MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Revised regulations with effect from 1st November 2026

A. The revenue of the association will include:

1) Membership/ Subscription to be paid by Affiliated District Associations/institutional Members/Life Members/Patrons.
2) Non-refundable recognition fee to be paid by the Organizers of State/National/International Tournaments.
3) For Maharashtra and All India open rating tournaments MCA will charge recognition fee for these tournaments
4) Fee for conducting / organizing International Tournaments.
5) Fee for the award of Certificates MCA Level Trainers/ Arbiters/ Coaches
6) Players and Arbiters registration fee
7) Fees received for services rendered or rights granted by MCA
8) Other contributions like sponsorship etc.
9) Such other receipts as may be incidental or mandatory to the above.

B. Affiliation fee/Special Membership fee

Each affiliated Districts shall pay to the Association the annual subscription of Rs.1000/- (Rs. One Thousand Only) between 1st to 15th April of that year. The annual subscription of Rs 10,000/- for the Institutional Members shall also be paid as above.

C. Entry Fee

Entry Fee at the rates and in the manner indicated below shall be levied for State Championships, 25% of which shall be paid to the MCA towards its share.

No.	State Championship	Type of entry	Non rated	Rated
1	U-7 Boys & Girls	Ordinary	800	1000
		Special	1500	2000
2	U-9 Boys & Girls	Ordinary	800	1000
		Special	1500	2000
3	U-11 Boys & Girls	Ordinary	----	1000
		Special	----	2000
4	U-13 Boys & Girls	Ordinary	----	1000
		Special	----	2000
5	U-15 Boys & Girls	Ordinary	----	1000
		Special	----	2000
6	U-17 Boys & Girls	Ordinary	----	1000
		Special	----	2000
7	U-19 Boys & Girls	Ordinary	----	1000
		Special	----	2000
8	State Women	Ordinary	----	1000
		Special	----	2000
9	State Open	Ordinary	----	1000
		Special	----	2000
10	State Rapid	Ordinary	----	1000

11	State Blitz	Ordinary	----	1000
12	State Arbiter Exam		----	2500
13	State Schools		----	800
14	State Amateur		----	2000

The entry fees mentioned above on account of every player shall be paid by his/her respective District Association / Affiliated Unit / Entity / Player to MCA at least 7 days before the start of each Championship or within the time limit printed by the MCA. The entries received after the stipulated time may be accepted by the organizers with a late fee of Rs. 200/- per player till 3 days before the commencement of the championship. No spot entry shall be entertained by the organizers.

If any player wishes to skip state selection chess championships and directly take part in national championship, that player will have to pay a privilege fee of Rs. 3,500 to MCA. MCA will in turn pay 50% of the said amount to the organiser of that specific State Championship.

C1 – Exemption criteria

Participation in the state selection chess tournaments of Maharashtra is mandatory for everyone except for certain exemptions who can directly give their entry for respective national tournament which are mentioned below:

No.	**Tournament**	**Criteria**
1	State Open Selection	Players with classical rating of 2000 and above exempted from participation
2	State Women Selection	Players with classical rating of 1900 and above exempted from participation
3	State Junior (U19) Open Selection	Players with classical rating of 2000 and above exempted from participation
4	State Junior (U19) Girls Selection	Players with classical rating of 1800 and above exempted from participation
5	State Under 17 Open & Girls Selection	Players with classical rating of 1800 and above exempted from participation
6	State Sub Junior (U15) Open & Girls Selection	Players with classical rating of 1800 and above exempted from participation
7	State Under 13 Open & Girls Selection	Players with classical rating of 1600 and above exempted from participation
8	State Under 11 Open & Girls Selection	Compulsory for everyone
9	State Under 9 Open & Girls Selection	Compulsory for everyone
10	State Under 7 Open & Girls Selection	Compulsory for everyone

If 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 ₹3,500 to MCA. Privilege fee will not be collected if the player has participated in any one of the state selection championship 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.

C1 – Selected players from Districts and Divisions-

Every district Association is allowed following number of entries as official entries for state selection tournaments. Entries will be accepted on letter head only.

For age-group U-15, U-19 and Open and women event 4 entries per district /division.

For all other state selection tournaments 2 entries from each category per district / division. Host district association will get one additional entry in each category.

District with medal winners will be eligible to have additional ordinary entries for the next year's State Championships:

1. Gold – 3 Entries
2. Silver – 2 Entries
3. Bronze – 1 Entries

C2 – Seeded Players –

Top 4 players from Senior Open, Women, Junior (Open and Girls) and Sub Junior (Open and Girls) will be eligible as seeded players for next year's championships. Top 2 players (Open and Girls) from remaining age group championships will be seeded for next year's championships.

