

IPL 2026 Auction Chennai Super Kings: Retained & Released List — Squad & Auction Plan



The goal of the **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** going into the [IPL 2026 mini-auction](#) is to rebuild, recalibrate, and maintain their competitiveness. The team has made several high-profile decisions about their retention and release plan after their worst-ever IPL season. They have let go of senior stalwarts while relying on a combination of youth and core leadership.

This is an overview of the current situation, probable moves, and a workable auction plan to rebuild a competitive XI.

IPL 2025 Chennai Super Kings Summary

- **Captain:** Ruturaj Gaikwad
- [IPL 2025 Points Table](#): Last (10 Position)
- **Key Concerns:** Home Advantage Not Utilised Fully, Transition Phase, Death Bowling Concerns, and Middle-order Instability.

Chennai Super Kings - Full Retained Players List

Player Name	Role	Status Update
MS Dhoni	WK-Batter	Retained
Sanju Samson	WK-Batter	Officially Joined – Trade Completed
Ruturaj Gaikwad	Batter	Retained
Ayush Mhatre	Batter	Retained
Dewald Brevis	Batter	Retained
Urvil Patel	WK-Batter	Retained
Shivam Dube	All-Rounder	Retained
Jamie Overton	All-Rounder	Retained
Ramakrishna Ghosh	All-Rounder	Retained
Noor Ahmad	Bowler	Retained
Khaleel Ahmed	Bowler	Retained

Anshul Kamboj	All-Rounder	Retained
Gurjapneet Singh	All-Rounder	Retained
Nathan Ellis	Bowler	Retained
Shreyas Gopal	Bowler	Retained
Mukesh Choudhary	Bowler	Retained

Chennai Super Kings - Full Released Players List

Player Name	Exit Type	Reason
Ravindra Jadeja	Traded to RR	Part of the Samson swap
Sam Curran	Traded to RR	Trade completed
Matheesha Pathirana	Released	Not retained
Devon Conway	Released	Long-term strategy
Rachin Ravindra	Released	Team restructuring

Vijay Shankar	Released	Performance reasons
Deepak Hooda	Released	Not in plans
Rahul Tripathi	Released	Low impact
Kamlesh Nagarkoti	Released	Cleared after review
Andre Siddarth	Released	Released in final list
Shaik Rasheed	Released	Removed from final retained list
Vansh Bedi	Released	Youngster released

Chennai Super Kings - Retention & Auction Plan

It is believed that CSK would use a mix of tactical squad updates and targeted purchases.

- **Overseas Power-Hitter at No. :** In 2025, the team's late-overs firepower was missing. A powerful finish will be CSK's priority. **Glenn Phillips, Rassie van der Dussen**, and others are possible choices.
- **Pace-Bowling Revamp:** CSK's greatest issue is still death bowling. They may have their eyes set on Indian uncapped talent, **a dependable 140+ pacer**, a specialist **death bowler**, and a **backup for Pathirana**.
- **Wicketkeeper-Batter Signing:** A new keeper becomes a top priority after Dhoni retires and Conway is released. **KS Bharat, Narayan Jagadeesan (who might return), and Phil Salt (if available) are the targets**.
- **Strengthening Middle Order:** CSK is looking for an Indian hitter who may speed up or anchor, such as **Abishek Porel, Riyan Parag (if released by RR), or Shubham Dubey**.
- **Backup All-Rounder Options:** Players who can bowl one or two overs and bat in the bottom middle order are likely to be targeted by CSK.

Chennai Super Kings - Squad IPL 2026

Category	Players
Batters/WK	MS Dhoni, Sanju Samson, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Ayush Mhatre, Dewald Brevis, Urvil Patel
All-Rouder	Shivam Dube, Anshul Kamboj, Jamie Overton, Ramakrishna Ghosh, Gurjapneet Singh
Bowlers	Noor Ahmad, Nathan Ellis, Shreyas Gopal, Mukesh Choudhary, Khaleel Ahmed
Tarded Out	Ravindra Jadeja (to RR), Sam Curran (to RR)

CSK may put together a new, competitive team capable of making a comeback to playoff contention—and possibly a title in IPL 2026 if they properly carry out their auction objectives.

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