

Age Limit **Players should have been born on or after 01.01.1996**

Age Proof Each participant must produce a valid certificate to prove his/her age. Certificates from Schools are not enough. Certificate should preferably be from the Panchayat, Municipality or Corporation obtained soon after birth. Players without date of birth certificates will not be allowed to participate. If any doubt arises about the claimed age of a player, the Tournament Committee has the right to refer the player during the championship for a due evaluation of age by competent medical experts. If declared over-aged by such experts the player shall not continue in the championship and shall be reported to AICF. Protest about the age of players may be made to the Chief Arbiter in writing along with a fee of Rupees 1,000/- per player. This will not be refunded. Only the coach or Manager deputed by participating State Chess Association can lodge such protests. The Tournament Committee has the right to decide the day, time and place for such medical evaluation of age. Players refusing to take the test as decided by the tournament Committed shall be deemed to have failed the test and disqualified from the championship.

Eligibility : subject to age limit following players can participate.

- a) Two players in each category from every affiliated State Association of AICF. If any Association fails to send its quota, the vacancies so caused will not be filled.
- b) Top four players from 20th National Under 11 (Boys & Girls) Chess Championship are eligible to participate as seeded players in the same category subject to age stipulation.
- c) The top two players from last National Under 9 (Boys & Girls) Chess Championship are eligible to participate as seeded players.
- d) Players who won the last National Under 7.
- e) The AICF Secretary has a discretionary seat in each category of this championship.
- f) Any player who remits the prescribed Special Entry Fee of Rs. 2,000/-.
- g) In each category, the host Association is entitled to field one additional player.
- h) Current World Champion is under 10 & under 12 category.
- i) Top three from 2006 Asian Championship in Under 12 category.
- j) Current Asian Under 10 Champion.
- k) Current National Champion in any higher category.
- l) Two players in each category from areas where no State Association exists. On application, such players are selected by the Hony. Secretary, All India Chess Federation.
- m) The National Under 9 Girls champion is eligible to play in U-11 Boys.
- n) The winner and runner-up in the last National U-11 Girls are eligible to play in the U-11 Boys this year.
- o) The host Chess Association is entitled to one additional entry if the number of participants at the start of the championship is an odd number.