C3 – Accommodation

Host organization will provide free lodging to all the selected players in each group from each district / division.

Please note: State Rapid/Blitz & State Amateur are exempted from free accommodation clause.

C4 – Tournament Director –

Every organizer will appoint tournament director for the official events like state selection tournament, private FIDE rating tournament and any other official event which will need permission from MCA, AICF or FIDE. The TD will be responsible for overall conduct of the tournament, to follow all the rules and regulations set by MCA, AICF, FIDE, to follow protocol, and send daily press reports. In case of Dispute his decision in consultation with secretary MCA will be final and binding on all.

C5 – Tie Break –

Following tie breaks will be used during state selection championships:

- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz
- SB
- Direct Encounter
- Greater number of wins (including forfeit)
- Number of wins with black

C6 – The Organizers of all official championships like National, Asian, World, Commonwealth, Asian Zone etc., shall pay Rs. 5,000/- to MCA for non-granted event, and Rs. 10,000/- for granted event. The recognition fee once paid shall not be refundable.

D. International Events

Maharashtra players aspiring to participate in international events as donor/special entries shall submit their entries through MCA to AICF in the prescribed form.

E. Players and Arbiters registration fees:

Players registration fees per year: Rs. 150 (MCA will give Rs. 50 to the districts)
Arbiters registration fees per year: Rs. 500

F. Recognition fee for national/international competitions

Organizers of national tournaments shall pay to the MCA a non-refundable recognition fee.

No.	Championship	Amount
1	National Senior Open	10000
2	National Senior Women	10000
3	National Youth Under 25	5000
4	National Junior Boys (U-19)	10000
5	National Junior Girls (U-19)	10000
6	National U-17 Boys	5000
7	National U-17 Girls	5000
8	National U-15 Boys	10000
9	National U-15 Girls	10000
10	National U-13 Boys	5000
11	National U-13 Girls	5000
12	National U-11 Boys	5000
13	National U-11 Girls	5000
14	National U-9 Boys	5000
15	National U-9 Girls	5000
16	National U-7 Boys	5000
17	National U-7 Girls	5000
18	National Rapid	5000
19	National Blitz	5000
20	National Team	5000
21	National Women Team	5000
22	National Schools Individual & Team	15000
23	National Amateur	10000
24	Any international tournament & Youth Olympiad	50000
25	Any age group Asian/World Championship	10000

FIDE rating (Swiss): Entry fee should not exceed 0.5% of the prize money if tournament is for 5 days or less and entry can be 1% of prize money if tournament is of more than 5 days. MCA recognition should be 5% of the total prize fund subject to a minimum of Rs. 5,000. (This is up to Rs. 10 lakhs prize fund, above Rs. 10 lakhs it will be 3%).

Open state tournaments: Recognition fee should be 5% of the prize money or a minimum of Rs. 5,000.

Organizers intend to organize rating tournament with rating restrictions should organize open FIDE rating tournament with minimum of 5 days or more. MCA recognition fee should be 5% of the total prize fund subject to a minimum of Rs. 5,000 (This is up to Rs. 10 lakhs prize fund, above Rs. 10 lakhs it will be 3%).

Any organiser who wishes to conduct a FIDE Rating Tournament without any cash prizes and where only trophies and medals are awarded to the winners, such organisers will have to pay Rs. 5,000 as MCA tournament recognition fee.

MCA will transfer 50% of the recognition fee received from any organiser for organising any private FIDE rating tournament to the district association under whose jurisdiction the said tournament is being organised.

No.	State Championships	Prize money	Rec. fee
1	State U-7 and U-8 Boys & Girls	20000	15000
2	State U-9 and U-10 Boys & Girls	20000	15000
3	State U-11 and U-12 Boys & Girls	30000	15000
4	State U-13 and U-14 Boys & Girls	36000	15000
5	State U-15 and U-16 Boys & Girls	48000	15000
6	State U-17 and U-18 Boys & Girls	36000	15000
7	State U-19 Boys & Girls	60000	15000
8	State U-25 Youth	48000	10000
9	State Open Selection	72000	15000
10	State Women Selection	72000	15000
11	State Schools Boys & Girls	36000	10000
12	State Team Men	36000	-
13	State Team Women	36000	-
14	State Rapid	36000	5000
15	State Blitz	36000	5000
16	State Amateur	60000	10000

MCA will contribute towards 50% of the total prize fund for state selection chess championships.

