



# ODISHA OPEN

*The 16th International Grandmasters  
Chess Festival 2025-26*

*Organised by*  
**ALL ODISHA CHESS ASSOCIATION (AOCA)**

*In Association with*  
**SOA University, Bhubaneswar**



**CATEGORY 'D'**  
**BLITZ 20 Jan**  
**2026 ₹**  
**2,00,00/-**



**TOTAL PRIZE  
FUND**

**₹45,00,000**

**CATEGORY 'A'**  
**450579/OD/2026**  
**1900 & Above**  
**16 - 24 Jan2026**  
**₹ 25,00,000/-**

**CATEGORY 'B'**  
**450580/OD/2026**  
**BELOW 1900**  
**16 - 19 Jan 2026**  
**₹ 9,00,000/-**

**CATEGORY 'C'**  
**450581/OD/2026**  
**BELOW 1700**  
**21 - 24 Jan 2026**  
**₹ 9,00,000/-**

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**16 - 24 Jan 2026**



**SOA Campus 2, Near SUM Hospital**  
**Kalinga Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha**



Event Code: **450579/OD/2026**

Total Prize Fund: ₹ **25,00,000/-**

Rounds : 10

Time Control: 90minutes with 30 seconds  
increment from move no.1

**1900 ELO  
& Above**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Indian players, **AICF registration** for the financial year (from 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026) is **mandatory** while for the foreign players a valid **FIDE ID** is required.

### SCHEDULE

15 Jan 26	17:00	Arrival
16 Jan 26 FRI	11:00	Technical Meeting
	11:30	Inauguration
	15:00	Round 1
17 Jan 26	15:00	Round 2
18 Jan 26 Sun	09:30	Round 3
	15:00	Round 4
19 Jan 26	15:00	Round 5
21 Jan 26 Mon	09:30	Round 6
	15:00	Round 7
22 Jan 26	15:00	Round 8
23 Dec 26	15:00	Round 9
24 Jan 26 THU	09:30	Round 10
	16:30	Prize Distribution

### ENTRY FEE

GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, 2400 and Above : **FREE**

All Foreign Players: **FREE**

1900 - 2199	₹ 10,000/-
2200 - 2399	₹ 8,700/-
ODISHA & North East	₹ 8,500/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)	



### LODGING & BOARDING

All GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, 2400 above & All foreign players will be provided **FREE** accommodation & boarding in well furnished hotels 15 minutes walkable distance from SOA UNIVERSITY.

All other participants & accompanying persons will be provided Only Dormitory arrangement for accommodations within one KM from venue. Transportation to the venue player's risk and food (Breakfast, lunch & dinner) in SOA Guest House/Hostels basis on payment of ₹ 8,000/- per person.

- Odisha player **AOCA registration** is compulsory for the year 2025-26, if had not done
- Return of any fees cannot be claimed after any point if registration

Check-in: 17:00 on 15.01.2026 Check-out: 18:00 on 24.01.2026 Food will be provided from 16.01.2026 (Breakfast onwards)

### PRIZES

#### Main Prizes

Champion	₹ 5,50,000	
Runner-up	₹ 3,50,000	
Third	₹ 2,00,000	
Fourth	₹ 1,00,000	
Fifth	₹ 80,000	
Sixth	₹ 60,000	
7 - 8	₹ 50,000	
9 - 10	₹ 30,000	
11 - 15	₹ 20,000	
16 - 40	₹ 15,000	

Rating (min. 5.5 points)	1	2	3	4
2200 - 2299	₹ 12,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,000
2100 - 2199	₹ 12,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,000
2000 - 2099	₹ 12,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,000
1900 - 1999	₹ 12,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 8,000	₹ 6,000

**20 Cash Prizes**  
(Foreigners 2100  
& Above  
(min. 5.5 points))

**₹ 15,000 each**

ODISHA	₹ 12,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000
Veteran (60+) (min. 4.5 points)	₹ 10,000	₹ 9,000	₹ 7,000
Women (min. 4.5 points)	₹ 10,000	₹ 9,000	₹ 7,000

B

Event Code: **450580/OD/2026**Total Prize Fund: **₹ 9,00,000/-**

Rounds : 10

Time Control: 60minutes with 30seconds  
increment from move no.1Below 1900  
(1899 &  
Below)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Players having the FIDE rating **1899** & below for the last three years are only allowed to participate in this event. Unrated players are also Indian players. However, any player who finished **1st** or **2nd** in the rating restricted FIDE rated event for the last year (**15-01-2025** to **15-01-2026**) is not eligible to participate. **AICF registration** for the financial year (from 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025) is **mandatory** while for the foreign players a valid **FIDE ID** is required.

