KERALA STATE ONLINE AGE GROUP
OPEN & GIRLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

Organized by:

All Kozhikode Chess Association

Chess Association Thrissur

Cognizance Chess Academy

On Behalf of:

Chess Association Kerala

Playing Platform: www.tornelo.com   Screen sharing: Zoom

Signing up with Tornelo is a must. Players are requested to get familiar
with the features of Tornelo and Zoom.

Tournament Schedule

EVENTS	DATE	LAST DATE OF ENTRY	TIME
Practice Event	3rd June 2021		15:00 Hrs.
Under 18 Open & Girls	4th June 2021	3rd June 2021at 12.00 Hrs	09:00 Hrs
Under 16 Open & Girls	5th June 2021	4th June 2021at 12.00 Hrs	09:00 Hrs
Under 14 Open & Girls	6th June 2021	5th June 2021at 12.00 Hrs	09:00 Hrs
Under 12 Open & Girls	8th June 2021	7th June 2021at 12.00 Hrs	09:00 Hrs
Under 10 Open & Girls	9th June 2021	8th June 2021at 12.00 Hrs	09:00 Hrs

**Championship will be played under Swiss System and the number of rounds and schedule will depend on number of participants. The schedule and time can be changed accordingly.

Important Note: Players participating in this Online Kerala State Championship will only be permitted to represent Kerala as selected / donor entries in the Forthcoming National Championship.
Note to District Chess Associations : Please advise your district players to participate in this Online Kerala State Championship.

* The top two players from the State will qualify as official entries for the National Online Age Group Chess Championship 2021 and their entry fee will be taken care by CAK on reimbursement basis.
*Top 10 from each category will be eligible for one day online chess coaching and certificates.

Rules and Regulations:

1.**Age Limit**: Cut off dates is 1st January 2021 i.e born or or after:

U18 Open & Girls – 01 Jan 2003   U16 Open & Girls - 01 Jan 2005
U14 Open & Girls – 01 Jan 2007   U12 Open & Girls – 01 Jan 2009
U10 Open & Girls - 01 Jan 2011

Age Proof: Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. Certificates from School are not valid. Certificates shall be from the Panchayat, Municipality or Corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without date of birth certificates will not be allowed to participate.

**The date of birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate. No district association shall recommend any player who doesn't come under the above criterion

2**. Eligibility**: Subject to age limit, the following players can participate:
Indian Nationals from Kerala are eligible to participate in the championships.
a. All GMs / IMs and all WIMs /WGMs are eligible to participate in their respective category as seeded players subject to age stipulation.
b. Any player who pays the prescribed entry fee of Rs.250/- subject to the age limit and duly recommended by the district association, after registering with AICF.

3**. Entry fee**: Rs. 250/-. Only players registered with AICF for the year 2021- 22 alone are eligible to participate. There is no separate CAK registration. All entries have to be routed through the respective district associations.
Entries without AICF registration will not be accepted. The secretaries of the district chess associations are requested to recommend only AICF registered players.

4**. Playing platform** : The Virtual playing venue of the championship is located on the online chess server at https://www.tornelo.com.

5. **Video Conferencing System** : Tournament shall be played under video supervision. We are using Zoom as Video Conferencing System (VCS) during the tournament . Players should log into Zoom with real names.

6. **Session**: The rate of play shall be 15 minutes with an increment of 10 seconds per move from move number one

7**. Tournament type & System of Play**: "Online Chess with supervision" (Part III a) of Fide Online Chess Regulation . The Championship will be played under Fide Online Chess Regulation and the Swiss system.

8**. Pairing / Results** : Pairings will be made by the Platform. The results and provisional standings will published in www.chess-results.com in accordance with announced tie break.

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

1. Buchholz Cut 1
2. Buchholz
3. Sonneborn-Berger
4. Direct encounter
5. The greater number of wins including forfeits
6. Number of wins with Black pieces

10**. Tournament Committee**: Chess Association Kerala will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the State Championship.

11. **Protest:** Protest, 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. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

12. **Appeals Committee**: Before the commencement of the tournament, a three-member appeals committee shall be formed by the CAK.

13. **Withdrawal** : : If any player is absent for any round without intimation to Chief Arbiter will be removed for all the remaining rounds without further notice.

14. **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 the rules, without prior notice. However, such changes should be approved by CAK. Such changes will, however, be communicated to all concerned.

