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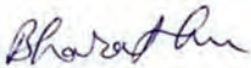
Dear friends and chess lovers,

On behalf of the All India Chess Federation and the Chess Olympiad Organizing Committee, it is my great honor to invite all FIDE member countries to 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad and FIDE congress 2022, to be held from 28th July to 10th August 2022 in Chennai, India.

As you know, Chess is believed to be originated from India and Chennai has a great history of chess. Chennai is the homeland of legendary, five times world champion Viswanathan Anand and is called "Mecca" of Indian Chess. Our country has hosted numerous world events including World Championship match between Magnus Carlsen and Viswanathan Anand and we believe that 44th Chess Olympiad will be another significant event.

This year India celebrates its 75th Anniversary of Independence as 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and for our country, it is a great honour to host the guests from all over the world. I do hope that 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad will take considerable place in the hearts of hosts as well as all the attending guests.

Warm Regards



Bharat Singh Chauhan

Tournament Director,
44th FIDE Chess Olympiad &
Hony Secretary All India Chess Federation



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Dear Friends!

It is my pleasure to warmly welcome all the players, captains, member federations' Presidents and delegates, mass media representatives and guests to the 44th Chess Olympiad 2022 in Chennai, India!

As one of the most anticipated events in the chess world, the Chess Olympiad has an outstanding tradition embracing many countries and cultures. I am heartened to see that we are finally back to the 'over-the-board' events.

For fourteen (14) days, Chennai will be the chess center of the world. We look forward to hosting approximately 2000 participants from almost 200 countries in the Tournament of Nations. The captivated attention of the millions of chess amateurs will be directed to this city. As has prevailed in the past, the FIDE Congress will also run alongside the Olympiad.

It is worth noting that Chennai has all the required infrastructure, hospitality at the highest level, complemented by magnificent scenery and landscapes of India. Even more significant, Chennai is the motherland of the 15th World Chess Champion and surely one of the greatest chess players of all time, GM Viswanathan Anand.

Thank you to all parties who contributed to this moment as we present this event. I express my sincerest gratitude to the leadership of the country, the Government of Tamil Nadu State, the Ministry of the Youth and Sport, the All-India Chess Federation, the Organizing Committee and the sponsors, volunteers and media for providing the necessary support.

We are confident that this Olympiad will become a truly global festival of Chess!

Gens una sumus! – We are one family!

Arkady Dvorkovich
FIDE President



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GENERAL INFORMATION

INDIA

Republic of India or Bharat Ganarajya with an area of 2973190 sq. km is the seventh largest country in the world and occupies the greater part of South Asia. The second most populous country in the world, after China, every sixth citizen of the World is an Indian. The Himalayan Ranges (the loftiest mountain ranges in the world stretching about 2500 kms) in the north, the Deccan peninsular region in the south (surrounded by the Arabian sea, Indian ocean and Bay of Bengal) and the Indo Gangetic plane (around the holy river Ganga) are the three basic structural units that form the main features of present-day India.

A constitutional Republic, India represents a distinctive, diverse population comprising thousands of ethnic groups and more than 100 spoken languages though Hindi and English remain the most spoken ones. The capital city New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata are the cosmopolitan cities while Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad rank amongst the fastest growing 'Technology Centers' in the World.

Archaeological evidence indicates that a highly sophisticated urbanized culture - the Indus civilization thrived in the north- western part from 2600 to 2000 BC and is primarily associated with Hinduism. Buddhism and Jainism are the two other religions which originated in India. Throughout its medieval history India has been known as 'the golden sparrow'. The country added Islam and Christianity to its diverse heritage in the last few hundred years. Throughout the centuries, the residents of the subcontinent developed a rich intellectual life. The evidence is abundant in contributions to the fields like mathematics, astronomy, architecture, literature, music and other fine arts.





Contemporary India exhibits a physical prosperity and a cultural conglomerate as seen in its modernized infrastructure, highly diversified industrial base - especially in its pool of scientific and engineering personnel which is the largest in the world, advanced agricultural expansion, rich and culturally vibrant export of performing arts like music, dance and cinema, rich literature and fine arts.

