

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Organised by: Ivory Squares Chess Academy (ISCA)

Platform: Lichess.org

By registering for and participating in the tournament, the participant and their parent/guardian agree to the following Terms & Conditions:

1. Registration & Participant Information:

- a. Participants must provide accurate and complete information during registration.
- b. The name, date of birth, contact details, and other information provided during registration must belong to the actual participant.
- c. Participants are responsible for ensuring that all submitted information is correct.
- d. If the information provided during registration does not match the participant's identity/details at the time of verification after winning, the participant's candidature will be disqualified and the prize will not be disbursed.
- e. The organiser reserves the right to request supporting documents for verification.

2. Tournament Platform

- a. The tournament will be conducted on Lichess.org.
- b. Participants must join the correct tournament using the official tournament link shared by Ivory Squares Chess Academy.
- c. Participants are responsible for having a stable internet connection, compatible device, and an active Lichess account.
- d. Ivory Squares Chess Academy will not be responsible for losses caused by the participant's internet connection, device, power failure, or other technical issues on the participant's side.

3. Fair Play

- a. Participants must play fairly and follow the fair-play rules of Lichess.org and the tournament organiser.
- b. The use of chess engines, assistance from another person, prohibited external assistance, multiple accounts for unfair advantage, account sharing, collusion, or any other form of cheating is strictly prohibited.

- c. Any participant found violating fair-play rules may be disqualified, and any prize awarded or due may be cancelled.

4. Fair-Play & Result Verification

- a. Tournament results may be subject to verification after the tournament.
- b. Ivory Squares Chess Academy reserves the right to review tournament results and relevant Lichess information before confirming prize winners.
- c. Winning a tournament does not automatically guarantee prize disbursement until the winner successfully completes the required verification process.
- d. If a winner is found to have violated fair-play rules or provided incorrect/mismatched information, their candidature may be cancelled.

5. Prize Structure & Prize Disbursement

- a. The tournament will offer cash prizes only.
- b. No physical prizes will be delivered.
- c. Cash prizes will be disbursed only after successful verification of the winner's details.
- d. Winners must provide the required information and documents within the timeframe communicated by the organiser.
- e. Ivory Squares Chess Academy reserves the right to withhold prize disbursement if the required verification or documentation is incomplete.

6. Required Documents & Bank Details

For cash-prize disbursement, the winner will be required to provide:

- a. Aadhaar Card for identity verification.
- b. Bank account details for prize payment.
- c. The bank account must be maintained with a bank in India.
- d. The name on the submitted bank account should correspond with the verified participant/winner details, subject to applicable payment requirements.
- e. Participants/winners must provide accurate and valid bank details.

7. Cheque Payment

- a. In certain cases, the prize may be disbursed through cheque instead of direct bank transfer.
- b. If payment is made through cheque, the winner must provide a complete and accurate postal address in India for delivery of the cheque.
- c. Ivory Squares Chess Academy will not be responsible for delays caused by an incorrect or incomplete address provided by the winner.

8. Identity Verification

- a. The organiser may request additional information or documents if required to verify the winner's identity and eligibility.
- b. Any mismatch between the registration information and the verification documents may result in disqualification of the winner.
- c. The organiser reserves the right to cancel the prize in case of false, misleading, incomplete, or inconsistent information.

9. Technical Issues & Disconnection

- a. Participants are responsible for maintaining a stable internet connection throughout their games.
- b. If a participant disconnects during a game, the result will generally be determined according to the rules and systems of Lichess.org.
- c. The organiser will not be responsible for individual connectivity, device, electricity, or technical issues.

10. Tournament Rules

- a. Participants must follow the tournament format, time control, number of rounds, and other instructions announced by Ivory Squares Chess Academy.
- b. Participants must join the tournament before the specified starting time.
- c. The organiser may make reasonable changes to the tournament format or schedule if required for the smooth conduct of the event.

11. Conduct & Sportsmanship

- Participants must maintain respectful behaviour towards:
 - Other participants
 - Parents/guardians

- Coaches
- Tournament organisers
- Officials
- Abusive, threatening, offensive, discriminatory, or inappropriate behaviour may result in removal from the tournament.

12.Registration Fee

- a. The registration fee, if applicable, must be paid through the official payment method communicated by Ivory Squares Chess Academy.
- b. Registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable, except where the organiser decides otherwise in the event of cancellation or postponement.

13.Tournament Changes

- Ivory Squares Chess Academy reserves the right to:
 - a. Postpone or cancel the tournament due to unforeseen circumstances.
 - b. Modify the tournament schedule or format when necessary.
 - c. Make reasonable amendments to ensure the smooth and fair conduct of the tournament.
 - d. Any significant changes will be communicated through the official communication channels.

14.Results & Final Decision

- a. Official results will be determined based on the tournament results on Lichess.org, subject to fair-play and eligibility verification.
- b. Prize winners will be confirmed only after the required verification process.
- c. The decision of Ivory Squares Chess Academy regarding eligibility, verification, disqualification, and prize disbursement will be final.

15.Privacy & Use of Information

- a) Information and documents collected from winners will be used for identity verification and prize disbursement purposes and for other purposes required by applicable law.

- b) Participants should share sensitive documents only through the official communication channel specified by Ivory Squares Chess Academy.
- c) AADHAAR and banking information will be handled for the purposes for which it is collected, subject to applicable privacy and legal requirements.

16. Acceptance of Terms

- a) Organising authority will not be held responsible if the platform, i.e., lichess.org malfunctions.
 - b) Tournament Organiser's decision will be the final decision.
 - c) The participant has agreed to the terms of the tournament post filling up necessary details in the designated space and completing the payment.
 - d) By registering for or participating in the tournament, the participant and their parent/guardian confirm that they have read, understood, and agreed to these Terms & Conditions.
- Play Fair. Play Smart. Enjoy the Game!

Ivory Squares Chess Academy
Where Every Move Builds a Champion.