G. Selected/seeded players representing Maharashtra at National Championships:
Selected and seeded players will be paid Rs. 5,000 lump sum amount towards travel, boarding and entry fees for representing Maharashtra state at national championships (except National Amateur). The entry fee of selected players representing Maharashtra at National Amateur will only be reimbursed. The amounts will be reimbursed to players **after production of participation certificate**.

H. **Official uniform/t-shirt of Maharashtra**:
As per AICF regulations, it is mandatory for all players to wear the official uniform/t-shirt of Maharashtra in all National Championships. Selected and seeded players will be provided with two complimentary t-shirts. Donor entries will have to pay Rs. 600 per t-shirt plus Rs. 150 towards courier charges (upto 2 t-shirts, additional courier charges for more than 2 t-shirts). Selected players representing Maharashtra at National Amateur Championships will have to purchase the official uniform/t-shirts.

I. Cash incentives for medal winners in official championships:
MCA shall present the players with the following cash incentives whenever they win medals in official chess championships as detailed below:

No.	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1	Asian Age Group Championship	25000	15000	10000
2	World Age Group Championship	30000	20000	15000
3	Asian Games Individual	25000	15000	10000

4	Asian Individual	25000	15000	10000
5	Asian Games Team	25000	15000	10000
6	Asian Team	25000	15000	10000
7	World Youth Olympiad	30000	20000	15000
8	World Junior	30000	20000	15000
9	Chess Olympiad	50000	30000	20000
10	Board prizes Olympiad/World	10000	7000	5000
11	Board prizes Asian	7000	5000	3000
12	National Age Group Tournament	15000	10000	5000
13	National Junior and Sub Junior	20000	15000	10000
14	National Senior Championships	50000	25000	15000
15	National Team Championships	5000	3000	2000

J. Organizers of the state championships shall pay the following to the Chief Arbiter nominated by the association

No.	Event	Amount
1	All state classical championships	₹3200 per day
2	All state rapid championships	
3	All state blitz championships	

Apart from the above, the Chief Arbiter shall be reimbursed to and from 3rd AC train fare, free board and lodge apart from local transportation. If arbiter is local, then he/she will be eligible for free boarding only. While counting the days, 50% travel days of Chief Arbiter is also to be included apart from the playing days.

For any normal/private rating tournament, the remuneration the Chief Arbiter should be finalized by the organizer and chief arbiter by mutual understanding but the amount should be a minimum of ₹3,200 per day.

K. Organizers of the state championships shall pay the following to the Deputy Chief Arbiter nominated by the association

No.	Event	Amount
1	All state classical championships	₹2200 per day
2	All state rapid championships	
3	All state blitz championships	

Apart from the above, the Deputy Chief Arbiter shall be reimbursed to and from 3rd AC train fare, free board and lodge apart from local transportation. If arbiter is local, then he/she will be eligible for free boarding only. While counting the days, 50% travel days of Deputy Chief Arbiter is also to be included apart from the playing days.

For any normal/private rating tournament, the remuneration the Deputy Chief Arbiter should be finalized by the organizer and chief arbiter by mutual understanding but the amount should be a minimum of ₹2,200 per day

L. Organizers of the state championships shall pay the following to the Chief Arbiter nominated by the association

No.	Event	Amount
1	National classical championships	As per AICF norms

2	National rapid championships	
3	National blitz championships	

Transport and lodging charges will be paid as per AICF norms.

M. Regulations for arbiters

- No. of arbiters per tournament: 2 arbiters for first 50 players and 1 arbiter for every additional 50 players.
- It is mandatory for organizers to appoint two State Arbiters in all State Selection tournaments who should have attended state arbiter refresher course.
- The Arbiter Commission of MCA will appoint the Chief Arbiter and Deputy Chief Arbiter for all state selection championships and private FIDE rating tournaments which will be conducted in Maharashtra.
- Chief and deputy arbiters will be responsible for smooth conduct of the tournament according to FIDE, AICF and MCA rules & regulations.
- Arbiters will complete all the formalities regarding AICF and MCA player registrations, rating results for AICF, and FIDE and will submit the report of the event with total number of players and final standings to MCA within 7 days after completion of the tournament.
- It is mandatory for the Chief Arbiter to send daily report along with top 10 board results before 8 pm via email to MCA.

