

Bishops before Knights

Hello everyone, and welcome to **Bishops before Knights**, an online chess event organised by Pravega, the largest science fest in the country. The event will spread over 6 days, from 26th to 31st July 2021 and have a prize pool of **25,000 INR**. This event would be open to all, over all age groups and free to register.

Tentative Schedules and fixtures

- The event will have 3 rounds. The matches for the first round would be 3+2 blitz; for the second round (the knockouts), the first part would be 5+0 blitz, and the second part would be 5+3 blitz; the final would be 10 + 5 rapid.
- **Round 1 (tentatively on 26th July 2021, 4 pm):** The participants would be divided into 4 groups randomly, and each participant would have to play 5 matches each. The matches would be assigned randomly amongst the groups. The standings would be given based on the results of these matches. For a win, 2 points would be offered, for a draw 1 point and 0 for a loss. **Berserk is allowed only in the first round, and we would offer extra points for it.**
- **Round 2 (tentatively on 28th and 29th July 2021):** The top 4 from each group would be selected for the round two knockouts. Round 2 (knockouts) consists of 2 parts. Each match would consist of 2 games, in which the participants play once with black pieces and once with white. Part 1 (which is of 16 participants) would be 5+0 blitz, part 2 (consisting of the top 8) would be 5+3 blitz.
- **Round 3 (FINAL-tentatively on 31st July 2021)** would be a double round-robin (consisting of the top 4 players) of 10+5 rapid. The final results would be declared based on the standings of round 3. Here every player will play every other player 2 times, once with white and once with black. In case of a tie, the winners would be decided based on 2 blitz games. In case of a further tie, an Armageddon (5 mins vs 4 mins) will be organised.

Terms and Conditions

- The tournament would be organised on lichess, so having a lichess account is a must.
- **Last Date to register: 22nd July 2021**, but we may put a cap on the number of registrations and thus request you to register at the earliest or filter the participants based on their ranking due to logistical issues.
- Participants need to arrange a webcam for finals, and the matches will be streamed on Pravega's youtube channel by us.
- Further communication will be on WhatsApp or mail. Make sure you give the correct WhatsApp number and email id
- For round 1, the groups would be formed randomly, and the pairings would be randomly assigned. You might be paired with a guy similar to/ less than your/ more than your rating. If there is a rating difference of 600 or more, we would **recommend** (completely optional) the higher-rated player to go berserk; in that way, they can have a chance to get more points as well.

- You should have a proper internet connection for the duration of the tournament. In case of a sudden disconnection, we would not organise a rematch. And we are **not sorry about that**.
- **If you are caught cheating using chess engines, it will lead to immediate disqualification from the tournament.**

Coordinators

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Acceptance

Participation in the competition implies the acceptance of these terms, as well as the criteria and Pravega's final decision.

Additional Terms

We may, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and in our sole discretion, change the Terms and Conditions or cancel the Contest at any time; or modify, terminate, or suspend the Contest should viruses, worms, bugs, unauthorised human intervention, or other causes beyond our control corrupt or impair the administration, security, fairness or proper play of the Contest or submission of entries. We are not responsible for:

- a. Lost, misdirected, late, incomplete, or unintelligible entries or for inaccurate entry information, whether caused by you or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilised in the Contest, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submitting the entries.
- b. Any error in the operation or transmission, theft, destruction, unauthorised access to, or alteration of entries, or for technical, network, telephone, computer, hardware or software, malfunctions of any kind, or inaccurate transmission of, or failure to receive any entry information on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, or
- c. Injury or damage to your or any other computer or mobile device resulting from downloading any materials connected with the Contest.

Force Majeure

This Contest is subject to force majeure circumstances, including without limitation, pandemics, floods, natural disasters, war, acts of terror, political unrests, technical snags, acts of God or any circumstance beyond reasonable control of Pravega, IISc Bangalore ("Force Majeure Event"). Pravega, IISc Bangalore shall be not liable for any delay or adverse effect caused to the participants in the Contest, including the winners, as a result of a Force Majeure Event.