**SCHEDULE**

15 Jan 26	17:00	Arrival
16 Jan 26 FRI	09:30	Technical Meeting
	10:30	Inauguration
	11:30	Round 1
	15:00	Round 2
17 Dec 26 SAT	09:00	Round 3
	14:00	Round 4
	17:30	Round 5
18 Jan 26 SUN	09:00	Round 6
	14:00	Round 7
	17:30	Round 8
19 Jan 26 MON	08:30	Round 9
	11:45	Round 10
	16:30	Prize Distribution

**ENTRY FEE**

All Players	₹ 4,500/-
ODISHA & North East	₹ 4,000/-
SOA	₹ 3,500/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)	

**LODGING & BOARDING**

All other participants & accompanying persons will be provided Only Dormitory arrangement for accommodations within one KM from the venue. Transportation to venue player's risk and food (Breakfast, lunch & dinner) in SOA Guest House/Hostels basis on payment of sharing basis on payment of **4,500/-** per person.

- Check-in: 17:00 on 15.01.2026 Check-out: 18:00 on 19.01.2026  
Food will be provided from 16.12.2026 (Breakfast onwards)

Odisha player AOCA registration is compulsory for the year 2025-26 if had not done

**PRIZES****Main Prizes**

Champion	₹ 1,00,000	
Runner-up	₹ 70,000	
Third	₹ 50,000	
Fourth	₹ 30,000	
Fifth	₹ 20,000	
Sixth	₹ 15,000	
Seventh	₹ 11,000	
Eighth	₹ 10,000	
Ninth	₹ 9,000	
Tenth	₹ 8,000	
11 - 19	₹ 7,000	
20 - 30	₹ 6,000	
31 - 40	₹ 5,000	

**Rating**

Rating	1	2	3	4	5
1700-1799	₹ 20,000	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 4,000
1600-1699	₹ 20,000	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 4,000
1500-1599	₹ 20,000	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 4,000
1400-1499	₹ 20,000	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 4,000

**Best ODISHA**

1	₹ 15,000
2	₹ 12,000
3	₹ 10,000
4	₹ 8,000
5	₹ 7,000
6 - 10	₹ 4,000
11 - 15	₹ 3,000

Veteran (60+)	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000
Women	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000

**Un-Rated**

1	₹ 15,000
2	₹ 12,000
3	₹ 10,000
4	₹ 8,000
5	₹ 7,000
6 - 7	₹ 4,000
8 - 10	₹ 3,000

Best SOA Prizes  
Top 7 Trophies







**Event Code: 450581/OD/2026**

**Total Prize Fund: ₹ 9,00,000/-**

**Rounds : 9**

**Time Control:** 60minutes with 30seconds increment from move no.1

**Below 1700  
(1699 &  
Below)**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Players having the FIDE rating **1699 & below** for the last three years are only allowed to participate in this event. Unrated players are also Indian players. However, any player who finished **1st** or **2nd** in the rating restricted FIDE rated event for the last year (**20-01-2026 to 20-01-2026**) is not eligible to participate. **AICF registration** for the financial year (from 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026) is **mandatory** while for the foreign players a valid **FIDE ID** is required.

### SCHEDULE

21 Jan 26 WED	13:00	Arrival
	16:30	Technical Meeting
	17:00	Round 1
22 Jan 26 THU	09:00	Round 2
	14:00	Round 3
	17:30	Round 4
23 Jan 26 FRI	09:00	Round 5
	14:00	Round 6
	17:30	Round 7
24 Jan 26 SAT	08:30	Round 8
	11:45	Round 9
	16:30	Prize Distribution

### ENTRY FEE

All Players	₹ 4,500/-
ODISHA & North East	₹ 4,000/-
SOA	₹ 3,000/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)	



### LODGING & BOARDING

All other participants & accompanying persons will be provided Only Dormitory arrangement for accommodations within one KM from the venue. Transportation to venue player's risk and food (Breakfast, lunch & dinner) in SOA Guest House/Hostels basis on payment of ₹ 4,500/- per person.

