

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE SCHOOLS TEAM

UNDER-12 & UNDER-18

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2026

Event Code: AP/SO/41/2026

Date: 8th to 9th August, 2026

Organized by: Knight's Castle Chess Academy

Under the Aegis of Chess Development Association of Guntur District & ACA

VENUE: Delhi Public School Amaravati, LAM, Guntur-522236

1. Tournament Schedule

Day	Date	Event	Time
Day 1	8 August 26	Arrival	06:00 Hrs.
Day 1	8 August 26	Technical meeting	09:00 Hrs.
Day 1	8 August 26	Inauguration	9:30 Hrs.
Day 1	8 August 26	Round – 1	10:00 Hrs.
Day 1	8 August 26	Round – 2	11:30 Hrs.
Day 1	8 August 26	Round – 3	14:00 Hrs.
Day 1	8 August 26	Round – 4	16:00 Hrs.
Day 2	9 August 26	Round – 5	9:00 Hrs.
Day 2	9 August 26	Round – 6	11:00 Hrs.
Day 2	9 August 26	Round – 7	14:00 Hrs.
Day 2	9 August 26	Closing Ceremony	16:30 Hrs.

2. Age Limit

Players should be born on or after 1.1.2014 for Under-12 Category and 1.1.2008 for Under-18 Category.

3. Age Proof

Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. Certificates from School will not be accepted. Certificates should 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 player alone will be recognized and allowed to participate.

No school shall recommend any player who doesn't come under the above criteria. 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 Rs. 1500/- per player. This will not be refunded. No protest about over age of a player will be entertained after second round of the championship. Only the Coach or Manager deputed by the participating school can lodge such protests. The Tournament Committee has the right to decide the day, time and place for such medical evaluation of age. ACA/Organizers will have the right to refer any player to the medical evaluation of age at any time during the Championship. Players refusing to take the test as decided by the Tournament Committee shall be deemed to have failed the test and shall be disqualified from the Championship.

4. Bonafide Certificate

All the players of a team must be bonafide students of the same school for the academic year 2026-27 and the same must be certified by Principal/Headmaster of the school with signature and stamp.

5. Prizes

Gold, Silver & Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three board prize winners in all five boards. Merit Certificates will be issued to all the medal winners.

Team Rank	Under-12 Trophy	Under-12 Players	Under-18 Trophy	Under-18 Players
1 st	Trophy	Gold Medals	Trophy	Gold Medals
2 nd	Trophy	Silver Medals	Trophy	Silver Medals
3 rd	Trophy	Bronze Medals	Trophy	Bronze Medals

6. Eligibility

- (a) All the players of a team must be bonafide students of the same school for the academic year 2026-27 and the same must be certified by Principal/Headmaster of the school with signature and stamp.
- (b) Each school can enroll any number of teams with suffixing the letters 'A', 'B' and 'C' with their school's name.
- (c) No restriction for team composition (only boys or only girls or mixed). Each team shall consist of four players and one reserve player and a non-playing captain.
- (d) Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in the championships.
- (e) No teams will be allowed to play in Club/Academy names.
- Under-12 Category: Players born on or after 1st January 2014.
 - Under-18 Category: Players born on or after 1st January 2008.

“SAAP KREEDA App registration is mandatory for all players”

7. Dress Code

As per ACA regulations on dress code for players participating in State School Team championships, the players must wear the school uniform. This will be strictly enforced.

8. Entries / Entry Fee

All entries to be forwarded by respective schools directly through ACA Website along with entry form (in excel format only), copy of Date of Birth Certificates, bonafide certificate signed by the Principal/Headmaster with stamp and details of entry fee paid.

9. Entry Fee Structure

Entry Fee: Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) per team.

There will be a 50% concession in the entry fee for Government schools.

Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through ACA Website for clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries, please contact organizer.

10. Late fee

Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till 31st July 2026. Thereafter, a late fee of Rs. 500/- per team will be levied. No entry will be entertained after 6th August 2026 (up to 17:00 hrs.).

11. System of Play

The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. A total of Seven rounds shall be played. Pairing and standings will be based on match points. Teams from same school shall not be paired against each other in the last round. However, they may be paired if there is no compatible opponent with the same point group or score group with a maximum difference of 2 match points. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

12. Starting Rank of the team

The seeding of the teams will be done on the basis of the average rating of the best 4 players. While sending entries, the names of all the players with their FIDE ID and their respective FIDE ratings, if any, should be given to enable the arbiters to arrive at the teams' average rating for seeding purposes. These names and ratings should be reconfirmed in person at the Technical Meeting. The Fixed Board Order should be decided by the respective team Captain/Manager before/at the technical meeting.

