

## **PARAKRAM 2026 – Chess**

### **Eligibility & Format**

- The event is **open to all participants**, irrespective of gender.
- Each participant may **enter the competition only once**.
- The tournament will be conducted in a **knockout format**.
- All games will be played according to **official FIDE rules**.

### **Sides & Time Control**

- The choice of **side (White/Black)** will be decided **mutually by the players or by a toss**.
- Each player will be allotted **15 minutes on the clock**.
- Players must **press the clock immediately after making a move** and are responsible for managing their own time.

### **Match Structure**

- All matches **up to the semi-finals** will be **single-round matches**.
  - In case of a **draw**, a **10-minute tie-break match** will be played.
- **Semi-finals and Finals** will be played as **3 rounds**, with:
  - **20 minutes per round**
  - **Win:** 1 point
  - **Draw:** 0.5 points each (*stalemate is also considered a draw*)
  - **Loss:** 0 points
- If scores are tied after three rounds, a **10-minute tie-break match** will decide the winner.

### **Illegal Moves**

- Players are advised to read **FIDE rules** carefully.
- **First illegal move:** 2 minutes will be added to the opponent's clock.
- **Second illegal move:** The player will **lose the game**.
- A move is considered **illegal only if the clock is pressed after making it**.
  - If the move is taken back **before pressing the clock**, it will **not** be considered illegal.