



ABC CHESS
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8th A.P. STATE RANKING CHESS TOURNAMENT-2026

Event Code: AP/SO/50/2026

(U/6,8,10,12,14 & 16 Boys & Girls Separately)

Date: 13-09-2026

Venue

**Proposed Venue: AC Subba Reddy Stadium, Opp: Govt Medical College, GT Road, Nellore,
AP-524 004**

Registration through apchess.org only (click here to register & pay)

Organized By

Roi Chess Academy®

In Association With

SPSR Nellore Chess Association

On behalf of

ANDHRA CHESS ASSOCIATION

Entry Fee: Rs. 500/- For all players

Note: 50%Discount for AP Govt/Municipal/Welfare School Students

ACA Player Registration: Renewal of player Registration for the year 2026 is mandatory.

Registration must be done through apchess.org (click here to register)

Last date of registration: 8th September, 2025

With Late fee of Rs. 100 up to 12th September-2026 till 6 PM

(After 12th Sept, no entries will be accepted)

(Unique link for all categories in apchess.org for each Ranking Tournament)

Trophies & Consolation Prizes for all the participants sponsored by **ABC Chess**

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME
Arrival	07-09-2025	8.30 am
Inauguration	07-09-2025	9.00 am
Technical Meeting	07-09-2025	9.15 am
1st Round	07-09-2025	9.30 am
2nd Round	07-09-2025	10.30 am
3rd Round	07-09-2025	11.30 am
4th Round	07-09-2025	12.30 am
5th Round	07-09-2025	2.00 pm
6th Round	07-09-2025	3.00 pm
7th Round	07-09-2025	4.00 pm
Prize Distribution	07-09-2025	5.30 pm
Departure	07-09-2025	6.00 pm

Player incentive: As per ACA Ranking Tournament regulations: Overall Top-5 players considering the Ranking after 10 Ranking Tournaments (Boys & Girls separately) in U/6,8,10,12,14,16 Boys & Girls categories will be selected as per ACA Ranking regulations to represent National School chess championship for U7,9,11,13,15,17 respectively. They will be provided Rs. 3,000 cash incentive each towards National entry fee, TA, DA, Lumpsum grant, T-Shirts etc. Cash incentive for Manager appointed (Boys and Girls together) Rs. 3000/-. This amount will be paid by Andhra Chess Association to the selected players after completion of 10 Ranking Tournaments. ACA Selection committee will decide in case of last minute withdrawal of selected player.

Other Regulations

Boarding & Lodging: Players are responsible for their own arrangements.

Default Time: Players must be at the boards within 10 minutes of the round start.

Rules: FIDE rules in force shall apply.

System of Play: The tournament will follow Swiss System. Number of Rounds will be decided by the Chief Arbiter appointed considering the strength of tournament. Minimum 3 rounds and Maximum 7 rounds.

Time Control: 20 minutes each plus a 5 second increment from move one.

Tie-break: Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn Berger, direct encounter, number of wins (including forfeits), and number of wins with Black. Prizes will not be shared in case of a tie.

Chess Clocks: Players should bring their own chess clocks.

Appeals Committee: An appeals Committee will be formed during the Technical Meeting; their decision is final.

Protest: Protests against the Chief Arbiter's decisions must be submitted in writing with a fee of Rs. 500/- within 15 minutes of the incident. The protest fee is refundable if the protest is upheld.

Withdrawals: Players may withdraw from the tournament at any stage by informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.

Rights of Admission: Andhra Chess Association / SPSR Nellore Chess Association /Roi Chess Academy reserve the right of admission to the venue.

Registration & Last Date: All players must register at apchess.org on or before 8th September, 2026 without late fee. (Unique link will be provided for all age groups). Tournament will be conducted separately for U/6,8,10,12,14,16 Boys and Girls. No manual entries will be accepted. Payment of the fee does not confirm registration. The last date for registration is 12th September, 2026 with late fee. No entry will be accepted after the last date. The first 200 entries will be accepted. The organizer reserves the right to accept entries beyond 200;

Age proof: Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. Certificates from school are not accepted. Certificates should preferably be from the Panchayat, Municipality or corporation obtained soon after birth. The date of birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate. However, player can appeal to AICF in this regard as per the notification published at <https://aicf.in/public-notice-dob-issue/> with undertaking and supporting documents.

Age Groups

U06	Born on or after 1-1-2020
U08	Born on or after 1-1-2018
U10	Born on or after 1-1-2016
U12	Born on or after 1-1-2014
U14	Born on or after 1-1-2012
U16	Born on or after 1-1-2010

Refund of Entry Fee: Entry fees are non-refundable or transferable. If a fee is paid twice, it will be refunded upon submission of proof to chessandhra@gmail.com.

Player incentive Transfer: Player incentive will be transferred to the phone number provided on apchess.org within two working days after completion of all 10 Ranking Tournaments.

Other Important Aspects: Until their entry is confirmed, players can edit and attach documents in the tournament form. Players should check comments against their names for any issues.

Recommendation for Nationals: Players should have participated in any one of the Ranking tournaments to recommend his/her name for respective National Championship. Without participating in State Ranking Championship (at least one) no player will be recommended for National School. ACA administration reserves the right to recommend for Nationals without participating in State under extraordinary circumstances upon approval from Executive Committee of ACA.

Interpretation: For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by rules of the tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules without prior notice. However, such changes or inclusion will be subject to AICF and ACA clearance. Such changes, However, will be displayed at the Tournament venue.

Ranking Process: Within one day of completion of Ranking Tournament, Progressive score and standing details will be displayed in apchess.org. It is important to note that all players are requested to register with same ACA Number for all tournaments. **If any player registers with different ACA number (duplicate ACA number) such player points in no case will be merged. It is duty of the player to get deleted his/her duplicate ACA number**

Advisory Committee

Mr. **Suresh A**, President, Andhra Chess Association

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