

Himachal Pradesh State Chess Association(Regd. No. 26/2007)

Minutes of General Body Meeting

The General Body Meeting of the Himachal Pradesh State Chess Association was held at **1:00 PM on Sunday, 10-05-2026** at **Hotel Rockstar, Paonta Sahib Sirmaur** and transacted the following agendas.

Mr. Ashish Thakur, President of the HPSCA, chaired the meeting.

1. **General Body Meeting and Presidential welcome**

The President of the **Himachal Pradesh State Chess Association** welcomed all delegates, office bearers, and representatives of affiliated district units to the Extraordinary General Body Meeting. He stated that the meeting had been convened to deliberate upon urgent administrative, organizational, and policy matters requiring immediate consideration and approval of the General Body. He urged all members to participate constructively in the larger interest of chess development in **Himachal Pradesh**.

2. **Tournament Calendar for 2026–27**

The proposed tournament calendar for the year 2026–27 was discussed in detail and finalized by the General Body. It was resolved that the official calendar would be published shortly for the information of all affiliated units, players, and officials. The following major state tournaments were approved:

1. **Senior State Rated Championship** — Mandi
2. **Under-19 State Championship** — Shimla
3. **Under-17 State Championship** — Hamirpur
4. **Under-15 State Championship** — Kangra
5. **Team Championship** — Kullu
6. **Senior State Women Championship** — Chamba
7. **Inter-School State Championship** — Shimla
8. **Under-13 State Championship** – Will be notified separately
9. **State Amateur** – Will be notified separately

3. **District-level tournaments for categories**

The house discussed the need for strengthening chess activity at the district level. All affiliated district associations were advised to conduct at least the **Under-11, Under-15, Under-19, Senior, and Inter-School District Championships** every year so as to ensure wider participation and systematic selection of players for state-level events.

4. **Affiliation with the Himachal Pradesh State Olympic Association**

The present status of affiliation with the **Himachal Pradesh State Olympic Association** was placed before the house. Members discussed the matter and agreed that all required formalities and compliance requirements should be completed at the earliest.

5. **Formation of committees**

The General Body discussed the constitution of various committees necessary for smooth and transparent functioning of the association. After deliberations, the following committees were constituted:

Athletes Commission-cum-Selection Committee

1. Ashok Bhardwaj — Chairman
2. Namrata Sharma — Deputy Chairman
3. Jagdish Chandel — Member
4. Pranjali Sharma — Member

Ethics Commission-cum-Dispute Redressal Committee

1. Adv. Sanjeev Thakur — Chairman
2. Adv. Sandeep Thakur — Member
3. Adv. Romit Thakur — Member

Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee

1. Kavita Mehta — Chairperson
2. Naina Devi — Member
3. Indu Bala — Member
4. Swarn Lata — Member
5. Sunita Devi — Member
6. Minakshi Chauhan — Member

Arbiter Commission

1. Rajkumar Sharma — Chairman
2. Romit Verma. — Deputy Chairman
3. Smeeru Thakur — Member
4. Hansraj Thakur — Member
5. Munish Kumar — Member
6. Jasbir Thakur — Member
7. Yogesh Joshi — Member

2. Bilaspur Chess Association issue

The house was informed that the **Bilaspur Chess Association** has deposited the annual affiliation fee for the session **2026–27**. After discussion, the General Body noted the present status of affiliation. The association was further advised to conduct fresh elections in strict compliance with the **Sports Code 2011** and the **Societies Registration Act**.

3. Change of address of HPSCA

The proposal regarding change of address of the association was placed before the house. After discussion, the General Body approved the change of the official address of the **Himachal Pradesh State Chess Association** to:

Thakur Niwas, Ward No. 7, Raighat, Tehsil & P.O. Theog, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

4. Participation of players from other states in age-category tournaments

The house discussed the issue of allowing players from other states to participate in age-category tournaments in **Himachal Pradesh**. After deliberations, it was decided that such players may be permitted to participate provided they submit a genuine and satisfactory reason for playing from Himachal Pradesh, subject to verification by the association.

5. Nominations for vacant posts

The vacancies in certain posts were placed before the house. After discussion, the General Body approved the following nominations:

1. **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** — Krishan Kumar Saklani
2. **Working President** — Satya Prakash Sharma
3. **Senior Vice President** — Lalit Vaidya
4. **Organising Secretary** — *to be notified separately*
5. **Joint Secretary** — *to be notified separately*
6. **Action regarding HPSCA secretaries for the period 2013–2018**
The house was informed that two notices had already been served upon the former secretaries, Sudershan Kumar Sharma and Vidushi Sharma, in respect of the period **2013–2018**. It was noted that despite service of the notices, the audit reports for the said period have not been submitted till date. It was further noted that the assets, records, and other relevant documents of the **Himachal Pradesh State Chess Association** have also not been handed over to the present body.

After discussion, the General Body resolved that, in view of non-submission of audit reports and non-handing over of records and assets, both the aforesaid former secretaries be treated as defaulters of the **Himachal Pradesh State Chess Association**. The General Body further resolved that they shall stand debarred from the activities of HPSCA and its affiliated district units until further orders or compliance with the directions of the association.

11. **District association elections**
The conduct of elections in the district associations of **Shimla, Kangra, and Bilaspur** was discussed. The General Body resolved that fresh elections in these district associations shall be conducted **within one month** in strict compliance with the **Sports Code 2011** and the **Societies Registration Act**, keeping in view tenure compliance, age-bar compliance, and other applicable constitutional provisions.
12. **Audit reports and account statements for 2025–26**
The audited accounts and financial statements for the year **2025–26** were presented before the house. Members reviewed the reports, discussed certain observations, and took note of the same.
13. **Target of 6,000 players across Himachal Pradesh**
The proposal of expanding participation to **6,000 players** across **Himachal Pradesh** was discussed. The house resolved that all district associations should intensify chess promotion activities through schools, colleges, grassroots events, and district-level tournaments so as to achieve the target in a phased manner.
14. **State Social Media Coordinator**
The General Body discussed the need for strengthening communication and digital outreach of the **Himachal Pradesh State Chess Association**. After deliberations, Jagdish Kanwer was appointed as the **State Social Media Coordinator** of HPSCA. He shall manage all official social media handles of the association and coordinate with affiliated district units for dissemination of information, tournament publicity, and promotion of chess activities across **Himachal Pradesh**.

Sanjeev Thakur,

General Secretary.