15. **Registration of Players**: All participants in the State Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2021-2022. Online AICF registration can be done at the website https://prs.aicf.in/players

16. **Pre-move**: Pre-move is not permitted and this feature will be turned off from the setting

17. **50 move rule and 3-fold repetition**: 50 move rule and 3-fold repetition rule will be automatically enforced.

18**. Overriding Online results**: Be aware of the various positions that are automatically declared drawn by the server. In general, the result prescribed by Tornelo will stand (see the set list of drawn positions). However, there are positions such as the one in the diagram.

With black to play in this position, it is checkmate after h2, then Ng3 for white. With black to play, if black lets his or her time expire, then the server will automatically call this a draw. In the unlikely situation that this or a similar position happens, players may appeal to an Appeals Panel and appeal that they should be declared the winner of the game.

Positions Declared Drawn

The following combinations will result in draws for insufficient material and will be automatically claimed by the server:

K+N vs K+N

K+N vs. K

K+B vs K

K vs. K

K+B vs. K+B (even with opposite- colored bishops)

K+N+N vs K

The following combinations will result in a draw if the player with the pawn flags down. Note that this goes for any pawn including a and h pawns:

K+N vs. K+P K+B vs. K+P

These games will be scored as draws automatically by the server, and will be scored as such for our competition even though this is not in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

19. **Playing Device**: Only laptop or desktop computer (Only Windows OS will be allowed) are only allowed as playing device. (Mobile phones and tabs are strictly not allowed.)

20**. Web browser**: Google Chrome web browser is highly recommended by the playing platform. Only tabs open in the web browser are for the platform being used i.e. Tornelo

21**. Internet connection**: Internet connectivity is the player's responsibility. Please ensure you have a reliable connection which you trust.

22.**Webcam:** A functioning webcam is mandatory so that arbiters can comfortably see you and your surroundings. Players must be able to scan their playing area using their webcam.

23.**Lighting**: Adequate and even lighting is required, including on the players' faces. Natural light can be sufficient but artificial lighting is highly recommended for consistency. Please ensure that you and your surroundings will be visible on camera at all times.

24**. Microphone** / Speakers: A working microphone & speakers are mandatory. You must be able to hear arbiters. Please make sure speakers are turned on before the start of competition so arbiters can communicate with you. The arbiter may request that you turn up your microphone in order to observe noise originating from your call. Players must comply with this request.

25**. Headphones**: During play, headphones will not be permitted during the course of play. You may use them before or after the games.

26.**Playing area**:

a. Your playing area should be clear of all electronic devices except your playing computer.

b. Cell phones and other handheld devices should be out of sight and out of reach. Players may be

asked to have their belongings checked by an arbiter.

c. All applications except for Zoom and web browser (Only Tornelo Website) must have their tasks ended in the task manager and they may not be opened during the course of play.

d. We require that all the notifications / pop-ups be turned off during the time of match.

e. You should be alone in your playing area, ideally in a location with limited foot traffic.

f. Players should be facing a wall in their playing area and are prohibited from directly facing a window or door.

g. Players should not have a second monitor connected to their playing computer

h. Players should not have written notes or any reading material in their playing area

i. The playing area will be checked by proctors and/or arbiters before the round begins. If a player leaves the playing area view, they may be subject to a truncated security check upon returning.

j. Players are not permitted to leave the view of the camera at any time during the run of play. They may not leave the playing area for any reason and must always be visible on camera.

27**. Zoom video call**:

a. Players must be present in the designated Zoom video call at least One hour before the beginning of first round and will be available throughout the last game of the day. In the event they are late, they will still be subject to a full fair play check at the arbiter's and proctor's discretion which may affect their starting clock times.

b. If players are facing connectivity issues with Zoom, an arbiter must be notified by the players immediately through arbiters chat on tornelo.

c. Players may not leave the Zoom call until their games have completed for the day. Once they have completed a round, they will be free to leave the view of the camera until they return for their pre-game fair play checks.

d. Players may not turn off their cameras until their games have completed for the day.

e. Players may not disrupt other players or make unnecessary noise during the run of play.

f. Virtual Zoom background is not permitted.

