



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

FIDE/AICF Event code: 378822/TN/2024
& TNSCA Approval No: RR-03/TN/24-25

Organised by: Tamil Nadu State Chess Association
Under the guidance of All India Chess Federation

Category 'C' (ELO 1799 & below)
(as on Dec 2024 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: 10,00,000/-

Main Prizes

1 st	₹ 1,00,000.00	7 th	₹ 12,000.00
2 nd	₹ 70,000.00	8 th	₹ 10,000.00
3 rd	₹ 50,000.00	9 th	₹ 9,000.00
4 th	₹ 30,000.00	10 th	₹ 8,000.00
5 th	₹ 20,000.00	11 th to 20 th	₹ 6,000.00
6 th	₹ 15,000.00	21 st to 40 th	₹ 5,000.00

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
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.

Tournament Schedule:

Arrival	08.00 AM	6 th January, 2025
Technical Meeting	09.00AM	6 th January, 2025
Inaugural Ceremony	09.15AM	6 th January, 2025

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 PM	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 PM	Round 9
08.01.2025	Wednesday	08.00 PM	Closing Ceremony

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

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

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

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

Tournament Rules

1. Eligible players

- i) Players having career rating of 1799 & below (for the last three years from 01.01.2022) are only eligible to participate in the event.
- ii) The champion of any below category event for the past one year (i.e from 01.01.2024 is not eligible to participate).

2. System of Play

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 9 rounds.

3. Time Control

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

4. Tie Break

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

5. Default Time

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

6. Draw Offer

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

7. 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.

8. Ban on Electronic devices and Wrist watch

As per AICF regulations, wristwatches and other electronic devices are strictly prohibited inside the playing area

9. Boarding & Lodging

Players / accompanying persons who are in need of accommodation, can contact Mr. Dhanasekaran V

Mobile: +91 98417 48583 / 98847 48583 & &

Mrs. Dineshwari : 6382464633

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 Arbiter, 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 states. No member of the committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own state is involved and in such case the reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee.

Organising Secretary
Mr. B. Murugavel
Vice President, TNSCA

Tournament Director
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General Secretary, TNSCA

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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.

