1ST EDITION

BIRSA GRAND RAPID CHESS FESTIVAL

2026



AJCA Event Code: 2026/AJCA/E-21

Organised by:
Birsa Chess Foundation (BCF)

Under the Aegis of:
All Jharkhand Chess Association (AJCA)

Recognised by:
East Singhbhum District Chess Association

In Association with:
XLRI Jamshedpur

DATES:
24th & 25th October 2026

VENUE:
Lecture Hall 2 Complex,
XLRI Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

REPORTING:
7:30 AM Onwards

TOTAL GUARANTEED

CASH PRIZES

1,21,000/-

+ 80+ Trophies

HONOURING THE LEGACY –
JOIN THE BATTLE OF MINDS

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

CATEGORY	DATE	REPORTING	EVENT 1	EVENT 2	PRIZE DISTRIBUTION
Category A (Unrated)	24th Oct 2026	Reporting 7:30 AM	09:00 AM (Inauguration)	09:30 AM (Round 1)	Prize Distribution 5:30 PM
Category B (Open)	25th Oct 2026	Reporting 7:30 AM	08:45 AM (Briefing)	09:00 AM (Round 1)	Prize Distribution 5:30 PM

TOURNAMENT RULES

CATEGORIES

- **Category A (Unrated):**
- for players of any age without an official FIDE classical/rapid rating.
- **Category B (Open):**
- open to Rated, Unrated, and
- Titled players across all age groups.

FORMAT & TIME CONTROL

- Swiss League System.
- 9 rounds.
- Latest FIDE Laws of Rapid Chess.
- Time control: 10 minutes +
- 5 seconds increment per move
- from Move 1.

TIE-BREAKS

- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Direct Encounter
- Greater Number of Wins with black

ENTRY FEE

- ₹1,000/- for one category.
- **₹1,750/-** combined (both categories).

REGISTRATION

- Normal registration closes
- 20th October 2026.
- Late entries accepted up to
- 22nd October 2026 with ₹200 late fee.
- No spot entries.
- Online registration only at
- www.birsachess.com.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The organizers reserve the right to decline or accept any entry without assigning any reason therefore.



PRIZE STRUCTURE

Total Guaranteed:

₹1,21,000/-

CATEGORY A (UNRATED)

Rank / Position	Prize Amount
1st	₹8,000
2nd	₹6,000
3rd	₹5,000
4th	₹3,000
5th	₹2,500
6th–10th (5 players)	₹2,000 each
11th–15th (5 players)	₹1,500 each
16th–20th (5 players)	₹1,300 each
21st–30th (10 players)	₹1,200 each

CATEGORY B (OPEN)

Rank / Position	Prize Amount
1st	₹8,000
2nd	₹6,000
3rd	₹5,000
4th	₹3,000
5th	₹2,500
6th–10th (5 players)	₹2,000 each
11th–15th (5 players)	₹1,500 each
16th–20th (5 players)	₹1,300 each
21st–30th (10 players)	₹1,200 each

Cash prizes will not be shared. A player is entitled to receive only one higher cash prize.

AWARDS & HONORS



CATEGORY A (UNRATED) AGE-GROUP TROPHIES

AGE GROUP	BOYS 1st	BOYS 2nd	BOYS 3rd
Under 7	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under-9	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 11	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 13	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 15	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 19	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy

AGE GROUP	GIRLS 1st	GIRLS 2nd	GIRLS 3rd
Under 7	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under-9	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 11	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 11	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 15	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under-19	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy

CATEGORY B (OPEN) AGE GROUP TROPHIES

AGE GROUP	BOYS 1st	BOYS 2nd	BOYS 3rd
Under 7	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under-9	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 11	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 13	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 13	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 19	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy

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Under 13	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under 15	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
Under-19	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

AWARD	ELIGIBILITY	PRIZE
YOUNGEST PARTICIPANT	Boy & Girl across both sections	Special Memento / Trophy
BEST FEMALE PLAYER	Top-performing female competitor	Special Trophy
E-CERTIFICATES	All participants completing 9 rounds	Digital Certificate of Merit

HOSPITALITY & HELPDESK

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH

Hot and hygienic lunch will be served free of cost to all registered participants on tournament days.

PARENTS & COACHES WAITING LUNGE

A dedicated air-conditioned lecture hall seating space is reserved inside XLRI for accompanying escorts and guardians.



TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS & IN-CHARGES

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ABOUT THE ORGANISERS



BIRSA CHESS FOUNDATION (BCF)

Birsa Chess Foundation (BCF) is committed to building an inclusive, high-performance chess ecosystem in Jharkhand and across India. By organizing professionally regulated tournaments, offering specialized training masterclasses, and taking chess into schools and grassroots communities, BCF empowers the next generation of grandmasters.

XLRI - XAVIER SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

XLRI - Xavier School of Management, Jamshedpur, is one of India's oldest and most prestigious business schools. Known for its 'magis' (excellence) and spirit of social responsibility, XLRI is partnering as a joint organizer to promote strategic thinking, intellectual growth, and community engagement through the game of chess.

- **Coaching & Workshops:** Organizing special coaching camps and workshops for all players registered with us to foster continuous growth and skill development.

Coaching: Providing structured tactical and strategic training under international arbiters and grandmasters.

Grassroot Outreach & Talent Scouting in Schools: Promoting chess at school and community levels across Jharkhand to identify promising talent early.

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EXCELLENCE & INTEGRITY

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For the greater good

"The willingness to take risks is essential for a player to improve."
— Garry Kasparov