

PALANPUR MONSOON OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT – 2026

Organised by

**BANASKANTHA DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION
PALANPUR**



About BDCA

- **Banaskantha District Chess Association (BDCA), Palanpur**, is a non-profit organisation actively working for the promotion and development of chess in Banaskantha district since 2003. BDCA is registered under Registration No. F/2217/B.K., dated 05 April 2003. Since its registration, the association has been continuously involved in organising chess tournaments, promoting chess activities, supporting players, and creating opportunities for chess lovers of different age groups.
- The association was built through the vision and dedicated efforts of its pioneer members, who played an important role in creating a strong foundation for chess development in Banaskantha district. **The pioneer members of BDCA include Late Dr. Yagnesh Shah, Shri Vinesh Parmar, Late Shri Babubhai Shah, Late Shri Rajendra Badgujar, Shri Yogeshkumar Jayantilal Modi, Late Shri Nitinbhai Gandhi, Shri Jayantkumar Govindlal Joshi and Shri Janak Thakkar.**
- Over the years, BDCA has actively organised various chess tournaments and chess-related activities at the district level. These events have helped many young players, school students and open category players to understand competitive chess and improve their playing skills. Chess not only develops mental ability, but also creates future opportunities for dedicated players. Many players associated with chess activities have received valuable opportunities in various government and professional fields through their sports achievements.
- The current body of Banaskantha District Chess Association includes **Mr. Vinesh Parmar as President and Dr. Parashar Akhani as Secretary. The committee members include Mr. Yogendra Barad, Mr. Jeet Maheshwari,**

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Mr. Yogeshbhai Modi, Mr. Nikeshbhai Joshi, Mr. Dalpatbhai Patel. The committee works together for the smooth organisation of chess activities and for the overall development of chess in Banaskantha district.

- The main aim of BDCA is to develop a strong chess culture in the district. Chess is not only a game of winning or losing, but it also develops concentration, patience, logical thinking, planning ability, discipline, decision-making skills and sportsmanship among players. The association provides a platform where players can participate in structured tournaments, learn tournament rules, understand Swiss system pairings, follow proper result reporting and experience fair competition. Such tournaments are important for the overall growth of players and for preparing them for higher-level chess events in the future.
- BDCA has always encouraged young and upcoming players by giving them opportunities to participate in well-organised chess tournaments. The association also promotes discipline, punctuality, respect for opponents and fair play among all participants. Palanpur Monsoon Open Chess Tournament – 2026 is being organised with the support and guidance of Banaskantha District Chess Association. The tournament aims to provide a competitive platform for players from Palanpur, Banaskantha district and nearby areas.
- Banaskantha District Chess Association remains committed to organising and supporting more chess events in the future for the growth of chess and for the benefit of players in Banaskantha district.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS



Date

Sunday, 23 August 2026



Venue

Shree Raghuvanshi Desi Lohana Samaj
Vadi, Agola Road, Palanpur, Gujarat



Tournament Type

Open Rapid Unrated Chess Tournament

Tournament Category: Open



Number of Rounds

7 Rounds



System

Swiss System



Time Control

20 Minutes + 2 Seconds Increment



Entry Fee

₹ 500



Prize Pool

₹ 30,000



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Reporting Time

08:00 AM to 08:45 AM



First Round

09:00 AM

PRIZE DETAILS



Category	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	4th Prize	5th Prize
Open Category	₹5,000 + B	₹3,000 + B	₹1,500 + B	₹1,000 + B	₹800 + B
U-7 Category	₹1,000 + B	₹700 + B	₹500 + B	—	—
U-9 Category	₹1,000 + B	₹700 + B	₹500 + B	—	—
U-11 Category	₹1,000 + B	₹700 + B	₹500 + B	—	—
U-14 Category	₹1,000 + B	₹700 + B	₹500 + B	—	—
U-18 Category	₹1,000 + B	₹700 + B	₹500 + B	—	—
A-40 Category	₹1,000 + B	₹700 + B	₹500 + B	—	—
A-60 Category	₹1,000 + B	₹700 + B	₹500 + B	—	—
Best Female Category	₹1,500 + B	₹1,000 + B	₹800 + B	—	—

| B = International Chess Board |

One Player One Prize rule will be followed.

If a player qualifies for more than one prize, the higher prize will be awarded

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



Time	Round / Activity
08:00 AM - 08:45 AM	Reporting & Registration
08:45 AM - 09:00 AM	Inauguration / Players Meeting
9:00 AM	Round 1
10:15 AM	Round 2
11:30 AM	Round 3
12:45 PM	Round 4
2:00 PM	Round 5
3:15 PM	Round 6
4:30 PM	Round 7
6:00 PM	Prize Distribution & Closing

Note: Schedule may be adjusted depending on number of players and round duration.
Participants are advised to arrange their snacks/refreshments accordingly.



RULES & REGULATIONS



- **The tournament will be played as per the latest FIDE Laws of Chess.**
- The tournament will be conducted under the Swiss System.
- **Time Control:** 20 minutes + 2 seconds increment per player.
- **Total number of rounds:** 7 rounds.
- Players must report at the venue between **08:00 AM and 08:45 AM.**
- Players must be present at their board when the round starts.
- Players are requested to verify their name, category and details before the start of the first round.
- **Registration will be closed on 21/08/2026.**
- No entry will be accepted after the registration closing date or after the start of the first round.
- Mobile phones, smart watches and all electronic gadgets are strictly not allowed in the playing area.
- Parents, coaches and spectators are not allowed inside the playing area.
- Players must bring valid age proof for claiming age-category prizes.
- **Refreshments will be provided by the organisers.**
- Age-category prizes will be awarded only after verification of valid age proof.
- **Chess boards and chess clocks will be provided by the organisers.**



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- **Tie-breaks will be applied in the following order:**
Buchholz Cut-1, Buchholz, Sonneborn-Berger, Direct Encounter, Number of Wins, Number of Games Won with Black.
- **One Player One Prize rule will be followed. If a player qualifies for more than one prize, the higher prize will be awarded**
- All disputes, if any, must be reported to the Chief Arbiter immediately before the next round pairing is published.
- **Registration fee once paid will be non-transferable and non-refundable, unless announced otherwise by the organisers.**
- The organisers will not be responsible for loss of personal belongings.
- **The schedule may be adjusted depending on the number of players and round duration.**
- Chief Arbiter's decision will be final and binding.
- The organisers reserve the right to make necessary changes if required.
- **E-Certificates will be provided to all participants.**
- Pairings, results and final standings will be published on Chess-Results.com:

<https://s3.chess-results.com/Tnr1459025.aspx?lan=1&SNode=S0>



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Scan to Register



Registration Fee: ₹ 500

Limited seats available.

**Scan or Click on the QR To Register
Through Circlechess**

Tournament Director

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Come, play and enjoy the game of kings!