'The Taj Mahal' in Agra is listed as one of the seven man-made wonders of the world and the presence of 40 UNESCO World Heritage Sites easily makes India a traveler's delight. For the shopaholics, there is everything to satiate every one's desires, be it the aromatic spices to fantastic fabrics, gems to jewels, arts and crafts, embroideries to knitwork, Ayurvedic products, tantalizing tea varieties to name a few. For those wanting to indulge their taste buds, an entire lifetime is insufficient even to sample the rich and varied cuisine available in India, be it traditional, fusion or fast-food.



From a Chess buff's perspective, India is the birth country of chess, traced back to 600CE when it was played with the Sanskrit name 'Chaturanga', meaning the four wings of the then Indian army - infantry, cavalry, elephantry and chariotry.



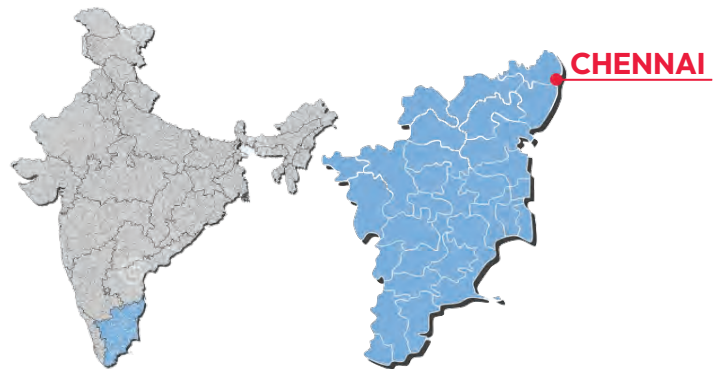
CHENNAI

Chennai, the venue for the 44th chess Olympiad -- the first-ever to be held in India, is 382-year-old city boasting of a very rich cultural heritage, historical and traditional places along with its robust modern medical and engineering amenities as well as educational institutes.

Chennai is one of the prominent economic and educational centers, seeped in tradition and culture, located on the Coromandel Coast of the Bay of Bengal and is the capital city of Tamil Nadu state. Chennai formerly known as ‘Madras’ was ranked the 36th most visited city in the world for the year 2019

Chennai with its intrinsic chess culture and players is referred to as the chess capital of India and is the home city of five-time World Champion GM Viswanathan Anand.

Chennai is well connected by road, rail, air and sea. It has an international airport and seaport. City transport comprises autorickshaws, buses, Chennai metro and taxis. Tirupati, Kanchipuram and Pondicherry are the places which can be visited for a one-day trip. It has Guindy National Park in the heart of the city and a Crocodile Park on the outskirts.



Mercer’s 21st annual Quality of Living survey 2019 ranks Chennai as Southern Asia’s safest city. Amongst the smart cities in India, Chennai is one of the most pocket friendly one. Chennai is ranked 93rd among most developed city according to GDP in the world. Chennai is ranked 93rd among most developed city according to GDP in the world.

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A hot hub for tourists, the UNESCO World Heritage site Mahabalipuram, about 57kms from Chennai, attracts maximum local as well as foreign tourists. Interestingly Chennai is also termed as India's 'Health City Capital' attracting 45% of health tourists visiting India. The oldest buildings in the city, the Kapaleeshwarar temple and the Parthasarthy temple can be traced almost to 7CE. The Pallavas, Cheras, Cholas, Pandyas and the Vijayanagara Empire ruled here and later it was occupied by Portuguese and Britishers.



Chennai was added to the UNESCO creative Cities Network list for its rich musical tradition. Interestingly the oldest buildings in the city dates from the 7th and 8th centuries CE.

Chennai is known for its silk and cotton industry while Gold jewellery, Silver and Bronze artefacts are another thriving industries here. The popular breakfast 'idly' which has gained popularity world- wide is an intrinsic part of every Tamilian's meal as are the rasams and sambars.

