	After 2:00 PM
Tournament Opening	15/5/2026	9:00 AM
Players / Managers Meeting	15/5/2026	9:15AM
1st Round	15/5/2026	9:30 AM
2nd Round	15/5/2026	1:30 PM
3rd Round	15/5/2026	5:00 PM
4th Round	16/5/2026	9:00 AM
5th Round	16/5/2026	1:00 PM
6th Round	16/5/2026	4:30 PM
7th Round	17/5/2026	9:00 AM
8th Round	17/5/2026	1:00 PM
PD Function	17/5/2026	4:00 PM
Departure	17/5/2026	5:30 PM



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8. AICF & MCA Registration:

- All participants in the State Championship should be registered with AICF for the year 2026- 27. The online AICF registration link is given below. No entry will be accepted without an AICF player's registration for 2026-27 and such players will not be paired.
- Link for new registration : <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>
- AICF ID renewal and search link : <https://prs.aicf.in/players>
- All participants in the State Championship should be registered with MCA for the year 2026-27.
- The online MCA registration link is given below. No entry will be accepted without an MCA player's registration for 2026-27 and such players will not be paired.

Link for Tournament Registration:

https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php

Link for MCA New Player Registration:

https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/MCA_Registrations.php

Link for MCA Renewal of Registration:

https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/existing_entry.php

Search Your MCA ID:

https://mcachess.in/Tournament_Registration/forgot_student_id.php

9. Exemption Criteria:

Open : Players with classical rating of 2000 & above are exempted from participation

Girls : Players with classical rating of 1800 & above are exempted from participation

10. Total Prizes Fund : 60,000/-

Rank	Prize money for open	Prize money for girls
1	₹ 7,000/-	₹ 7,000/-
2	₹ 4,000/-	₹ 4,000/-
3	₹ 3,600/-	₹ 3,600/-
4	₹ 3,000/-	₹ 3,000/-
5	₹ 2,400/-	₹ 2,400/-
6	₹ 2,000/-	₹ 2,000/-
7	₹ 2,000/-	₹ 2,000/-
8	₹ 2,000/-	₹ 2,000/-
9	₹ 2,000/-	₹ 2,000/-
10	₹ 2,000/-	₹ 2,000/-
Total	₹ 30,000/-	₹ 30,000/-



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11. System of Play :

- The tournament will be played with 8 rounds Swiss system. The format may be changed to emergency cases at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter & Tournament Director with prior approval from MCA & AICF.
- The time control will be **60 minutes + 30 seconds** increment from move 1. Default time : 15 min.

12. Tiebreaks :

1. Buchholz Cut-1
2. Buchholz
3. Sonneborn Berger
4. Direct Encounter
5. Number of Wins (Including forfeit)
6. Number of wins with black

13. Electronic Devices :

No electronic devices, mobile phones, and wristwatches are allowed in the playing venue. If a player is caught with any of these then a loss will be given in his/her game straightaway.

14. Appeals :

The Chief Arbiter Decision will be final & binding to all. In case of any discrepancy, the matter will be handed over to the Appeals Committee which will be formed during the Players' meeting before the start of the First Round.

15. Accommodation:

- The selected players will be given free dormitory sharing or rooms as accommodation by the organizers.
- Accommodation will be closed 12th May 2026
- Team managers/ Parents will not be provided with free accommodation. Parents or accompanying persons will have to pay the charges for accommodation and food upfront to confirm accommodation.

16. Default/Walkover Time : The default/walkover time will be 15 minutes.



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17. Important Contacts :

Name / Role	Email ID	Phone Number
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Tournament Director Mr. Prakash Kunte	bktpune@gmail.com	9881077293
Maharashtra Chess Association State Office Mr.Rohit Tembe	maharashtrachessassociation@gmail.com	8007944674 (WhatsApp only)
Pune District Chess Circle Organiser Office IA Deepti Shidore	punedistrictchesscircle@gmail.com	9604737183 (WhatsApp only)

18. Tournament Committee :

- **Dr. Sanjay Karavde Chairman Secretary, PDCC**
- **Mr. Prakash Kunte Tournament Director Vice-President PDCC**
- **IA Rajendra Shidore, Organising Secretary, PDCC- 9890485666**
- **IA Deepti Shidore, Tournament Organising Secretary - 9604737183**
- **Mr. Ketan Khaire, Member PDCC**
- **Mr. Chandrakant Mokashi ,Member PDCC**
- **Mr. Sanjay Adhav ,Member PDCC**

Accommodation Committee:

- **IA Vinita Shrotri, Member PDCC and PDCC Arbiter Commission-9850439239**
- **FA Pavan Katkade Member, PDCC Arbiter Commission-7709241113**


Venue Committee

- **Mr. Abhijeet Joshi, Member PDCC Events Committee-9850023202**
- **Mr. Amrish Tallu, Member PDCC Event Committee-8788123968**




19. Nearby Hotels :


1.Sadanand Residency

 020 2543 5311


 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/RqQEaKuU8egURCPS6>


2.Krishna Residency

 097674 06100


 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/RqQEaKuU8egURCPS6>


3.Sharman Suites

 091564 00915


 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/RqQEaKuU8egURCPS6>


4.The President Hotel

 093706 57004

 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/RqQEaKuU8egURCPS6>

5.Hotel Raviraj

 077980 03470

 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/hA32Nk2mw3FRGbp2A>

