

# MI vs CSK – IPL 2025/26 STRATEGY COMPARISON

**Objective:** Compare two elite franchises using structure, not names. This slide summarizes why MI and CSK both build champions differently — and when each approach wins.

Dimension	Mumbai Indians (MI)	Chennai Super Kings (CSK)
Team DNA	Pace, power, youth, aggression	Control, spin, experience
Batting Style	Explosive PP, Impact-driven hitting	Spin-friendly, rotation-heavy
Bowling Strength	PP strike + death overs	Middle-overs choke via spin
All-Rounders	Ceiling-raising ARs	Floor-raising ARs
Impact Player Usage	Aggressive, upside-focused	Conservative, tactical
Risk Profile	Higher variance	Lower variance
Best Conditions	Flat pitches, big chases	Slow pitches, playoffs
Knockout Edge	Momentum-based	Experience-based

**Final Insight:** MI maximizes ceiling in modern, high-scoring IPL environments. CSK maximizes survival probability in chaotic, high-pressure knockouts. Both are optimal — in different regimes.

*Great franchises do not chase the same blueprint. They master different edges.*