



AICF Event Code: 458746/MH/(R)/2026

19th LBHM All India Open Rapid Rating Chess Tournament

Sunday, 22nd Feb 2026



THE KING OF STRATEGY

- SHREE CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ TROPHY

Prize Fund

₹4,11,000



LBHM

वयं स्वयमेव स्पर्धा कुर्मः

VENUE:

Dhruv Global School

Abnave Nagar, Kondhwa-Undri-Saswad Rd,
Handewadi, Pune, Maharashtra 411060

Separate Hall for Parents' Relaxation
& Canteen Facility Available

EARLY BIRD
OFFER

Entry Fee:
₹1700/-

10% OFF ENTRY FEE

for the upcoming
LBHM CHESS FESTIVAL
1 MAY 2026

CONTACT
Halkude Nagnath
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Players & Parents

➤ How far is the Venue?

✓ Dhruv Global School is located in Eastern Pune (Undri, Katraj – Saswad Bypass Road)

▪ Airport	: 17 km
▪ Pune Junction Railway Station \ Metro station	: 13 km
▪ Swargate Bus Stand \ Metro station	: 11 km
▪ Katraj Bus Stand	: 7.6 km
▪ Hadapsar Gadital Bus Stand	: 7.6 km

➤ Can you send Venue location?

✓ Yes, please click & find location here

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/mr8hk4pKBke98S1f6>

➤ Is canteen Facility available?

✓ Yes, A clean & well-equipped canteen with seating capacity of around 500-700 people is available on the ground floor.

➤ Is there a separate seating arrangement for parents?

✓ Yes, A clean & well-equipped hall with seating capacity of around 700-800 people is available on the first floor.

➤ Is there any discount on the Entry Fee?

✓ Yes, Considering the financial burden on players and parents, LBHM always tries to give maximum possible discounts.

Just Likes our 1st early bird Entry Fee is ₹ 1,700 which means we are giving a 15% discount.

➤ Why do Different FIDE Rapid Rating Tournaments have different Entry Fees?

✓ Prize Fund Size

Tournaments with **higher prize money** naturally require higher Entry Fees.

★ Examples:

If the Total prize fund is ₹2,00,000,

Maximum permissible Entry Fee: ₹1,000 (0.5% of ₹2,00,000)

If the Total prize fund is ₹4,00,000,

Maximum permissible Entry Fee: ₹2,000 (0.5% of ₹4,00,000)

➤ WHEN WILL THE NAME BE UPDATED ON THE CHESS RESULTS?

✓ Names will be updated on the chess results on 25th Jan, 5th Feb, 15th feb & last update one day before the tournament.

While Entry Fees differ, **Organizers cannot charge more than 0.5% of the Total prize fund per player**, as per AICF rules for Rapid & Blitz Rating Tournaments. This ensures **fairness and transparency** across India.

Total Prizes

345

Cash Prizes

120



Trophies

165

Gift Passes

60

Winner

• **Rs.30,000**
+ Trophy

1st Runner-Up

• **Rs.25,000**
+ Trophy

2nd Runner-Up

• **Rs.20,000**
+ Trophy

4th

15000

5th

10000

6th

5000

7th

4500

8th

4000

9th

3500

10th

3000

11th

2000

12th

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16th

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17th

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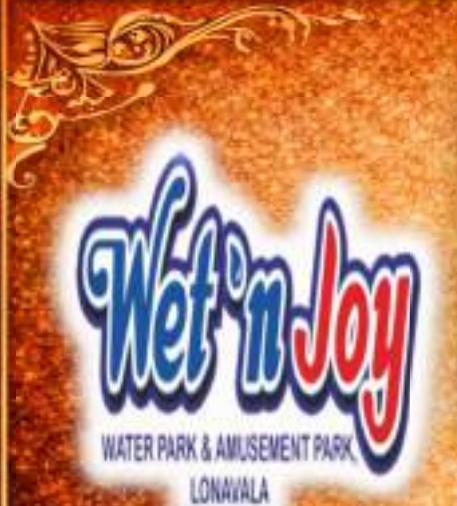
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20th

2000

21st

2000



We are offering
COUPLE PASSES
worth Rs. 1800 to
Wait N Joy,
Amusement Park,
Lonavala
for
Maharashtra &
Pune Player

LBHM PLAYER	MAH PLAYER	PUNE PLAYER	UNRATED PLAYER
1 st	5000	5000	5000
2 nd	4000	4000	4000
3 rd	3000	3000	3000
4 th	2500	2500	2500
5 th	2000	2000	2000
6 th	1500	1500	1500
7 th	1500	1500	1500
8 th	1500	1500	1500
9 th	1500	1500	1500
10 th	1500	1500	1500
11 th -25 th	COPUPLE PASSES	COPUPLE PASSES	

LBHM Player Prize Category is for who have played in any Rapid Rating Tournament at the **LBHM Chess Tournament.**