More than one third of India's automobile industry is based in Chennai as is "Kollywood", the film industry of Tamil Nadu, one of the biggest ones in India. Chennai has a glorious sports culture and it has hosted tournaments and leagues such as ATP World tour events, Men's Hockey Champions Trophy, South Asian Games, Indian Premier League, Indian Super League, Pro Kabaddi League etc.

The huge momentum the Indian Chess fraternity needed came in 2013 when the city hosted the World Chess Championship match between Magnus Carlsen and Viswanathan Anand. The event was a huge success and has clearly resulted in India producing a huge list of new talents.



And now we are ready to host the biggest sporting event ever of our country!

Welcome to Chennai in India – We are the hosts of the 44th Chess Olympiad!!

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CURRENCY

The currency in India is the Rupees (IND – INR (symbol- ₹)). There are the following Rupee banknotes and coins in circulation:

Banknotes – 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 2000

Coins – 1, 2, 5, 10, 20

Official exchange rate: 1 EURO = 83.90 INR and 1 USD = 76.10 INR as of April 2022. The travelers have the opportunity to use different credit cards approved by the International Payment Systems.

COMMUNICATIONS

The country code is +91 and the area code for Chennai is +9144 for landline numbers whereas for mobiles throughout India you just need to suffix only country code of +91. Participants can purchase sim cards of different companies. For that they need to submit passport copy, Indian Visa and passport size photo. It is advisable to purchase the sim card at airport kiosk itself.

ELECTRICITY

In India, the power plugs and sockets are of type C, D and M. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

TRANSPORTATION

Renting a car for 8 hours and 80 kms one day costs approximately ₹3000. Uber and Ola Taxi Services are also available.

CLIMATE

The temperatures in Chennai during July-August will be between 28.0°C (82.40°F) and 35.0°C (95°F). Chances of rain are very high and it is advisable to bring an umbrella or waterproof jacket.

GETTING HERE

The official port of entry and exit for the Chennai Chess Olympiad is Chennai International Airport (MAA) which is located 55 km from Mahabalipuram. Travel time is approximately 60 minutes. In total, there are 65 airports around the world that have direct flights to Chennai, spread around 61 cities in 16 countries. Currently, there are 43 domestic flights to Chennai. For additional information please refer to the following link:

www.aai.aero/en/airports/chennai

VISA INFORMATION

No VISA is required for citizens of Bhutan and Nepal to travel to India. Foreign nationals possessing an **Overseas Citizen of India** card or a **Persons of Indian Origin** Card are exempt from visa requirements and may live and work in India without any limit of stay. Nationals of Maldives do not need visas to enter India for stays of up to 90 days (unless arriving from China).

Nationals of Japan, South Korea & UAE ((only for such UAE nationals who had earlier obtained e-Visa or regular/paper visa for India) holding ordinary passports may apply for a visa on arrival (VOA) at Chennai Airport (This facility also available Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru & Hyderabad airport). For more details please visit:

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/visa-on-arrival.html>

Citizens of other countries need to apply for an E-Visa or regular visa at Indian Embassies/High Commission. You can find the details in the following links:-

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>

All Federations who are interested to participate in the Olympiad are requested to send a confirmation email to olympiad@aicf.in by 10/05/2022 and register through the Official Olympiad Registration system at their earliest convenience before 27/05/2022. Organizing Committee will extend visa invitation to delegations as per the registration details. Federations are required to submit the information in the visa portal before 27/06/2022 in order to avoid any complications connected with visa security procedures. In case of any question regarding the visa procedures, please contact the visa support team of the Organizing Committee via the following e-mail:

visa@aicf.in

THE VENUE



The Olympiad venue, Four Points by Sheraton Mahabalipuram Resort and Convention Centre is conveniently located on the East Coast Road (ECR). The hotel is moments away from the Shore Temple, the beach and top area attractions.



Transportation to the venue from the relevant hotels will be provided by the organizers. Transportation schedule will be available at the information desks located at each hotel as well as at the official website of the Olympiad.