- Check-in: 13:00 on 21.01.2026 Check-out: 18:00 on 24.01.2026 Food will be provided from 21.01.2026 (Lunch onwards)

### PRIZES

**Odisha player AOCA registration is compulsory for yr 2025-26 if had not done**

#### Main Prizes

Champion	₹1,00,000	🏆
Runner-up	₹ 70,000	🏆
Third	₹ 50,000	🏆
Fourth	₹ 30,000	
Fifth	₹ 20,000	
Sixth	₹ 15,000	
Seventh	₹ 10,000	
Eighth	₹ 9,000	
Nineth	₹ 8,000	
Tenth	₹ 8,000	
11 - 19	₹ 7,000	
20 - 29	₹ 6,000	
30 - 40	₹ 5,000	

#### Rating

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1400 - 1499	₹ 15,000	₹10,000	₹7,000	₹ 6,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 5,000
1500 - 1599	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,000	₹ 6,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 5,000

Veteran (60+)	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000
Women	₹ 5,000	₹ 4,000

Age Category 5 Boys & 3 Girls

B&G	1	2	3	4	5
U06	₹ 5,000 🏆	₹ 3,000 🏆	₹ 2,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆
U07	₹ 5,000 🏆	₹ 3,000 🏆	₹ 2,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆
U08	₹ 5,000 🏆	₹ 3,000 🏆	₹ 2,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆
U09	₹ 5,000 🏆	₹ 3,000 🏆	₹ 2,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆
U11	₹ 5,000 🏆	₹ 3,000 🏆	₹ 2,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆
U13	₹ 5,000 🏆	₹ 3,000 🏆	₹ 2,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆	₹ 1,000 🏆

**Best SOA Prizes  
Top 7 Trophies**

#### Unrated

1	₹ 15,000
2	₹ 12,000
3	₹ 10,000
4	₹ 8,000
5	₹ 7,000
6	₹ 4,000
7	₹ 4,000
8- 10	₹ 3,000

#### Best Odisha

1	₹ 15,000
2	₹ 12,000
3	₹ 10,000
4	₹ 8,000
5	₹ 7,000
6-10	₹ 4,000
11-15	₹ 3,000

**5 Cash + Trophy for age category Boys & 3 Cash + 5 Trophy for age category Girls**

# D

Event Code: \_\_\_\_\_/OD(B)/2026

Total Prize Fund: ₹ 2,00,000/-

Rounds : 9

Time Control: 5minutes with 3 seconds increment from move no.1

Open  
Blitz

**ELIGIBILITY:** Players having the FIDE ID or active AICF ID are only allowed to participate in this event.

Other regulations according to FIDE as well as AICF

SCHEDULE		
20 Jan 26 TUE	10:00	Arrival
	10:30	Inauguration
	11:00	Round 1
20 Jan 26 TUE	11:30	Round 2
	12:00	Round 3
	12:30	Round 4
20 Jan 26 TUE	13:00	Round 5
	14:30	Round 6
	15:00	Round 7
20 Jan 26 TUE	15:30	Round 8
	16:00	Round 9
	16:30	PD

## ENTRY FEE

All Players	₹ 1,000/-
ODISHA & North East	₹ 1,000/-
SOA	₹ 1,000/-
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)	



## LODGING & BOARDING

All other participants & accompanying persons will be provided Only Dormitory arrangement for accommodations within one KM from the venue. Transportation to venue player's risk and food (Breakfast, lunch & dinner) in SOA Guest House/Hostels basis on payment of ₹ 1,200/- per person only for 20 Jan Only

Odisha player AOCA registration is compulsory for the yrat 2025-26 if had not done

## PRIZES

Main Prizes		
Champion	₹ 30,000	🏆
Runner-up	₹ 20,000	🏆
Third	₹ 15,000	🏆
Fourth	₹ 10,000	
Fifth	₹ 7,000	
Sixth	₹ 5,000	
Seventh	₹ 4,000	
Eighth	₹ 4,000	
Ninth	₹ 4,000	
Tenth	₹ 4,000	
11 - 15	₹ 3,000	
16-19	₹ 2,500	
20 - 25	₹ 2,000	

Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6
1400 - 1600	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 2,000	₹ 1,500	₹ 1,000	₹ 1,000
1601 - 1800	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000	₹ 2,000	₹ 1,500	₹ 1,000	₹ 1,000

Veteran (60+)	1st	₹ 3,000
Women	1st	₹ 3,000

Age Category Boys & Girls Mix

	1	2	3	4	5
U 09	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆
U 13	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆
U 15	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆	🏆

Best SOA Prizes  
Top 3 Trophies

Best ODISHA	
1	₹ 5,000
2	₹ 3,000
3	₹ 2,000
4	₹ 1,500
5	₹ 1,000
6	₹ 1,000

Un-Rated	
1	₹ 5,000
2	₹ 3,000
3	₹ 2,000
4	₹ 1,500
5	₹ 1,000
6	₹ 1,000

## Rules / Regulations / Information



**System of Play:** The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with **10 rounds** in Category 'A' & 'B' and **9 Rounds** in Category 'C' and 'D'. The latest FIDE rules in force shall apply.



