



CHESS GUIDELINES

(Applicable for Championships conducted in 2026)

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For queries related to the championship guidelines
please reach out to your city managers





CHESS

Age Group	Event No	Gender	Cut Off Dates
U-7	1	Boys	Born on or After 1st January 2020
	2	Girls	
U-9	3	Boys	Born on or After 1st January 2018
	4	Girls	
U-11	5	Boys	Born on or After 1st January 2016
	6	Girls	
U-13	7	Boys	Born on or After 1st January 2014
	8	Girls	
U-15	9	Boys	Born on or After 1st January 2012
	10	Girls	
U-17	11	Boys	Born on or After 1st January 2010
	12	Girls	
U-19	13	Boys	Born on or After 1st January 2008
	14	Girls	

A player can participate in only **ONE** event category

SPORT RULES & REGULATIONS

- Writing every move in the notepad provided ("Notation") is compulsory for all players except for U-7 & U-9 chess players.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- The tournament will be played on a 'SWISS LEAGUE' basis as per the FIDE (International Chess Federation) guidelines.
- A Participant is eligible to play all rounds, irrespective of win / loss / draw. The decision of the arbiters will be final and binding on all.
- Time control: 40 minutes plus 3 seconds increment / player (It can change basis the Tournament Organizing Committee during the course of the Championship).
- Tie break: In case of a tie, the tie will be resolved in the order.
 - Buchholz
 - Median Buchholz
 - Berger
 - Toss
- Players may be warned and penalized for illegal moves.
- If there is any dispute, the participant should report to the Arbiter immediately. Once the game is over and the result is submitted, no dispute shall be entertained.
- Both the players are requested to submit their results to the Arbiter.