13. Default Time

Default time for arriving to the chessboard is 15 minutes.

14. Time Control

The rate of play shall be 25 minutes with an increment of 10 seconds per move from move number one (rapid format).

15. Tie Break

In case of tie, the following is the order of tie-break:

- (a) Match Points
- (b) Direct Encounter based on Match Points
- (c) Game Points
- (d) Sonneborn Berger.

16. Protest

Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees three thousand only) within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

17. Appeals Committee

Before the commencement of the tournament, a five-member appeals committee shall be formed by the ACA/organizers. All the members and reserves shall be from different districts. No member of the Committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own District is involved and, in such case(s), the reserve member(s) shall take his place in the committee.

18. Tournament Committee

The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the State Championship.

19. Interpretation

For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by the above rules of the tournament, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Committee has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules, without notice. However, such changes/ or inclusion will be subject to ACA clearance. Such changes will, however, be displayed in the tournament hall.

20. Withdrawal

Any withdrawal from the tournament must be notified to the Chief Arbiter with acceptable reasons. The entry fee once paid shall not be refunded if the withdrawal from the championship is done after the publication of first-round pairings.

21. Disqualification

No participant will leave the venue before the Prize Distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

22. Registration of Player with ACA

All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with ACA for the year 2026-2027 before forwarding the entries for the event. Online ACA Registration can be done at the website.

23. Electronic Devices

All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. Those who are having mobile phones or wearing watches during their play will be declared lost.

24. Rapid Rules

Rapid rules of the FIDE Laws of Chess will be followed.

25. Accommodation

All teams have to make their own arrangement for stay.

26. ACA Officials & Tournament Committee

Sri KVV Sharma, FA	Sri A. Suresh	Sri K. Jagadish	Sri NM Phani Kumar, IA
Chairman	President	Secretary	Organising Secretary

Sri Ch. Ravindra Raju, FI
President, CDAGD

Organizing Committee Contacts:

YVK Chakravarthy: 9063142105
(Tournament Director)

G V Kumar: 9848374133
(Chief Arbiter)

ABOUT SAAP KREEDA APP

The **SAAP Kreedaa App** is a pioneering digital platform launched by the *Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh* to modernize sports management. It allows athletes to register, access, and download verified digital sports certificates, preventing fraud and streamlining participation in tournaments via **Digi Locker** integration.

Key Features and Benefits of the Kreedaa App:

- **Digi Locker Integration:** Athletes can securely store and instantly generate verified sports certificates, ensuring they are valid for, for example, the **3% horizontal reservation for meritorious sportspersons in AP government jobs**.
- **Preventing Malpractice:** The app eliminates fake certificates and brings transparency to the issuance of sports quota credentials.
- **Comprehensive Database:** Provides a unified platform to manage data for athletes, coaches, and tournaments across Andhra Pradesh.
- **Modern Management:** Designed to streamline athlete registration, performance tracking, and equipment distribution.

The application serves as an essential tool for all sportspersons in Andhra Pradesh to secure their achievements digitally.

To download the SAAP Kreedaa App, a digital platform for Andhra Pradesh sports persons to manage certificates and records, search for "**Kreedaa App**" on the **Google Play Store**. It is integrated with Digi Locker for secure certification.

Steps to Download & Register:

- **Download:** Open the Google Play Store on your Android device and search for "Kreedaa App" or "Kreedaa Sports and Events".
- **Installation:** Tap "Install" on the app developed by the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh.
- **Integration:** Link the app with your Digi Locker account to access, verify, and store your sports certificates securely.
- **Usage:** The app is designed for athletes to track performance, apply for tournaments, and register for employment under the sports quota.

The app, launched by the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP), focuses on digitalizing athlete records and preventing the use of fake certificates.

REGISTRATION FORM (Category Under-12 / Under-18)

Please email this entry form duly filled in excel format to **knightscastlechessacademy@gmail.com** along with copies of DOB certificates of all players and proof of entry fee payment.

Name of School with
Address:

Team Name (If
enrolling multiple
teams):

Sr No	Name of Player	FIDE ID / ACA ID / Class / DOB/SAAP ID	Mobile Number & Email ID
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Non-Playing Captain
(If any):

Manager (If any):

It is certified that the mentioned players are Bonafide students of the school for the academic year 2026-27 and all the above facts are true to the best of my knowledge and belief as per the school records.

Signature of Principal/Headmaster with Stamp & Date