



ZION-ALWIN GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

4th INTERNATIONAL FIDE RATING CHESS TOURNAMENT 2025-26

AICF Event code: 444941/TN/2026 TNSCA Approval No.RO-26/CGL/25-26

Under the Aegis of
All India Chess Federation
Tamilnadu State Chess Association
Chengalpattu District Chess Association

Technical support by
MOUNT CHESS ACADEMY

Organised By: **ZION-ALWIN GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS, CHENNAI**

From 10th to 13th January 2026

Total Prize Fund:

RS. 4,00,000
FOUR LAKHS

Entry Fee: Rs. 2000/- | Last date for entry: 06.01.2026

At Conference Hall

ZION INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Alapakkam, Mappedu Road, Puthur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600126.

Main Prizes

1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize	4 th Prize	5 th Prize
Rs. 40,000/- + 	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 25,000/-	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 15,000/-
6 th Prize	7 th Prize	8 th Prize	9 th Prize	10 th Prize
Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 9,000/-	Rs. 8,000/-	Rs. 7,000/-	Rs. 6,000/-
11 th to 20 th Prize		21 st to 30 th Prize		
Rs. 4,000/-		Rs. 3,000/-		

Category Prizes

Rating 1800-1601	Rating 1600-1400	Unrated	Veterans above 55	Woman above 18:
1 st Prize Rs. 8,000/-	1 st Prize Rs. 8,000/-	1 st Prize Rs. 8,000/-	1 st Prize Rs. 8,000/-	1 st Prize Rs. 8,000/-
2 nd Prize Rs. 6,000/-	2 nd Prize Rs. 6,000/-	2 nd Prize Rs. 6,000/-	2 nd Prize Rs. 6,000/-	2 nd Prize Rs. 6,000/-
3 rd Prize Rs. 5,000/-	3 rd Prize Rs. 5,000/-	3 rd Prize Rs. 5,000/-	3 rd Prize Rs. 5,000/-	3 rd Prize Rs. 5,000/-
4 th Prize Rs. 4,000/-	4 th Prize Rs. 4,000/-	4 th Prize Rs. 4,000/-	4 th Prize Rs. 4,000/-	4 th Prize Rs. 4,000/-
5 th Prize Rs. 3,000/-	5 th Prize Rs. 3,000/-	5 th Prize Rs. 3,000/-	5 th Prize Rs. 3,000/-	5 th Prize Rs. 3,000/-
6 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	6 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	6 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	6 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	-
7 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	7 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	7 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	7 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	-
8 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	8 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	8 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	8 th Prize Rs.2,500/-	-

Top SIX in Boys & Girls in Under 08, 10, 12, 14, 18 will get Trophies

Round Schedule

10.01.2026 Saturday	Inauguration	09.30 A.M	12.01.2026 Monday	Round 5	09.30 A.M
	Round 1	10.30 A.M.		Round 6	03.00 P.M
	Round 2	03.30 P.M			
11.01.2026 Sunday	Round 3	09.30 A.M	13.01.2026 Tuesday	Round 7	08.30 A.M
	Round 4	03.00 P.M		Round 8	01.30 P.M

Prize Distribution: 13.01.2026 at 6.00pm. Departure 7.30 P.M.

Rules and Regulations

Rule: The tournament will be played under the latest FIDE rules.

Rate of Play: 90 minutes each, plus 30 seconds increment per move from move one.

Mode of Tournament: Total 8 Rounds shall be played

Default time: 30 minutes.

AICF player Registration: AICF Player registration is compulsory for all players. **AICF Player Registration fee is Rs300/- for the year 2025-2026.** As per latest AICF regulations all AICF registrations will be accepted only through online. Players/Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of the Tournament. For renewing AICF Registration of existing players please click <http://aicf.in/players/>. For fresh AICF Registration please click <http://aicf.in/online-player-registration/> For fresh AICF registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address (unique) not used by any other person/player for AICF, ready before the registration process. Note: Only passport size (less than 1MB) photograph in jpeg format should be uploaded.

TNSCA Player Registration: TNSCA player registration is compulsory for all Tamil Nadu players. **TNSCA Player Registration fee is Rs.150/- for the year 2025-2026.** Players / Arbiters registration should be done well before the start of event (Tournament). New entrants to the field of chess are informed that TNSCA player's registration is mandatory and it should be done well before participating in any tournament. For renewing TNSCA player registration of existing players, please click <https://registration.tamilchess.com/> For fresh TNSCA registration please click <https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/> For fresh TNSCA registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address ready before the registration process. Note : Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in jpeg format should be uploaded.

Chengalpattu Player Registration: Registration fee is Rs.75/- for the year 2025 -2026 (for Chengalpattu district players only)

Tie-break: Latest AICF tie-break rules will be applied. In case of tie Prize money will not be shared. Protests: Protests, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of **Rs. 1000/- within 15 minutes** of the occurrence of the incident to the appeals committee. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

Appeals Committee: An Appeals Committee comprising of five members will be formed at the players meeting. The decision of the appeals committee is final and binding on all players concerned.

Withdrawals: A player may withdraw at any stage of the event, after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.

Wrist Watches: As per AICF regulations the wrist watches are restricted inside the playing hall in all FIDE Rated events. Players are instructed not to wear any kind of wrist watches while playing.

Chief Arbiter: FA Venkataraman R

Boarding & Lodging: Players responsibility. Canteen facility is available at the venue

Entry Fee: Free for GMs, WGMs, IMs & WIMs & **Rs.2000** for others. **Last date for entry:** 06.01.2026. NO SPOT ENTRIES ALLOWED

Entry fees can also be paid by online through:

www.easypaychess.com

www.chessfee.com

www.signinchess.com

www.circlechess.com

www.bookmyfees.com

www.ticket360.co.in

www.chessentry.in

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Zion & Alwin Group of Schools – Chess

Zion Matriculation Higher Secondary School is one of the oldest schools in Tamilnadu. Due to its high quality of education, the strength of the school arose to a greater height now the strength is more than 25,000 students. All 6 schools of Zion & Alwin group are situated in and around Tambaram.

The founder of the school is Dr. N. Vijayan, an Ex-Air force officer who is also a national best teacher awardee, awarded by the then President of India, Late Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam. He is a great visionary and with the help of team of more than 1200 dedicated teachers, he could provide the best possible education to each child at affordable fees.

The Zion & Alwin group of school aims at wholesome and holistic education, hence, equal importance is also given to co-curricular and extracurricular activities, more importantly adequate training given for the children practising chess.

Chess is an integral part of school curriculum. Like any other subject, it also has regular period on day-to-Day basis and children are helped to improve their skills in chess which in turn help the children to enhance their analytical skills, reasoning skills, particularly the students who play chess as passion have high degree of concentration and better in academics.

