



**MPL 59<sup>TH</sup> SENIOR NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP-2022**

**Event Code: 302750 / DEL/ 2022**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

Organised by

**Delhi Chess Association**

Under the aegis of

**All India Chess Federation**

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**Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India**

**AICF's Official National Championships Sponsor**



**Venue**

**Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Near ITO, New Delhi**

**Total Prize Fund: Rs. 30,00,000/-**

## 1. Tournament Schedule:

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Arrival	21 December 2022	After 1400 hrs.
Technical Meeting	22 December 2022	1330 hrs.
Inauguration	22 December 2022	1430 hrs.
Round - 1	22 December 2022	1500 hrs.
Round - 2	23 December 2022	1430 hrs.
Round - 3	24 December 2022	1430 hrs.
Round - 4	25 December 2022	1430 hrs.
Round - 5	26 December 2022	1430 hrs.
Round - 6	27 December 2022	1430 hrs.
Round - 7	28 December 2022	1430 hrs.
Round - 8	29 December 2022	1430 hrs.
Round - 9	30 December 2022	1430 hrs.
Round - 10	31 December 2022	1430 hrs.
Round - 11	01 January 2023	1430 hrs.
Round - 12	02 January 2023	1430 hrs.
Round - 13	03 January 2023	0900 hrs.
Prize Distribution	03 January 2023	1600 hrs.
Departure	03 January 2023	1800 hrs.

## 2. Prizes

The cash prizes will be awarded to top 10 amounting to Rs.30,00,000/- as given below:

<b>Prizes</b>	<b>Prize Money</b>
1	600000
2	500000
3	400000
4	300000
5	250000
6	250000
7	200000
8	200000
9	150000
10	150000

## 3. Eligibility:

(a) Four players from every affiliated State Association/Institutional Members of AICF. If any Association fails to send its quota, the vacancies so caused will not be filled.

- (b) All GMs/IMs/WGMs are seeded. Such entries should come through their respective State Associations/Affiliated Units of AICF.
- (c) First 6 players from previous Senior National Championship rankings other than GMs/IMs/WGMs.
- (d) National Junior Chess Champion of 2022 (Championship held in July 2022)
- (e) Winner & Runner-up of the 2021-22 National Women Chess Championship, held in March 2022.
- (f) Current World Champion in any category (OTB).
- (g) Current Asian Junior Champion and first three from last Asian Men Chess Championship (OTB).
- (h) The host Delhi Chess Association shall be entitled to fill additional entries of 4 players.
- (i) All Board Prize winners of the 2022 National Team Chess Championship, held in Jalgaon.
- (j) Four players approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no State Association exists.
- (k) A nominee of Hon. Secretary of AICF
- (l) If total number of entries is an odd number, then the host Delhi Chess Association may add one more entry to make it an even number.
- (m) Special Entries: Players with current rating of 2000 or above as per Oct 2022 FRL and remit the prescribed Special Entry Fee of Rs. 12,500/-. All such entries should come through their respective State Associations/Affiliated Units of AICF.

Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in this championship.

**4. Dress Code:** As per AICF regulations on dress code for players participating in all the National championships, all State Associations should send their players including special entry players with proper uniform (As regards special entry players, the respective state chess associations may collect the cost of the uniform from the players). Players should at least wear uniform T Shirts/formal shirts (same colour and brand with the name of the State printed prominently at the back and the state chess emblem in the front left side). The name/logo of the sponsors can be permitted. Girls/Women have also to be given appropriate uniform. The above rule will also be applicable to Special units. Players without proper uniform will not be permitted to take part in the championship. This will be strictly enforced.

**5. Entries/Entry Fee:** All entries including special entries should come through the concerned State Association.

## **Entry Fee Structure:**

**Ordinary entry: Rs.3750/- (Rupees three thousand seven hundred and fifty only)**  
**Special Entry: Rs. 12500 (Rupees twelve thousand five hundred only)**

There will be a 50% concession in entry fee for participants from North Eastern states and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

**Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through: <https://prs.aicf.in/entry>. For clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries, please contact: [aicfnationalentries@gmail.com](mailto:aicfnationalentries@gmail.com)**

**6. Late fee:** Please note entry fee structure is valid till 07 December 2022. Thereafter a late fee of Rs.250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be entertained after 14 December 2022 (up to 17:00 hrs.).

**7. System of Play:** The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. A total of thirteen rounds shall be played.

Players from the same state/affiliated unit 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 1 point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

**8. Default Time:** Default time for arriving to the chessboard is 15 minutes.

**9. Time Control:** The rate of play shall be 90 minutes for 40 moves followed by 30 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move number one.

**10. Chess Clocks:** Each participating State Chess Association must provide at least one clock in working order for every two players entered into the Championship.

**11. Tie Break:** Following is the order of tie-break:

- (a) Buchholz Cut1
- (b) Buchholz
- (c) Sonneborn Berger
- (d) Direct encounter
- (e) The greater number of wins (forfeit included)
- (f) The greater number of wins by black

In case of tie, cash prizes will not be shared.

**12. Draw Agreement:** Players shall not agree for a draw without the consent of the arbiter, before each player makes 30 moves.

**13. Protest:** Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000/- (in Under 11 nationals, the protest fee is Rs.5000/-). It has to be made uniform or the fee in the Senior has to be higher)

within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

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

**15. Tournament Committee:** The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.

**16. 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 AICF clearance. Such changes will, however, be displayed in the tournament hall.

**17. Withdrawal:** If any player withdraws from the last two rounds in any National Championship on medical grounds, he/she should undergo treatment by a doctor recommended and supervised by the tournament committee.

**18. Disqualification:** No participant will leave the venue before the Prize Distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule will be suspended for one year.

**19. Registration of Players with AICF:** All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2022-23 before the registration on AICF Online portal for national entries. Online AICF registration can be done at the website [www.aicf.in/players](http://www.aicf.in/players)

**20. Arrears:** All arrears of affiliation fee/tournament fee including those of current year must be cleared by the affiliated Association at the time of submitting the entries; otherwise the entries are liable to be rejected.

**21. 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.

**22. Accommodation:** Free dormitory accommodation will be provided to all the selected and seeded players and one Manager from each state. States availing the facility must inform the organizers before 25 October 2022. Special entries, players from Institutional Units and accompanying persons will have to make their own arrangement for stay.

**23. Boarding:** A lump sum of Rs.1500/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred only) will be paid by the organizers towards the boarding expenses, only to the affiliated State Associations' seeded and selected players who play this championship under normal entry fee.

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