Face view appearance on video call

Screen share

Players must share their screen and not just the browser .
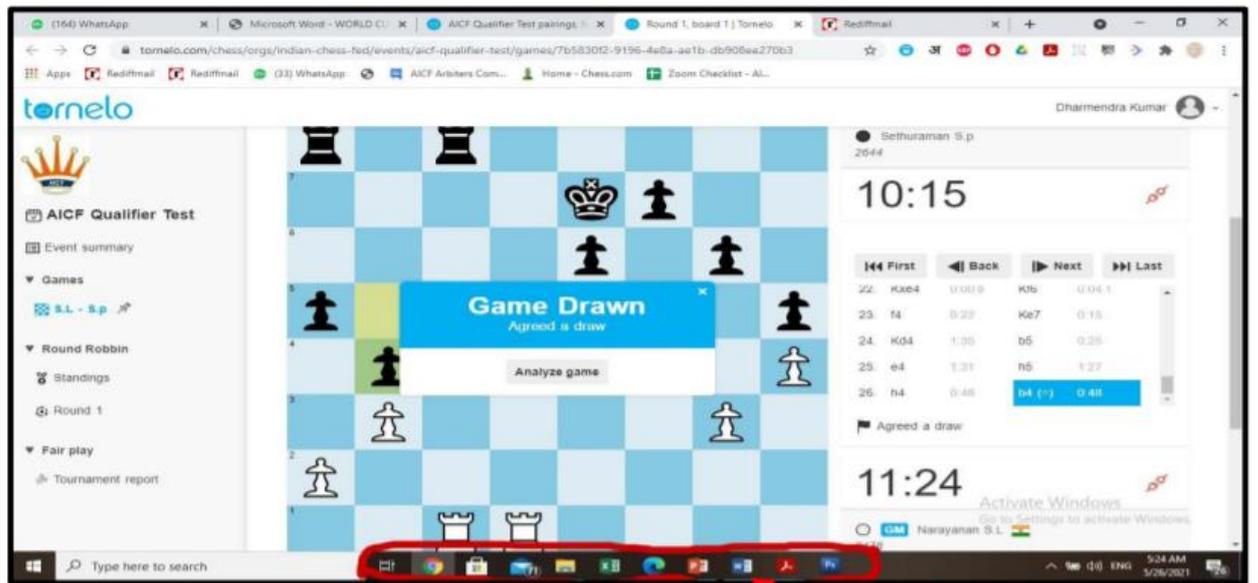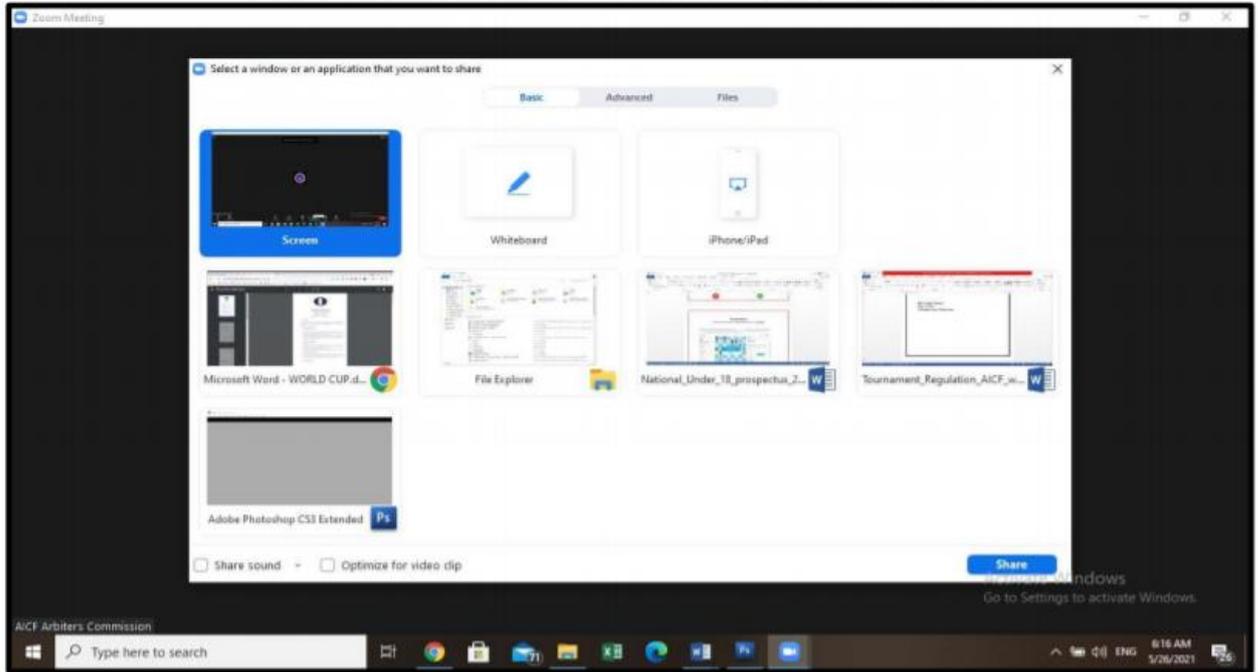
Arbiter's should be able to see this **_taskbar_** that shows which programs are open.
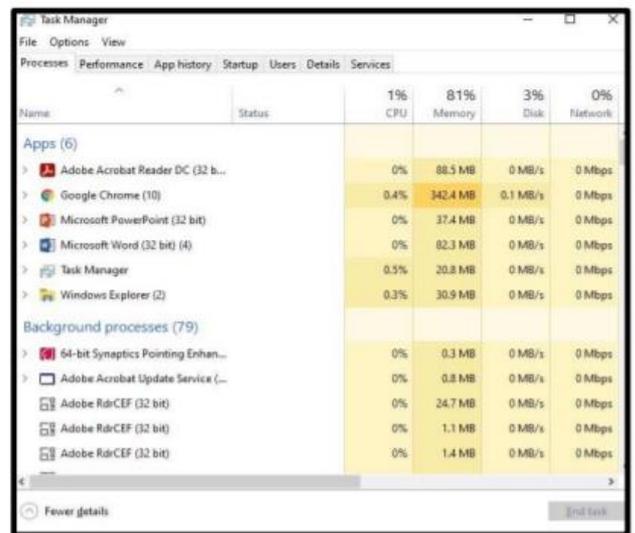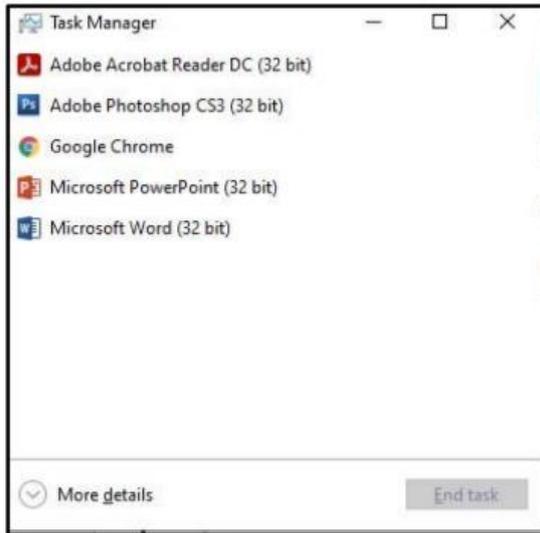
They may also ask to see your computer's Task Manager for confirmation. For task manager, press [ctrl]+[shift]+[esc]