N. Regulations for Arbiter Training Course:

Type	**Income**		**Expense**	
	Refresher Course	**Normal Course**	**Head Lecturer**	**Assistant Lecturer**
Online	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,500	Rs. 2,000/day	Rs. 1,500/day
Offline	Rs. 1,500	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 3,000/day	Rs. 2,500/day

O. Regulations for Train the Trainers Course:

Type	**Income – Entry Fee**	**Expense – Trainer Charges**
Online	Rs. 1,500	Rs. 2,000
Offline	Rs. 2,500	Rs. 3,000

P. Regulations for Coaching Camps:

- Charges for Grandmasters will be Rs. 7,500 per day.
- Charges for International Masters and Woman Grandmasters will be Rs. 5,000 per day.
- Charges for FIDE Trainer or FIDE Instructor will be Rs. 3,000 per day.
- MCA will pay the fees for the coach for these camps.
- District or organiser has to look after the lodging and boarding of the coach.
- Camps will be divided into 4 categories: Above rating 2000, rated between 1501 to 1999, rated between 1001 to 1500 and unrated players. Organisers can choose to organize camps for any one of the above mentioned categories.
- The organiser can charge a minimum entry fee of Rs. 1,000 and a maximum entry fee of Rs. 2,500. **Coaching camps without any entry fee will not be allowed**.
- Minimum number of participants should be 10 for the coaching camps.

Q. Chess boards and clocks:

- MCA can provide chess boards and pieces to organisers in Maharashtra.
- Charges will be Rs. 5 per board per day for privately organized chess tournaments.
- MCA will provide chess boards and pieces without any charges for organizers of state selection chess championships.
- The organiser(s) will have to take care of transport of chess sets. Once the tournament is over the organizer has to take care that the chess sets are delivered to the MCA office.
- MCA can also provide DGT chess sets to organizers at a cost of Rs. 1,000 per board for the entire duration of the tournament. The organizer will have to bear the cost of the transport of the DGT chess sets.

R. Authorized Tournaments:

1. Organizers for the events should apply for permission of the tournament in advance to MCA through respective districts.
   - Rating tournaments – 45 days in advance
   - State selection tournaments – 45 days in advance
2. Unauthorized tournaments:
   - If required then district association should inform MCA for requesting MCA to declare the tournament as unrecognized with proper reasoning.
   - MCA shall announce the tournament as unrecognized on its website.
   - President of MCA can pardon any player or arbiter.
3. Rating tournaments can be held in two or more districts simultaneously as per the following criteria:
   - If total prize fund is upto ₹4,00,000 then a tournament clash might occur on the same dates if the distance between the two venues/cities exceeds 100km.
   - If total prize fund is between ₹4,00,000 to ₹8,00,000 then a tournament clash might occur on the same dates if the distance between the two venues/cities exceeds 200km.
   - If total prize fund is more than ₹8,00,000 then a tournament clash might occur on the same dates if the distance between the two venues/cities exceeds 300km.
   - Tournament bid forms will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the above criteria.

S. Payment to the office bearers and secretariat staff

- Travelling expenses of the Secretary:
  The Secretary shall be paid airfare for his actual journeys performed in connection with the championship / tournament of the Association, meetings of the Association and any secretarial job requiring his personal attendance. In addition, he shall be eligible incidental allowance of Rs.1000 for each day of travel and halt. He shall also be eligible for being reimbursed with the actual hotel expenses on production of proper bills. Expenses for traveling by other modes of conveyance shall also be met by the Association. The same facility will be extended to the other Office Bearers with the approval of the Secretary/President.

- Travelling allowance of Rs. 2,000 will be paid to members who are attending an Executive Committee meeting or an Annual General Body meeting.
- Only one person from affiliated districts will be allowed to attend Executive Committee meetings of MCA and that person will only be eligible for the travelling allowance.
- Only two persons from affiliated districts will be allowed to attend General Body meetings of MCA and those two persons will only be eligible for the travelling allowance.
- The officials of MCA who travel on MCA duty for any official work will be paid Rs. 2,000 per day for any outstation work and Rs. 1,000 per day for any work in their home district.
- If AGM/EOGM/EC is organized in any other district than the MCA Headquarters then the organizing district will be provided the following facilities-
    1. Lodging expenses of all the attending members.
    2. Travel expenses of all attending members (please refer to traveling allowance clause of Executive Committee)
    3. Meeting venue expense & food expense has to borne by the organizing district.

T. Conditions for services for the secretariat staff

- The number and the category of the secretarial staff to be engaged and the remuneration and the other benefits which they will enjoy will be decided by the Secretary.
- The working hours of the MCA office shall be from 10:00am to 5:30pm.
- All Sundays and Central Government public holidays shall be holidays for the MCA secretariat.
- Medical reimbursement for self and dependents of staff will be subject to President's discretion.