

TAMIL NADU STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

(Regulations for State Level Opens and FIDE-Rated Opens)

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The TNSCA has brought about various regulations from time to time to streamline procedures and help the organizers and participants of State Level Open Chess Tournaments in Tamil Nadu to conduct their tournaments in an efficient manner. These are summarized below:

1. Before they fix their tournament dates prospective organizers of State Level Open Tournaments shall contact Tamil Nadu State Chess Association, Room No.75, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Periyamet, Chennai - 600 003. Tel: 044-25366464, 25384477; Cell: 09940094717 (Email: tchess64@gmail.com). TNSCA is in charge of scheduling all Open tournaments and State Championships. It will approve the tournament if it does not clash with any other similar tournament in the same district or in neighboring districts.

On confirming the dates, the organizers shall remit through their District Chess Association to the TNSCA, a sum of Rs 1000 as tournament registration fee, preferably six weeks before the scheduled start, along with their proposal in the official bid form. For FIDE Rated Opens the registration fee payable shall be 20% of whatever they pay to AICF. It is advisable to send proposals at least two months before the scheduled start.

2. On receipt of Rs 1000/- (or appropriate amount for FIDE-Rated Opens) the TNSCA will approve the tournament and allot an Approval Number which shall be printed in the prospectus as "TNSCA Approval No - -/200?"

3. At the end of the tournament the organizers shall pay the TNSCA, 10% of the entry fee collected. For all FIDE Rated events the organizers shall pay 5% of the entry fee collected. The District Association shall ensure that this is collected and sent to the TNSCA.

4. District Chess Associations under whose jurisdiction Open and FIDE-rated tournaments are organized may collect their own capitation and registration fees from the organizers.

5. On receipt of the Tournament Registration fee, the TNSCA Secretariat will send the receipt for the money received and the latest TNSCA address list to the organizer. The organizer shall mail multiple copies of their prospectus to all those in the TNSCA address list. They shall send 30 copies of their prospectus to the TNSCA.

6. The Chief Arbiter and other arbiters shall be nominated by the General Secretary of the TNSCA.

7. Entries shall close at least two days before the scheduled commencement of the tournament. The organizers shall ensure that the list of participants reaches the District Chess Association at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the tournament.

The organizers may accept entries beyond the last date, provided they start the first round at the scheduled time and they collect a late fee of Rs.100 for each entry and remit it to the District Chess Association. All first round pairings should be sent to the TNSCA within 10 days of the close of the tournament. Those tournaments in which there are less than 100 entries, the organizers may accept late entries up to 100 without any late fee.

The organizer may be permitted to accept **spot entries** with late fee provided that such players are allowed to take part from the second round, with half point bye for the first round. Acceptance of 'spot entries' should never delay the start of the tournament.

8. To be eligible to play in any State-Level Open tournament a player must be a registered player of TNSCA.

9. All Prospectuses shall mention the time of the start of the first round and the end of the last round. All open tournaments shall start exactly at the time advertised in the prospectus. Also, they shall close at the scheduled time on all days.

10. At the end of the tournament, the organizer shall send a copy of the prize-winners list, to the TNSCA. If tournament pairings are done by computer, the organizer should send the CD containing the complete TRN file to TNSCA.

11. At all age-limited Open Tournaments, prizes shall be awarded by the organizers only to those who submit copies of their date of birth (DOB) certificates or who already have registered their names in the TNSCA's DOB Register. The organizer should send these certificates to the TNSCA for inclusion in the TNSCA database. Once a player's DOB is registered with TNSCA it need not be submitted at later tournaments.

12a. Open tournaments which have less than a total prize fund of Rs.10,001 and where the entry fee is not more than Rs.50 are not "State Level Tournaments". They must be registered with the TNSCA but they need not pay anything. They will be freely listed in the TNSCA calendar. The concerned District Secretary should obtain prior permission for these tournaments from the TNSCA.

12b. Where the prizes are not in cash, but are in the form of cups or other articles, the Tournaments shall not be classified as State Level Tournaments and need not be registered with the TNSCA, provided the District Secretary certifies that the total value of the prizes is less than Rs10, 000. Before the tournament prospectus is printed and circulated, the District Secretary shall send this certificate to the TNSCA with his specific recommendation. However, the General Secretary, TNSCA has the right to approve or decline to grant approval for such a tournament.

13. Those who do not abide by the above regulations will not be permitted to hold any state level open tournament in the future. District Chess Associations under whose jurisdiction State level open tournaments are held shall supervise the tournaments.

14. On application, any one Senior District Championship in a year can be designated as an "Open Tournament" where other district players could also participate. Such a championship will not be considered a State Level Tournament.

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