**Rating
Category
Prizes**



*Each
Category*
SEPARATE
Prizes

**6th - 9th
Trophy**

**5th
2000**

**1st
10000**

**Rating
Category**
1400-1500
1501-1600
1601-1700
1701-1800

**4th
2500**

**2nd
5000**

**3rd
3000**



Age Group Prizes



**Youngest
Youngest Pune
Oldest
Oldest Pune
1st Best Academy
2nd Best Academy
3rd Best Academy**

Prizes

Female 15+

Veteran 60+

Specially Abled

1st

2500 +

2500 +

2500 +

2nd

2000 +

2000 +

2000 +

3rd

1500 +

1500 +

1500 +

4th

Trophy

Trophy

Trophy

5th

Trophy

Trophy

Trophy

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Arrival - 22/02/2026 at 8:30 am

Inauguration followed by Player's meeting - 22/02/2026 at 8:45 am

Round Schedule

1st 09:15 am 2nd 10:15 am 3rd 11:15 am
4th 12:15 pm 5th 01:15 pm 6th 02:45 pm
7th 03:45 pm 8th 04:45 pm 9th 05:45 pm

Prize Distribution

07:00 PM

Entry Fee For GM, IM, WGM, WIM, FM, WFM

Free Entry For GM, IM, WGM, WIM

Last date for free registration **5th Feb 2026**

From **6th Feb** Entry Fee Rs.1000 will be applied. (last Date **19th Feb 2025**)

Entry Fee Rs.1000 For FM, WFM (last Date 19th Feb 2025)

Entry Fee For Other Players

Date	Normal Player	VHAN Player
Early Bird Last Date 20th Jan 2026	1700	1400
Entry Fee 21st Jan to 10th Feb 2026	2000	1600
Entry Fee (With late fee) 11th Feb to 19th Feb 2026	2400	2000

Entry Fee For Participants of 18th LBHM

Date	Normal Player	VHAN Player
Until 31st Jan 2026	1500	1350

From **1st Feb 2026** regular **Entry Fee** structure will be applicable.

This Entry Fee structure is only for, who participated in the **18th LBHM** Rapid Rating Chess Tournament which was held on **23rd Nov 2025**

Last Date of registration for all players - 19th Feb

* VHAN Player means – Veteran, Handicap, Armed Forces, North-East States

No Request towards waiver of Entry Fee or late fee will be entertained.

Entry Contact

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Uddhav Patil	Nagnath Halkude
74985 47600	78759 84545

Registration

Option 1

Players can register on <https://www.game-plan.co>

Registration Link
<https://www.game-plan.co>



Option 2



Registration Link: <https://circlechess.com/registration?id=49723>



**Scan or Click QR
to Register through CircleChess**

Tournament Rules & Regulations

❖ System of Play

❖ The Tournament will be conducted as per latest FIDE Laws of Chess & FIDE Swiss System with 09 rounds.

❖ Time Control

❖ 15 Minutes plus 05 second increment from move 1 for entire game.

❖ Default Time (Walk over Time)

❖ The default time will be 15 minutes.

❖ Tie Break

❖ Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, SB, Direct Encounter, Greater Number of Wins (including forfeit points), Number of Wins with Black.

❖ Cash Prize

❖ The Cash prizes will not be shared. Highest Prize will be given.

❖ If player qualifies for same cash prize in different categories, then main prize list will be considered first.

❖ Electronic Devices

❖ All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) will not be allowed in the tournament hall.

❖ Eligibility

❖ All rated & unrated players.

Tournament Rules & Regulations

- ❖ AICF registration for 2025-26 is compulsory for all INDIAN participants.

For Renewal –

<https://prs.aicf.in/players>

For New Registration-

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

MCA Registration for 2025-26 is compulsory for all MAHARASHTRA players.

For Renewal

https://mcachess.in/tournament_registration/existing_entry.php

For New Registration

https://mcachess.in/tournament_registration/mca_registrations.php

- ❖ In case of dispute, the decision of Chief Arbiter's shall be final & binding for all.
- ❖ Players who are found guilty (as an above rules) at any stage of the tournament will be withdrawn from the tournament & Entry Fees shall not be refunded.

Entry Cancellation Policy

- ❖ Players can **withdraw** at any time, any reason before the **15th Feb 2026 at 12.00 PM**. Entry Fee will be refunded by **deducting 25%** amount of paid Entry Fee.
- ❖ Any entry withdrawal from **16th Feb 2025 NO REFUND**.
- ❖ Send the Mail to **LBHM.TMT.PUNE@GMAIL.COM** for withdraw from the tournament. Without mail no request will be entertained for **withdrawal**.
- ❖ Refund process will start after **5th March 2026**

❖ No Request towards waiver of Entry Fee or late Fee will be entertained.
Entry Fee is NON-Transferable