Please note that the players are requested to be at the venue at least 30 minutes before the start of the round to proceed to the security checks. Furthermore, the participants are not allowed to bring non-authorized items (Mobiles, Electronic Devices, watches, pens, bags, wallet, credit cards etc.) with them to the playing venue. Storage facility will be available at the venue for deposit of such items. Please note that possession of non-authorized items in person at playing venue will lead to forfeiture/loss of the game as per FIDE Fair Play regulations.

PARTICIPATION

The Chess Olympiad is open to all National Federations affiliated to FIDE, each of which can nominate one team for the open section and one for the women's section. Each team consists of four players, one reserve and one captain. The captain may be, but not necessarily, one of the players or the reserve. Additionally, each delegation can nominate one head of delegation and one delegate for the FIDE congress.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The Tournament regulations are in accordance with FIDE Handbook D, Regulations for specific competitions.

D. 2. Chess Olympiad:

1. <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/Olympiad2022MainCompetition.pdf>
2. <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/OlympiadPairingRules2022>

DRESS CODE

Teams are requested to wear uniforms with two options: either trouser suits or blazers with trousers/skirts. Federation logo on jackets or track suits with country clearly shown on the front or back of the uniform is strongly encouraged.

PAIRINGS AND RESULTS

The pairings and results will be available on the official website: <https://chessolympiad.fide.com> on the venues of the Olympiad and the Congress, as well as at the Information desk located in all the hotels accommodating the players. The team captains are requested to announce to the Organizers their team composition for the next round after the end of the previous one, or in the morning of the round to begin, until 11 AM. They can address the "Pairings and Results" desk at the venue or send their team composition from the official Federation e-mail or the e-mail address used for the registration system to the organizers at the address registration@aicf.in with "team composition" as e-mail subject. Please note that you should receive a confirmation from the organizers that your e-mail has been received. In case of non-performing this procedure, the first four players will be automatically registered for the round. The captains of the teams will be given green cards for the players who will play in the current round, which should be returned to the Match Arbiters after the game. The players are asked to carry their green player cards with their accreditation badges.

TRAVEL SUBSIDIES FOR PARTICIPANTS OF OLYMPIAD AND DELEGATES OF FIDE CONGRESS

FIDE will subsidize travel to Chennai for eligible federations as follows.

1) Development Level 3, 4 and 5 federations will have their travel to Chennai subsidized up to the following limits:

- for federations in Africa – 1,000 euros per person (12,000 euros for full team*)
- for federations in Americas – 1,500 euros per person (18,000 euros for full team*)
- for federations in Asia – 500 euros per person (6,000 euros for full team*)
- for federations in Europe – 750 euros per person (9,000 euros for full team*)
- for federations in Oceania – 1,500 euros per person (18,000 euros for full team*)

FIDE Treasurer may at her own discretion increase the amount of travel subsidy for certain federations taking into account their particular circumstances.

* Note: Full teams means 12 persons - Open and Women teams each comprised 5 players and captain.

** Note: The development levels of the federation are listed here: FIDE Development Levels – <https://pdc.fide.com/fide-development-levels/>

2) In exceptional circumstances, Development Level 1 and 2 federations may apply for travel subsidies. Valid reasons for such applications may be remote location (and therefore very expensive tickets), poor economic situation in a country (as evidenced by per capita GDP significantly lower than the world's average and other relevant economic indicators), etc. Such applications will be reviewed and decided by FIDE Treasurer on a case-by-case basis. As a general rule, the travel subsidy limits for Development Level 1 and 2 federations are 50% of the limits stipulated in paragraph 1 for the respective continents. FIDE Treasurer at her own discretion may decide to provide lower or higher subsidies depending on particular circumstances of the federations in question.

3) Expenses covered by travel subsidy: economy class air tickets and other essential expenses related to international travel (visas, Covid-19 tests if necessary, etc.). Discretionary expenses (incl. meals) will not be reimbursed.

4) National chess federations shall make travel arrangements on their own and send requests for the travel subsidy together with relevant supporting documents (tickets / receipts / invoices / etc.) to FIDE Office.

