

GH Raisoni Memorial h2e Power System Maharashtra State Under 15 Open Selection FIDE Rating Chess Championship 2026

CHIEF ARBITER'S REPORT

11th – 13th September 2026 • Sangli, Maharashtra

FINAL REPORT — 11th to 13th September 2026

GH Raisoni Memorial h2e Power System Maharashtra State Under 15 Open Selection FIDE Rating Chess Championship 2026 were played as eight-round Swiss events at Reshimgathi Cultural Hall, Sphurti Chowk, Sangli, organised by the Sangli District Chess Association and the Maharashtra Chess Association. The top finishers qualify to represent Maharashtra at the National Under-15 Championship in Telangana.

Event Details

Event Details	Particulars
Event (Open)	h2e Power Systems & G.H. Raisoni Memorial Maharashtra State Under-15 Open Selection FIDE Rating Chess Championship 2026
Event (Girls)	h2e Power Systems & G.H. Raisoni Memorial Maharashtra State Under-15 Girls Selection FIDE Rating Chess Championship 2026
Dates	11th – 13th September 2026
Venue	Reshimgathi Cultural Hall, Sphurti Chowk, Sangli
Organisers	Sangli District Chess Association; Maharashtra Chess Association
Sponsors	G H Raisoni Foundation (Nagpur); Kalpana Prakash Foundation (Nagpur); presented by h2e Power Systems
Format	FIDE Swiss system, 8 rounds, two separate sections (Open and Girls)
Time control	60 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move (FIDE Standard rating)
Eligibility	Under-15 players selected from Maharashtra districts
FIDE event codes	[Open: 494561] [Girls: 494562]
Pairing software / tie-breaks	Swiss Manager
Round schedule / default time	2026/09/11: R1- 10:45 hrs; R2- 14:30 hrs; R3-17:30 hrs 2026/09/12: R4- 09:00 hrs; R5- 12:30 hrs; R6- 16:00 hrs 2026/09/13: R7- 09:00 hrs; R8- 12:30 hrs

Results & Verification Links

Section	chess-results.com
Open	https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1485255.aspx?lan=1&art=0&turdet=YES&SNode=S0
Girls	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1485259.aspx?lan=1&art=0&turdet=YES&SNode=S0

Participation

Section	FIDE-rated	Unrated	Total	Top seed (pre-event rating)
Open	114	56	170	Ayaan Somani, Pune (1970)
Girls	50	28	78	Nihira Koul, WCM, Pune (2035)
Total	164	84	248	—

Districts represented: 26

Organising Committee & Arbiters

Role	Name
Organiser / Convenor	Girish Chitale, President, Sangli District Chess Association
Secretary / Overall coordinator	Chandrakant Walwade, Secretary, Sangli District Chess Association
Chief Arbiter	IA Vivek Sohani (Ratnagiri)
Deputy Chief Arbiter	IA Pornima Upalavikar (Sangli)
National Arbiters	Karan Parit (Ichalkaranji), Vijaykumar Mane (Sangli), Aparna Shinde (Satara), Yash Lohana (Karad), Rohit Pol (Ichalkaranji)
State Arbiters / Volunteers	Nazia Patel (Miraj), Anita Bhosale (Jambhali), Sucheta Deshpande

Inauguration & Prize Distribution

Programme	Dignitaries
Inauguration — 11th September	Inaugurated by Santosh Patil, former Chairman of the Standing Committee, Sangli-Miraj-Kupwad Municipal Corporation. Present: Dr. Ganesh Chougule (Radheya Foundation), Hrishikesh Deshpande (Deshpande Builders), Girish Chitale, Chandrakant Walwade, IA Vivek Sohani, Vijaykumar Mane (KP's Chess Academy), Pornima Upalavikar, Karan Parit, Amey Patil
Prize distribution — 13th September	Presided over by Pramod Bhokare, former judge and Sangli District Government Pleader. Chief guest: Sunil Kokitkar (builder). Present: Nihal Mahat (real estate), Chandrakant Walwade