Organizing Committee

Yogesh Mahamuni

Tournament Director

Vandana Halkude

Organizing Chairman

Prakash Kunte
Abhijit Joshi
Santosh Vasmale
Laxman Pawar

Jayant Gokhale
Chidananda A.
Uddhav Patil
Dipankar Kamble

Ketan Khaire
Kapil Lohana
Rajendra Mane
Ganesh Nirgun

Vivek Bhagwat
Bharat Vasmale
Deven Wadke
Rajesh Oza

Nagnath Halkude

Organizing Secretary

Amol Jagdale
Akash Halkude
Rajvardhan Kalsure
Yogesh Ravandale

Sunil Sahu
Shravani Halkude
Sagar Dhumale
Dr. Suhas Shitole

Sadanand Vasmale
Shashikant Vasmale
Shreepad Joshi
Nitin Undale

Sachin Varude
Aryan Halkude
Mali Avinash
Harshal Patil

Executive Team

BEST WISHES

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Jayant Gokhale

Double Shiv-Chhatrapati Awardees

IM Anup Deshmukh

Shiv-Chhatrapati Awardees

Amarnath Chakradeo

Owner, Federal Eng. Works

Milind Pokale

President, Bandhutva Group

Special thanks
to our strong supporter,
the pillar of
LBHM CHESS FESTIVAL

Mr. Rajendra Konde
Vice President, MCA

Mr. Ketan Khaire
Coach, Yerwada Prison
Team (World Champion)

BEST WISHES

Siddharth Mayur

Working President MCA

Niranjan Godbole

Secretary MCA

GM Abhijit Kunte

Major Dhyanchand Awardee

Dr. Sanjay Karvade

Secretary PDCC

Kakasaheb Chavan

President,
Dhareshwar Vidyav Kreedha
Pratishthan

Kiran Shinde

By. Commissioner of Income Tax, Pune

Santosh Gaikwad

ACP, Nagpur, Mah. Police

Sachin Vasmale

API, Solapur, Mah. Police

Milind Pokale

President, Bandhutva Group

Chief Arbiter

IA Vinita Shrotri

Dy. Chief Arbiter

IA Juily Kulkarni

IA Rajendra Shidore

Pairing Arbiter

IA Nitin Shenvi

DGT Arbiter

IA Shardul Tapase

AICF Registration

IA Dipti Shidore

MCA Registration

IA Mitala Shenvi

AICF Registration

FA Pavan Katkade

Academy Winners

18th LBHM Birthday Celebration of
Mr. Prakash Kunte & Mr. Siddharth Mayur
All India Open FIDE Rapid Rating Chess Tournament



1st Place
Kunte Chess Academy, Pune



2nd Place
The Mind World War Chess Club,
Rajgurunagar, Pune



3rd Place
Victorious Chess Academy, Pune



Malpani Foundation's DHRUV GLOBAL SCHOOL

Sr. No. 26/2/1, Abnave Nagar, Handewadi, Katraj Bypass Road, Undri, Pune - 411060.



At Dhruv Global School we focus on facilitating children with knowledge and understanding of every domain possible – from modern technology and science, to culture and history. - **Dr. Sanjay Malpani** (Chairman)

Education at Dhruv is not only about text books, it extends to a range of activities including, but not restricted to projects, field trips, interviews, music, dramatics, dance, sports, art & craft, etc. and this makes the learning holistic, creative and imaginative. The pedagogy at Dhruv is based on Dr. Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligence with a belief that, given a chance, every child can achieve his/her goals. 18 years of continued excellence of the Dhruv Global School, Sangamner is proof of our commitment towards providing the finest learning environment with world class infrastructure and a committed team of educators. At Undri, we have a sprawling 5-acre campus with world class infrastructure, which helps in achieving our goals of giving every child the required space and opportunity to explore their capabilities. The founders of Dhruv believe that a sound value system will always bring out the best in a child's personality and will always stand them in good stead. The school has a specially designed curriculum for inculcating a deep-rooted value system and for the moral grooming of a child. Apart from specially designed class rooms, which have ample natural light and ventilation the school has a number of Laboratories (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Math, Robotics, Language etc), well stocked Libraries, a large dining hall, where we serve our children with hygienic and nutritious meals, Music rooms, Dance rooms and Art & craft studios as well as a well equipped Infirmary. The State-of-the-art infrastructure with facilities like amphitheatre, auditorium, multi-purpose hall, indoor sports complex consisting of a temperature regulated 6 lane swimming pool, basketball court, six badminton courts, yoga and aerobic hall, 10 lane shooting range & 200 meter athletic track of international standards, football field with viewers' gallery are all built to favour the harmonious growth of young minds across several disciplines.



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LBHM ROYAL STRATEGY CHESS LEAGUE

A Year-Long Championship of Skill & Consistency

• START: LBHM CHESS FESTIVAL 2026 •

• END: LBHM CHESS FESTIVAL 2027 •

CIRCUIT EVENTS TIMELINE

MAY 2026

2 CLASSICAL
+ 1 RAPID
+ 1 BLITZ

AUGUST 2026

RAPID
RATING

NOVEMBER 2026

2 CLASSICAL
+ 1 RAPID
+ 1 BLITZ

FEBRUARY 2027

RAPID
RATING

EARN POINTS
IN EVERY EVENT!



ACCUMULATE YOUR SCORE!



BECOME THE
CHESS LEAGUE
CHAMPION!



 All detailed rules, points system, and prize structures will be officially published in LBHM Chess Festival 2026 Brochure



Regular Participation



Multiple Prizes



Fair & Merit-Based

JOIN THE LBHM CIRCUIT – PLAY, SCORE, WIN!