Travel subsidy will be paid within 4 weeks after the Olympiad completion taking into account the actual number of persons who arrived to the Olympiad. Expenses incurred with respect to persons who did not arrive to the Olympiad will not be reimbursed. For the avoidance of doubt, if actual travel expenses are lower than the above limits, only actual expenses will be reimbursed.

5) In exceptional cases, federations may apply to receive travel subsidy prior to the Olympiad. FIDE Treasurer will review such applications and decide on the amount of prepayment (if any) on a case-by-case basis.

6) Delegates of FIDE Congress are eligible for travel subsidy on the same principles as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

7) All communications on this matter (applications for travel subsidies, expense reports, etc.) shall be sent to FIDE Office email office@fide.com with a copy to alexander.volzhin@fide.com

OLYMPIAD SCHEDULE SCHEDULE OF THE 44th CHESS OLYMPIAD

DATE	TIME	OLYMPIAD	CEREMONIES	VENUE
27 July 22	All Day	Arrival Day		
28 July 22	17:00		Arbiters Meeting	Four Points by Sheraton Resort
	19:00		Opening Ceremony	TBD
29 July 22	09:30	Captains meeting		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
	15:00	Round 1		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
30 Jul 22	15:00	Round 2		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
31 Jul 22	15:00	Round 3		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
01 Aug 22	15:00	Round 4		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
02 Aug 22	15:00	Round 5		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
03 Aug 22	15:00	Round 6		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
	22:00		Bermuda Party	TBD
04 Aug 22	FREE DAY			
05 Aug 22	15:00	Round 7		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
06 Aug 22	15:00	Round 8		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
07 Aug 22	15:00	Round 9		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
08 Aug 22	15:00	Round 10		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
09 Aug 22	10:00	Round 11		Four Points by Sheraton Resort
	16:00		Closing Ceremony	Four Points by Sheraton Resort
10 Aug 22	All Day	Departure Day		

Please note that the schedule might undertake minor changes.

REGISTRATION

All participants of the Olympiad and the Congress have to be registered by the federation of the assigned FIDE Reverse Delegate. The registration is open from 28th April to 27th May 2022. Please note, that after this date and until 27 June, the registration of the federations will be at the organizer's discretion and subject to a penalty fee of 100 EUR per person (late registration penalty). The changes made in the team composition or new registrations made between 28th April to 27th May will be accepted without any penalty. After 27 June no new registrations or changes in the teams' composition implying registrations of new participants will be accepted.

In those countries where a Reverse delegate has been appointed, it is him/her who is eligible to register the teams/delegation. The penalty fees for late registration will not be applied in those countries where a Reverse Delegate has been appointed. The organizers have elaborated a special on-line system for the participants of the Olympiad and the Congress. The link to the registration system and detailed explanations will be available on the official website of the Olympiad

<https://chessolympiad.fide.com> under the section: "Registration".

REGISTRATION OF THE ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

The accompanying persons of the teams may be registered by the Federations or the appointed FIDE Reverse Delegates only.

REGISTRATION OF CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS

Registration of the Congress participants (Delegates, Council Members, FIDE Management, Commission Members) is the same as for the teams. The Congress participants may register from 28th April to 27th May 2022 through the official registration system of the Olympiad. As for the Delegates, late registration is eligible if the Delegate has been changed according to the Article 3.6 of the Electoral Rules.

The questions regarding the registration to the Congress should be addressed to Mr. Sandeep Singh at: registration@aicf.in and to FIDE Office at: office@fide.com. To make the contact between the organizers and the federations easier, the Organizing Committee asks the Federations to nominate only one person in charge of the registration procedure, who will register all the federation's participants, their accompanying persons and Congress participants.

IMPORTANT REMARKS

No participants, accompanying persons, delegates will be accepted to the Olympiad without having passed the registration through the official system. No accreditation will be given to them as well.

Please note that the Organizers won't accept any registrations after 27th June 2022 for visas and security reasons. The exception is applied to the late registration of the Congress Delegates when eligible.