For Indian players, **AICF registration** for the financial year (01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026) is **mandatory**.

- To renew <https://prs.aicf.in/player>

- To register <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>

For **foreign players** a valid **FIDE ID** is mandatory.



An **Appeals Committee** will be formed before the start of the Tournament, comprising of 5 members. Appeals Committee's decision will be final and binding on all the players concerned.



**Tie-break:** In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come into effect as per AICF guidelines. However, the cash prizes will not be shared. One player will be given one (higher) prize (in the played Category).



**Protest** if any, against the decision of the Arbiter, Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with protest a fee of **₹3,000/-** within 15 minutes after the completion of the game to the committee. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.



**Withdrawals:** After informing the Chief Arbiter in writing, a player may withdraw at any event stage.



**FIDE Fair Play Regulations** will be in force, and players must respect the rules.

Players are not allowed to carry **mobile phones, wristwatches** (of any type) and **other electronic devices** to the playing area, during the Tournament.



There will be tax deductions of **foreign players' prize money** as per the Govt. guidelines. **Indian Income Tax Act** and Rules will be applicable.



**Prize money** will be transferred online mode and in INR (Indian National Rupee) only. Participation in this tournament will be accepted as the player's consent to take photos, videos in this event for publishing and promotions.



**E-Certificate** will be awarded to all the participants.



**Venue/Transport:** Players are requested to report directly at the venue. Airport is approximately **8 kms** from the venue. The Railway Station approximately **10 kms** from the venue. MO BUS nos. are available from Railway Station. However, the organizers will make arrangements to drop the players after the completion of the event.



*Organiser is having right to **accept or reject** any entries without assigning any reason.*

**In Emergency, Please Contact**

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## Registration

Players can pay the entry fee and submit the entries through below mentioned link.

<https://forms.gle/JufeDsycrHcuZfr7A>

(preferred mode of entry registration).

**(Don't submit the form before uploading the payment proof.)**



Registration

Payment



## Bank Details

Name of Account : **All OrissaChess Association**

SB Acc. No : **33586806553**

Name of Bank : **STATE BANK OF INDIA**

IFS Code : **SBIN0003815**

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## Contact Details

### CHAIRMAN- ADVISORY BOARD

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## **Advisory Committee**

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Mr. Debabrata Bhatta, Secretary, AOCA  
FA Bidhu Bhusan Mishra, Tresurer AOCA  
FA Abhisek Acharya, EC Member AOCA  
Mr. Ritesh Rath, EC Member AOCA  
Ms. Padmini Sing, EC Member AOCA





# ODISHA OPEN

(The 15th International Grandmaster Chess Festival 2025-26)



1900  
& Above  
**A**

Below  
1900  
**B**

Below  
1700  
**C**

## REGISTRATION FORM

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

Category : ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ B&C ☐ D Gender : ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

AICF ID : \_\_\_\_\_ FIDE ID : \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth :  D  D  M  M  Y  Y Title / Rating : \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Father's Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

State : \_\_\_\_\_ District : \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile : \_\_\_\_\_ Pin code : \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail : \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Entry Fee :	_____	Name :	All Orissa Chess Association
No. of Accom. :	_____	Account No. :	33586806553
Accom. Amount :	_____	Bank Name :	STATE BANK OF INDIA
Total Amount :	_____	IFSC Code :	SBIN0003815
Date of Payment :	_____	Branch :	Jagatpur Cuttack
Mode of Payment :	_____	UPI ID :	alloca@sbi
Payment Reference:	_____		



For any Remittance Bank Details (write Neatly & Correctly)

Name of Account Holder : \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number : \_\_\_\_\_

IFSC Code : \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Name / State : \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL USE

Received by  
Authority Sign.

I hereby declare that all the information stated above is true and correct to the best of knowledge.

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<https://odishachess.com>

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Player's Signature



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION