



# KCA'S INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

## Kottayam Chess Academy Presents

# God's Own Country's 1<sup>ST</sup> GRANDMASTER INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT 2025

**CATEGORY - C**

AICF EVENT CODE: 413520/KL/2025

**BELOW  
1800**

Organized by  
**Kottayam Chess Academy**

Under the aegis of  
**Chess Association Kottayam**  
**Chess Association Kerala**

**All India Chess Federation &**  
**Fédération Internationale des Échecs ( FIDE )**

**Total Cash Prize**

**₹11,50,000/-**



Date:  
**18,19,20**  
July 2025

Venue:  
**Sanjos Convention Center**  
Ettumanoor, Kottayam

## ELIGIBILITY

Players having the career FIDE rating of below 1800 (including unrated) for the last three years are only allowed to participate in this event.

Any player finished first and second in any Rating Restricted event in last one year on the start date of the tournament are not eligible to participate.

## ENTRY FEE

1 <sup>st</sup> Early bird (31-05-2025)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Early bird (15-06-2025)	Entry Fee (16 <sup>th</sup> June Onwards)
<b>₹4750</b>	<b>₹5250</b>	<b>₹5750</b>



No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.

registration link - <https://circlechess.com/registration?id=27963>

The last date of entry	12 July 2025
Entries with late fee may accept with ₹500	15 July 2025



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## Inauguration & Players Meet

18-07-2025, 10.00 AM

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
18-07-2025 10.30 AM	18-07-2025 1.45 PM	18-07-2025 4.45 PM	19-07-2025 9.00 AM	19-07-2025 12.30 PM
Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	
19-07-2025 3.45 PM	20-07-2025 8.30 AM	20-07-2025 11.40 AM	20-07-2025 2.45 PM	

Prize Distribution Ceremony : 20-07-2025 - 6.45 PM

**Champion**  
**CATEGORY A**



Grandmaster  
Levan Pantsulaia of Georgia

**Champion**  
**CATEGORY B**



Mohammed Fasal of Kerala

**Champion**  
**CATEGORY C**



# MAIN PRIZES

<b>FIRST PRIZE</b> <b>₹1,50,000</b>		10 <sup>th</sup>	₹15,000	21 <sup>st</sup>	₹7,500
2 <sup>nd</sup>	₹1,00,000	11 <sup>th</sup>	₹12,000	22 <sup>nd</sup>	₹7,500
3 <sup>rd</sup>	₹75,000	12 <sup>th</sup>	₹12,000	23 <sup>rd</sup>	₹7,500
4 <sup>th</sup>	₹50,000	13 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000	24 <sup>th</sup>	₹7,500
5 <sup>th</sup>	₹35,000	14 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000	25 <sup>th</sup>	₹7,500
6 <sup>th</sup>	₹25,000	15 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000	26 <sup>th</sup>	₹7,000
7 <sup>th</sup>	₹20,000	16 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000	27 <sup>th</sup>	₹7,000
8 <sup>th</sup>	₹15,000	17 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000	28 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000
9 <sup>th</sup>	₹15,000	18 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000	29 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000
		19 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000	30 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000
		20 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000		

<b>1700 – 1601</b>		<b>1600 – 1501</b>		<b>1500 – 0</b>		<b>Best Veteran</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	₹40,000	1 <sup>st</sup>	₹40,000	1 <sup>st</sup>	₹30,000	₹6,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	₹20,000	2 <sup>nd</sup>	₹20,000	2 <sup>nd</sup>	₹20,000	<b>Best Kerala</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	₹15,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	₹15,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	₹15,000	₹6,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000	4 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000	4 <sup>th</sup>	₹10,000	<b>Best Kottayam</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	₹8,000	5 <sup>th</sup>	₹8,000	5 <sup>th</sup>	₹8,000	₹6,000
6 <sup>th</sup>	₹7,000	6 <sup>th</sup>	₹7,000	6 <sup>th</sup>	₹7,000	<b>U-9</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	7 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	7 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	
8 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	8 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	8 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	
9 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	9 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	9 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	
10 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	10 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	10 <sup>th</sup>	₹6,000	

<b>U-11</b>	<b>U-13</b>	<b>U-15</b>	<b>Unrated</b>
₹7,000	₹7,000	₹7,000	₹7,000
₹6,500	₹6,500	₹6,500	₹6,500
₹6,000	₹6,000	₹6,000	₹6,000

## TOURNAMENT RULES

### System of Play

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 9 rounds.

### Time Control

30 Minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1 for entire game.

### Tie Break

In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect. **The Cash prizes however will not be shared.**

### Fair Play Regulations:

All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. FIDE and AICF Fair Play Regulations will be in enforce during the event and all players are to respect and abide by the same.

### Refund Policy:

- Upto 14<sup>th</sup> July: 100% refund
- 15<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> July: 50% refund
- 17<sup>th</sup> July onwards: No refunds will be entertained

Note: The organizer makes arrangements for players in advance, and refunds after 16<sup>th</sup> July cannot be accommodated.

### Accommodation:

Players are required to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

### Venue Details:

Sanjos Convention Center, Ettumanoor  
Nearby Landmarks

### - Nearest Railway Stations:

1. Ettumanoor Railway Station - 2.6 km
2. Kottayam Railway Station - 9.1 km
3. Ernakulam Railway Station - 56 km

### - Nearest Airport:

Cochin International Airport - 77 km  
- Nearby Pilgrimage Site:  
Ettumanoor Sri Mahadeva Temple - 2.6 km

## Eligibility & AICF Registration

All the Indian players must be registered with AICF for the year 2025-26.

AICF ID search & renewal link: <https://prs.aicf.in/>

AICF ID new registration link: <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>

CAK(Chess Association Kerala) registration fee Rs. 100/- for 2025 is compulsory for all Kerala players.  
[www.chessmii.com](http://www.chessmii.com)

Organiser's have the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason.

Force Majeure: The Organizing Committee shall bear the responsibility of refunding the entry fee only in the event of force majeure circumstances that lead to the cancellation or postponement of the tournament.

## Registration of Foreign Players & Players under FIDE Flag

Other than Indian players, all other players required to have valid FIDE ID under their respective country or licensed FIDE ID under FIDE Flag before the registration of the tournament.

## Prize Money Notes:

- The prizes shall not be shared and a player would be eligible for one higher prize only.
- Tax will be deducted as per the Indian Income Tax Act.
- All payments to Indian players would be made by bank transfer.
- Prize winners from foreign countries would be required to submit a copy of their passport & visa.

Organising Secretary

Girija Lal Rajesh

Event Coordinator: Athira Suresh

Tournament Director

Rajesh Nattakom I A

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