The Federations will receive their Accreditation Confirmation, as well as the name of the Hotel allocated to them and their accompanying persons after they have registered to the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress.

ACCREDITATION

All participants to the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress must be accredited and wear their accreditations when in the venues (Olympiad and the Congress). The federations must send to the organizers an identity picture of each participant that can be used for accreditation via the registration system. Please note that without an identity picture, the accreditation is not valid.

If there is any problem with accreditation during the Olympiad, the participants should go to the accreditation center at the Venue. The Congress participants should address the Congress Accreditation Center located in the Hotel Leela Palace Chennai.

ACCOMMODATION

All participants of the Olympiad will be accommodated in 5 and 4 stars' hotels located in Mahabalipuram and its surroundings. The teams will be allocated in hotels according to the decision of the Chennai Chess Olympiad Organizing Committee, based on the teams' performance in the previous Olympiad. Teams will be informed regarding their designated hotels after receiving the registration confirmation for the Olympiad. All teams (6 persons) will get two free double rooms and two free single rooms with full board. The Chief of Delegation is provided with a single room with full board. The open and female teams and Chief of Delegation from the same Federation will be accommodated in the same hotel.

If the teams wish to upgrade their rooms (to single rooms) it will be possible subject to availability with a fee paid before the Olympiad. Please note that no cash payment will be accepted. The accompanying persons of the teams will be accommodated with the teams according to the possibilities of the hotel.

If a team wishes to stay longer than the official dates of the Olympiad or arrive earlier, federations should contact the Organizing Committee. Extra fees for the additional days will apply. Please note that because of the high demand the Organizing Committee can't guarantee the availability.

Please notify to the organizers as soon as possible after the registration confirmation the possible changes and wishes regarding the accommodation (room upgrades etc.)

In case of any questions regarding accommodation please contact our accommodation team via the following e-mail: accommodation@aicf.in

CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS' ACCOMMODATION

The delegates to the Congress and other Congress participants (FIDE Council Members, Zonal Council Members, FIDE Management, Commission Members) will be accommodated in the Leela Palace Hotel Chennai (or other official Congress Hotel) on a full board basis free of charge in single rooms, or in their teams' hotels upon their request (for additional information please refer to the Congress section)

Other Congress participants, if they are not part of a team, or have another function not entitling them to a free accommodation, should cover by themselves their accommodation cost. Payment should be made in advance by bank transfer.

In case of any questions regarding accommodation please contact our accommodation team via the following e-mail: accommodation@aicf.in, copied to FIDE Office at: office@fide.com.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In each hotel there will be an Information desk for the participants, where they will be able to get their accreditation badges, the Information Bulletin (containing all the useful information, program, and schedule) and gifts from the organizers.

The organizers ask the team captain only to check in and out the team and approach the information desk at the Hotel to take the accreditation badges and the gifts for the team. If the captain of the team is missing on the arrival day, the team should select one of their members to do the check-in and take the gifts for the whole team, so as to avoid crowds in front of the help desks. The participants may address to the help desk to get any information or help. To check the help desk working hours, please refer to the Information Bulletin that will be given to you upon arrival at the hotel.

A hotline will also be communicated to the participants through which they will be able to get information or help 24/7 during the Olympiad. In all hotels, the participants will benefit from a free Wi-Fi service. The meals will be served as a buffet, please advise the organizers if you have particular dietary requirements.

HOTELS LIST AND PRICES

Details of hotels and prices will be available at the official website of the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress under the section: “Accommodation”.

TRANSPORTATION

The welcome service and transportation from and to the Chennai International Airport will be provided free of charge by the Organizing Committee. Please provide us the arrival details in the registration system of the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress through the official website: <https://chessolympiad.fide.com>.

Information desks will be located at the luggage claim zone where the participants can get the information and assistance from the Organizers in case of necessity.