28. **Tornelo :**

• To avoid mouse slip , turn on move confirmation in Game Preferences setting. Instead of dragging the pieces, click the original square, then click the destination square.

• Do not share your Tornelo password with anyone. Simultaneous multiple connection is not allowed. This will result in fair play violation and immediate loss of the game.

• Players' tornelo.com username must match the username that was used during registration. You may not play on a private account or secret account.

• Player shall enter his FIDE ID as entered in Registration form while joining the event in Tornelo Player profile. If player doesn't have FIDE ID, he can put 0.

32. **Disconnections**

• It is the player's responsibility to be connected to the playing zone. This includes providing a stable internet connection and a working playing device.

• During a disconnection both players must not leave their places without the permission of the Arbiter.

• An internet disconnection for a duration of 3 minutes or more will be declared loss.

29. **Communication:**

• Zoom Chat

• Arbiters chat on tornelo (Arbiters call)

a. Players shall not be permitted to contact anyone during the course of play.

b. Players shall have a direct line of communication to their assigned arbiter during the course of play. This shall be done via the Zoom chat, with the Arbiter clearly identified by "Arbiter" in their Zoom name

c. Players shall notify the Arbiter immediately in the event they are facing a technical issue. If they are unable to contact the arbiter via Zoom due to connectivity issues, they must attempt to reconnect during the round but may not contact via other methods.

30.**Penalties**:

Cards awarded in a Game.

