

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CHESS TEAM SELECTIONS -2026

CIRCULAR

Dates: 27 May 2026

VENUE: DR BR AMBEDKAR BHAVEN, NEAR RTC BUS STAND CHIRALA

Entry Fee

Normal Entry: ₹500 (EACH DISTRICT CAN SEND 4 SELECTED PLAYERS.

Special Entry: ₹1,000 (Subject to recommendation by the affiliated District Chess Association)

Schedule

From : 27th May 2026 exactly at 9 am

Round timings will be decided by the Chief Arbiter and announced before the start of the first round. First Round commence at 9 AM

Accommodation & Food

Free dormitory (shared) accommodation will be provided to all **Normal Entry** players only . Players who opt dormitory facility should bring their own bedding like pillow, blanket etc. **Special Entry** players and accompanying persons must make their own arrangements. Players should arrange their own food.

Registration Process

All entries must be submitted through www.apchess.org.

ACA Player Registration

ACA registration for the year 2026 is **mandatory** for all participants.

Chess Equipment

Each participating District Association must send **one chess clock per two players**. Players should bring their own chess sets.

Rules & Regulations

System of Play: Latest FIDE Rules will apply.

Number of Rounds: will be decided by the Chief Arbiter.

Time Control: 15 minutes + 3 seconds increment per move

Default Time: 10 minutes

Tie-breaks: As per latest FIDE tie-break rules. Will be announced in technical meeting.

Appeals Committee

An Appeals Committee will be formed during the Players' Meeting. Any protest must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within 15 minutes of the incident along with a protest fee of ₹2,000. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

Electronic Devices

Strictly prohibited to carry **mobile phones, smart watches, or any electronic devices** inside the tournament hall.

Selection Criteria

Current Regulations for Team Championships:

Players with a FIDE rating above 2200 and titled players such as GMs, IMs, WIMs, and WGMs who wish to participate in the team are exempted from the selection tournament. If they are interested to represent Andhra Pradesh in the coming Nationals they are requested to contact ACA via (chessandhra@gmail.com) before 27-05-2026. In such cases, the selection tournament will apply only to the B and C teams representing Andhra Pradesh." If ACA is not received any communication before the stipulated time selection will take place for 3 teams i . e A, B C in both men and women categories. CASH incentive towards National entry fee share/dresscode/TA/DA by the organising committee only for one top selected team in both categories..

Cash Incentive

The top 4 selected players will receive a cash incentive of Rs. 5,000, in both Men and women categories, which includes **National Entry Fee, Travel Allowance (TA), Daily Allowance (DA), and Dress Code Allowance.**Incentive will be transferred to the **PhonePe number provided in the AP Chess registration form.**

Certificates: Certificates to all participants and merit Certificates to selected players will be provided by Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh.

Note: To get participation/merit certificate the player must have Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh KREEDA APP Player ID. For SAAP ID Player must fill below google form.

Acceptance of Entries

First 50 special entries will be accepted automatically.

The ACA reserves the right to accept **additional special entries** beyond 50.

All **Normal Entries** will be accepted up to the last date.

Refund Policy

In case of cancellation entry fee will be refunded within 3 working days. However after 1st round pairings, entry fee will not be refunded. Players should officially communicate in case of cancellation through chessandhra@gmail.com

Photography & Video:

ACA reserves the rights for video/photo/entry in to tournament hall.

No player will be recommended to participate in National team championship without registering their name in apchess.org. In case selected players not interested to participate, selection committee will form the team among the registered players of team championship for respective categories.

Last date of registration in apchess.org : 25-05-2026

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