Please note that the organizers don't bear any responsibility for lost luggage. Participants taking connecting flights should foresee the possibility of a lost luggage and take some belongings in their cabin luggage. Participants should inform nevertheless the organizers at the Airport Help Desk about lost luggage to allow them to bring the luggage to the hotels once it arrives. The daily transportation between the hotels and the playing Hall venue, to and from the Opening and Closing Ceremonies is provided by the organizers. The transportation schedule will be available at the Info desk of each hotel, in the Information Bulletin and on the official website of the Olympiad: <https://chessolympiad.fide.com> under the section “For participants”.

COVID-19 & OTHER MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

All the delegation members arriving for 44th World Chess Olympiad will be medically insured by the organizers. All are requested to wear mask, ensure social distancing and hand sanitization.

Further, all are required to register at Air Suvidha Portal (<https://www.newdelhiairport.in/airsuvidha/apho-registration>) before commencement of their journey. Fully vaccinated persons are exempted from submitting RT PCR test report.

EXPO

There will be an expo area available at Olympiad venue. Those who are interested to have their own pavilion at expo area are requested to contact the organizing committee at olympiad@aicf.in for further details.

DAY OFF

On the rest day there will be football match arranged for the participants as well as sightseeing trip in and around Chennai. Prior registration on arrival with organizing committee at respective hotel information desk is required for the rest day activities.

PAYMENTS TO CCOOC

The registration fee is 100 Euro per person for accompanying persons. This fee covers the accreditation and transportation costs during the whole Olympiad in Chennai. No official participants of the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress are to be charged for registration. Please note, that the payment to CCOOC should be done via bank transfer during 28 April - 27 May 2022. Bank details will be communicated to the Federations through the invoices, received from the Organizers.

Accommodation: The upgrade fees and the accompanying persons' accommodation fees payment must be made between 28 April to 27 May 2022 via a bank transfer.

Penalty fees:

Late registration: 100 Euro per person

No show: equal to one-night price.

The total sums to be paid by the Federation will be calculated after their Registration. The bank details for the transfers will be communicated to the Federations in the Invoices that they will get from the Organizers.

The Federations are considered responsible by the Organizing Committee for their accommodation reservations. In case of no shows or problems regarding the payments, the organizers will address the Federations for financial regularizations.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE

All the necessary information about the Olympiad is available on the Official website of the Olympiad: <https://chessolympiad.fide.com>, We kindly ask you to check the website regularly, and if you have any doubts consult the appropriate sections. They may contain the information you were looking for.

INFORMATION BULLETIN

The Information Bulletin will be given to all the participants to the Olympiad upon their arrival to Chennai. The bulletin will contain a lot of useful information, so the Organizers invite all the participants to the Olympiad to read it carefully.

OLYMPIAD HOTLINE

A call center will be operating two months before the Olympiad, just after the closing of the registration system. Please note, that the preferred way to contact the organizers will still be by email. The Organizers request that federations use the call center only in case of strict necessity or emergencies.

Phone number: +91-8100003030

Working hours (GMT+5.30): 10:00 -18:00.

Hot line will be operational 24/7 during the Olympiad.

THE FIDE CONGRESS

The FIDE Congress will be held in the Hotel Leela Palace in Chennai. All Congress participants (Delegates, FIDE Council, Zonal Council, FIDE Management, Commission Members) must register through the Olympiad's official registration system. The Congress participants will be able to obtain their accreditation cards in the Accreditation Center located in the Hotel Leela Palace.

Except if they demand to the organizers to be accommodated in a different Hotel, the Congress participants will be accommodated in the Hotel Leela Palace and/or in the other official Congress hotel. The accommodation in the same hotel as the national team is possible, but the transport to and from the Congress venue won't be provided by the Organizers.

The Organizers offer the Congress delegates free accommodation in single rooms, with a full board. The other Congress participants who are not eligible to the free accommodation should pay for it by themselves according to the rates indicated in the section "Accommodation" at Official Website.

A double occupancy and food supplement of Euros 90 per person and per night should be covered by the Congress participants if they are coming with an accompanying person sharing their room. Please note that for delegates who register for the Congress for particular dates, and then change their participation dates without informing the organizers, the accommodation won't be guaranteed.

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