

VIT-AP UNIVERSITY

FIDE Rating Selection Tournament

(Andhra Pradesh State Open)

**Separate Tournaments:
Event Code: AP/SO/75/2026**

Open FIDE Rating Selection Tournament

Below 1800 FIDE Rating Selection Tournament

**Organised by
Fire Chess School**
Under the aegis of **Sri Chess Association of Vizianagaram &
Andhra Chess Association**

Date: 25-04-2026

Venue: Fire Chess School, Ring Road, Vizianagram.

Tournament Schedule

Open Selections: 25-04-2026 from 9:00 AM onwards

Below 1800 Selections: 25-04-2026 from 2:00 PM onwards

Entry Fee

Open Tournament Selection: ₹700/-

Below 1800 Selection: ₹ 700/-

Players are permitted to register for both tournaments.

Selection Criteria

OPEN CATEGORY : Top -2 will be selected for VIT-AP FIDE rating in respective tournament. **3rd to 5th positions** will be eligible for a **₹2,500 discount** for the respective category.

AGE GROUPS :

Top 2 players from each category (*U-7, U-9, U-11, U-13, U-15 – Boys & Girls separately*) will be selected. **If there are fewer than 15 participants in any category, the players will be merged with the next higher category in the same gender. If the combined number of participants in both categories is still fewer than 15, they will be merged into the next higher category within their respective gender. If the participants are less than 15 in all categories together they will be merged in open category. .For example, if there are only 4 players in the U-7 Girls category, they will be merged into the U-9 Girls category. If the total number of players in the U-7, U-9, U-11, U13 Girls categories together is only 13, they will be merged into the U-15 Girls category.” . If U13, U15 together less than 15 (or) U15 alone is less than 15 they will be merged in open category (boys and girls). There will not be separate selection for the respective age group if strength of particular age group or together is less than 15 there will not be separate selection.**

Total selections: 22 players.

Players securing **3rd to 5th positions** in each category (*total 33 players*) will be eligible for a **₹2,500 discount** for the respective category.

Example:

If a player secures 3rd place in U-9 Boys (Open Tournament), they need to pay only ₹ 5,000/- for the VIT-AP FIDE Rating Open Tournament. This discount is applicable only for open category and not for the Below 1800 category. If he/she secures 4th place in U-11 Girls (Below 1800 Tournament), discount applicable only for below category and not for open category.

All other participants will receive a **₹1,500 discount** for the tournament in which they participate. (open or below respectively)

Note: Discounts are valid only for registrations made **on the same day (25TH April 2026) before 10:00 PM.**

If a **selected player (Top 2)** has already registered earlier for the VIT-AP FIDE Rating Tournament, the full amount will be **refunded upon submission of payment proof.** This refund policy does **not apply** to 3rd–5th position holders or general participant discounts.

Benefits for Selected Players & Participants

Selected players will be provided:

✓Free AC sharing accommodation

✓Free boarding (*Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, Dinner*)
for the entire duration of the VIT-AP FIDE Rating Tournament.

For U15 players along with player , one parent/guardian will also receive:

- ✓Free AC sharing accommodation (separate for men and women)
- ✓Full boarding

These benefits also apply to players registering on the same day using the discount facility. A special enrollment window will be opened on the same day. Players can register directly via **apchess.org**.

Eligibility

Open to all, registered on **apchess.org**. Players already selected in any prior selection tournament for the same VIT-AP event are **not eligible**.

Registration

Registration must be completed through **apchess.org**

Last Date: 22TH April 2026 – 8:00 PM

Late Entry Fee: ₹50 (till 24TH April 2026 – 10 PM)

System of Play

Played as per **latest FIDE Laws of Chess**

Number of Rounds: Decided by the Chief Arbiter

Time Control: 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move

Default Time: 5 minutes

Tie-break: As per latest FIDE rules (details at technical meeting)

Awards

Selected Players: Trophies

All Participants: Medals

Certificates: E-certificates for all participants

Electronic Devices

Use of mobile phones, smartwatches, or any electronic devices inside the playing hall is **strictly prohibited**.

Appeals Committee :

Will be formed during the Players' Meeting Appeals must be submitted within **10 minutes** of the incident. Protest fee: ₹1,000 (refundable if upheld)

Chess Boards & Clocks

Players are requested to bring their own chess boards and clocks.

Lunch

Players must make their own lunch arrangements.

Acceptance of Entries

The Organiser reserves the right to accept or reject any entry in accordance with **ACA/AICF rules**, and subject to availability of slots.

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