Final Standings — Top 10

Open

Rank	Player	District	SNo	Rtg	FIDE ID	Prizes
1	Arjun Singh	Mumbai Suburban	14	1829	33342300	₹ 5,000.00
2	Atharv Soni	Thane	3	1909	25123661	₹ 4,000.00
3	Varad Sayaji Patil (AFM)	Sangli	19	1791	33434107	₹ 3,500.00
4	Ayaan Somani	Pune	1	1970	25902695	₹ 2,500.00
5	Marmik Shah	Pune	23	1753	48769460	₹ 2,000.00
6	Om Dayanand Ramgude	Pune	11	1842	33330255	₹ 1,800.00
7	Kushagra Paliwal	Nagpur	16	1816	25173685	₹ 1,700.00
8	Kavin Mathiyazhagan	Pune	34	1696	429097380	₹ 1,300.00
9	Shlok Mali	Pune	17	1806	25158775	₹ 1,200.00
10	Aditya Chavan	Sangli	7	1872	33311560	₹ 1,000.00

Girls

Rank	Player	District	SNo	Rtg	FIDE ID	Prizes
1	Nihira Koul (WCM)	Pune	1	2035	366127731	₹ 5,000.00
2	Sai Vijaysinh Patil	Pune	3	1837	25953273	₹ 4,000.00
3	Vygha P Baiju	Raigad	22	1523	88128784	₹ 3,500.00
4	Prisha Margaj	Mumbai Suburban	4	1767	33426937	₹ 2,500.00
5	Adeena Mohanty	Pune	14	1573	429009898	₹ 2,000.00
6	Bhumika Waghle (AIM)	Chh. Sambhajinagar	2	1850	33428018	₹ 1,800.00
7	Kashish Manoj Sanap	Nashik	20	1538	429025818	₹ 1,700.00
8	Mayanka Rakesh Rana	Palghar	9	1639	48785580	₹ 1,300.00
9	Paridhi Gandhi	Buldhana	5	1703	33312524	₹ 1,200.00
10	Sanskriti Manojkumar Sutar	Kolhapur	18	1554	25182625	₹ 1,000.00

Qualification for the National Under-15 Championship (Telangana)

Section	Qualifying places
Open	As Maharashtra had Bronze Medal at Last National U15 Open Championship, we had 5 Qualifiers: Arjun Singh, Atharv Soni, Varad Sayaji Patil (AFM), Ayaan Somani, Marmik Shah
Girls	4 Qualifiers: Nihira Koul (WCM), Sai Vijaysinh Patil, Vygha P Baiju, Prisha Margaj

Fair Play Checklist

Fair Play Checklist	11th – 13th September 2026
Airport-style door checking	No
Scanning using hand-held detectors	Yes
Toilet checks before the round	Yes
Random toilet checks during the round	Yes
Random post-game checks	Yes
Observations from random checks	Everything was normal. No special cases found
Observation of players (toilet breaks & frequency)	Everything looked normal

Conduct of the Event

Item	Details
Appeals committee	1. Mrs. Shital Koul – Pune 2. Mrs. Payal Khakharia – Sangli 3. Mr. Shantanu Shahane – Ratnagiri 4. Dr. Santosh Pawar – Sindhudurga 5. Mr. Ravindra Pathade – Chh. Sambhajinagar
Complaints, disputes or appeals	No appeals were made
Forfeits, defaults or withdrawals	No exclusions in the girls section; Aryan Bhaskar Thorat, Kamble Harsh V, Wasnik Niraj Rewaram were withdrawn as per their own request.
Technical or venue issues	1. Venue had only one washroom (for boys and girls each) directly connected to the hall. Rest all washrooms were next to accommodation space so players need to cross the space where parents are sitting and because of fairplay measures we blocked those for players during the game. - o Organizers managed it very well by keeping the washrooms cleaned from time to time. 2. The atmosphere was too hot. But again I must appreciate that the organizing team managed it well over the period of time to put additional water coolers in the parents' waiting area; dining area as well.
Observations and recommendations	1. MCA can standardize trophy sizing / design as few parents compared trophies given at other state selections to these trophies were smaller in size. 2. If we had washrooms inside the playing hall, it could have been much better in order to monitor players for anti-cheating regulations.

Photographs



Inauguration



Playing hall — Open



Playing hall — Girls



Arbiters' team with the guests at Closing Ceremony



Prize distribution — Open



Prize distribution — Girls

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