Warning:

a. The following offences may result in a player receiving a first and final warning:

i. An internet disconnection for a duration of 2 minutes or less

ii. Any offence not listed that, in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter, merits the award of a first and final warning

Yellow card

b. The following offences may result in a player receiving a yellow card:

i. Camera shutoff from Zoom via manual shutoff

ii. Disconnection from Zoom without disconnecting from Tornelo.

iii. An internet disconnection for a duration of over 2 minutes and less than 3 minutes

iv. Disruption of other players/talking

v. Not sharing their screen on the Zoom call

vi. Any offence requiring a player to be warned for a second time in that game

vii. Any offence not listed that, in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter, merits the award of a yellow card

Red card

c. The following offences may result in the player receiving a red card:

i. Any offence that would result in a player being awarded a second yellow card

31.**Bans and Disqualification:**

a. A player will be banned for their next round if they receive either:

i. A red card in one game, or

ii. Two yellow cards in two different games

b. Any serious offence may result in disqualification from the whole tournament, at the discretion of the CAK & Tournament Committee.

32.**Additional Actions**: In addition, any violations outlined in this section may be subject to additional fair play screening which may result in the player's clock running while the screening is taking place.

33. **Fair Play Rules**: The fair play measures should be applied in accordance with the FIDE Anti Cheating Regulations and FIDE Anti-Cheating Protection Measures. Any fair play violation will be viewed seriously by CAK & a strict action will be taken to the player which shall be extended to over the board events also.

34**. Selection**: The top two players from the State will qualify as official entries for the National Online Age Group Chess Championship 2021 and their entry fee will be taken care by CAK on reimbursement basis. Players (Official/Special Entries) desirous to participate in National Championship are required

to make the entries before the deadline stipulated by AICF in the National Entries portal.

For Under 18 and Under 14
Shaji P.M. – +91 94952 57277

For Under 16 and Under 12
Peter Joseph – +91 93877 26873
Noushad K U – +91 99955 58744

For Under 10
Subha Rakesh – +91 98474 43514

ENTRY FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS:

For Under 18 and Under 14
Entry fee can be paid via Gpay / Phonepe / Paytm – +91 94952 57277 (Shaji P.M.)

After depositing the amount, payment proof has to be emailed to shajichess@yahoo.com (or whatsApp to +91 94952 57277) with a copy to the player's district chess association mail id, mentioning the following details such as Name of the player, FIDE ID, Age Category of the Championship Tornelo's Player Profile Name, ZOOM ID and Rating (if any), scanned copy of date of birth certificate and recent identity proof, e-mail address, mobile phone number and district.

For Under 16 and Under 12

Entry fee can be paid via Gpay – +91 81379 22347 (Syam Peter)

After depositing the amount, payment proof has to be emailed to petermaliakal@yahoo.com (or whatsApp to +91 93877 26873) with a copy to the player's district chess association mail id, mentioning the following details such as Name of the player, FIDE ID, Age Category of the Championship Tornelo's Player Profile Name, ZOOM ID and Rating (if any), scanned copy of date of birth certificate and recent identity proof, e-mail address, mobile phone number and district.

For Under 10
Entry fee can be paid via Gpay – +91 98474 43514 (Subha Rakesh)

After depositing the amount, payment proof has to be emailed to subhasbt@gmail.com (or whatsApp to +91 98474 43514) with a copy to the player's district chess association mail id, mentioning the following details such as Name of the player, FIDE ID, Age Category of the Championship Tornelo's Player Profile Name, ZOOM ID and Rating (if any), scanned copy of date of birth certificate and recent identity proof, e-mail address, mobile phone number and district.

After finalization of entries, Tournament Link (Tornelo) will be sent to their registered email id/ Whatsapp. It is the responsibility of the players to sign in before the start of the championship.

ARBITERS

SHAJI P M (FA)
GOVINDANKUTTY M S (IA)
PETER JOSEPH (FA)
SUBHA RAKESH (FA)
JISMON MATHEW(FA)

FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE

V. N.Vishwanathan: Chairman

(CEO: CAK and Former Kerala Senior Champion)

Sooraj M.R.:   Runner up of Kerala State Senior Open Chess Championship 2021

Jismon Mathew: Chairman Arbiter Commission -CAK

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REGISTRATION FORM

(To be filled in Block letters)

1. Name   :_____

2. Male/Female   :_____

3. Open/Girls   :_____

4. Category – Under 18/ Under 14/
   Under 12/ Under 10   :_____

5. Address for communication   : _____

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6. Tornelo's Players Profile Name   :_____

7. Zoom ID   :_____

8. FIDE ID (If any)   :_____

9. Contact No   :_____

10. WhatsApp Contact Number   :_____

11. Email ID   :_____

12.   Date of Birth   :___

(Please provide a copy of Birth Certificate as proof)

Declaration

I_____age_____S/O or D/O _____
_____declare that the particulars given above are true to the
best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: