

Rules of Engagement for Individuals

National Astronomy Challenge (NAC) is the India's largest olympiad on Astronomy & Space, organised by STEM RESEARCH and INNOVATION, INDIA. **It is the -only focused Olympiad on Astronomy_ and Space Science.** NAC is designed with immense thought from people who are passionate about astronomy and space science. It follows a well-structured curriculum. Our endeavor is to make this platform accessible to all children at younger age.

NAC is the only **Engagement led Olympiad** which provides 5 months of learning journey for the registered students while guiding them to prepare for the exam. NAC provides knowledge, awareness and competitiveness in the area of Astronomy and space science through an exam while strengthening their area of interest. It also extends a platform for the winners to experience and interact with renowned industry leaders.

Adding to the basket of extending more knowledge, this year, the 4th edition of NAC offers live webinars, multiple monthly activities, quizzes, and much more. This adjoins to our philosophy of establishing awareness and imparting knowledge on the fascinating subject thereby making NAC more than a mere examination.

All preparation material and exam conduction will happen online on a digital platform with AI proctored exam tools.

Please note that you are registering your child under INDIVIDUAL Section. However, in case the school of participant also registers then the Individual application would be considered as SCHOOL registration and all rules of School Engagement will come into effect.

1. NAC Schedule:

EVENTS	Proposed Time
Registrations open	Aug 10 th , 2021
Registrations close	Dec 20 th , 2021
Access to NAC content for preparation	Aug 17 th , 2021
Conduction of examination	January 2022
Results Declaration (Consolidated)	Feb – Mar 2022

2. ELIGIBILITY

- NAC invites applications from students studying in Grade IV – Grade IX; in the academic year 2021-22.
- Students from India and overseas are eligible to participate if they follow any of the following curriculums CBSE / ICSE / IB / IGSE. However, they can apply under following category

NAC CONTENT	School GRADE	Age
Grade IV	Class IV or equivalent	Age 8-9 years
Grade V	Class V or equivalent	Age 9-10 years

Grade 6	Class VI or equivalent	Age 10-11 years
Grade 7	Class VII or equivalent	Age 11-12 years
Grade 8	Class VIII or equivalent	Age 12-13 years
Grade 9	Class IX or equivalent	Age 13-14years

- The student's documents would be verified to ascertain the grade/level.

Ineligibility: Children of employees, directors, agents, representatives and their immediate family members, subsidiary companies, advertising and promotion agencies, legal and financial advisors any and all other companies associated with this challenge - including others who are involved in judging are not eligible to enter or otherwise participate in this competition.

3. HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

1. The students need to register on NAC website under individual section
2. All information must be filled correctly.
3. After online payment, a unique code will be issued.
4. Post registration, within 24 hours participants will receive access credentials for the STEM & Space learning system
5. Students will have to submit their documents: - school ID/ Adhaar card/ Passport during an Onboarding test for verification.

a. The Process

Participant from India or overseas registers online at www.nationalastronomy.org → Submit registration fees → NAC sends confirmation and issues IRC (Indian students) or ORC (for overseas students) online instantly → Participant gets an access to the content for preparation with 24 hrs post registration- Documents are verified through onboarding test → NAC confirms online date of exam → Participant appears for NAC online → NAC declares consolidated results

b. Communication

Post registration, all the information will be sent to mail id which was used for registration of NAC. We may also communicate through the registered mobile number added during the process of registration. Should you need any information, please feel free to write to us at hello@nationalastronomy.org

c. Preparation Material for NAC

Within 24 hours, participants receive login credentials for the NAC Learning System to access

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- Content for preparation of NAC
- Engagement activities
- Live webinars



- Monthly Mega Quiz
- Self-paced DIY workshop

For certain higher grades, references have been mentioned in the learning system for the participants to prepare in detail. No one-to-one instruction or contact classes will be held by the NAC team, at any point of the time, during the duration of the challenge 2021-22. The program structure and sample paper of previous year will also be shared post registration.

d. Infrastructural and Technical Requirements: Every Participant needs to ensure that they meet all the infrastructural and technical requirements as laid out by the NAC team. In order to participate in NAC, you must have either desktop/Laptop with inbuilt camera and stable internet connection. NAC will be conducted online and it would be AI(Artificial intelligence) based proctored examination. No mobile and Tablets are allowed.

e. Registration Details: Parents or legal guardians need to ensure that correct details are filled in, online. You will be required to submit your documents like school id/Aadhar card (In case of overseas students, it will be passport front page (where participate name is mentioned).

NAC will not be responsible if registered email id is inactive or inaccessible/ blocked. Please keep an eye on your spam folders as well. Parents or guardians need to stay in touch with NAC team in case of any concern. You can mail us hello@nationalastronomy.org.

4. JUDGEMNET CRITERIA

- NAC examination will be a multiple-choice-question (MCQ) type.
- The NAC examination will have knowledge based, analytical and application-based questions.
- Participant will need to attend sixty (60) questions in sixty (60) minutes
- MCQs will be tested and evaluated percentile based.
- Each wrong answer to attract a negative marking of 25% (-25%)

5. RECOGNITION and ACCOLADES

- **Champion:** First two participants scoring highest percentile from each grade will be recognized as National Champion for 2021.
- The National Champions will be invited to a three days visit (actual length of trip will be dependent on country of origin and associated travel times at organiser's discretion) to **CHENNAI** and **ISRO, SRI HARIKOTA**. Each National Champion will get an opportunity to participate in the grand award felicitation event scheduled for the month of FEB -MAR 2021.
- The national champion applied through "Individual" category, will be accompanied by one of the parents or guardians.
PLEASE NOTE : In the event, Individual registration is changed to school registration, school rules will apply and school representative will accompany the participant.
- 3rd and 4th winners from each grade will get access to **Cosmic Kids Club** which will be conducted in the subsequent months of July 21- Dec 21.
- Participants securing 75% and above will be rewarded a '**Certification of Merit**'.
- All the participants will be acknowledged for their participation with a '**Certificate of Participation**'.

Further details to accolades:

- Exact dates of the trip will be determined by the organizer in its sole discretion. The date, time and location of the event may also change at the sole discretion of the organizer. Organizer reserves the right to change and / or substitute any component, in its sole discretion. Organizer will determine the airlines and hotels in its sole discretion. All travel dates are subject to change in organiser's sole discretion. Travel restrictions, conditions and limitations may apply. Travel arrangements are subject to availability and must be roundtrip. Organizer shall not be responsible for any damage to baggage or any cancellations, delays, diversions or substitutions, or any acts or any other persons providing any of the services and accommodations necessitated by the same.
- Travel amenities include round economy air/ surface transportation for each traveler, ground travel to CHENNAI & ISRO, SRIHARIKOTA as determined by STEM Research & Innovation; standard hotel accommodations to be decided and organized by organiser's choice. All costs and expenses associated with award acceptance and use not specified herein as being provided, including, without limitation, all federal, state, local, county, provincial, and other taxes, luggage fees, travel documents, insurance, meals, incidentals, in-room charges telephone calls, and any other expenses not specified in these rules of engagement are the sole responsibility of the traveler.
- All the winners will be invited to a grand-level award felicitation ceremony at CHENNAI and a visit to ISRO, SRI HARIKOTA.
- Organiser to provide round domestic travel economy fare for each National Champion and its one of parents or guardian/representative.-
- All personal expenditures and taxes associated are not included and are solely the winner's responsibility,



including but not limited to: transportation to and from the airport of the origin, meals, beverages, insurance, room-service, telephone calls, souvenirs etc. Airline carrier and hotel regulations and conditions apply. Travel components are subject to availability, certain restrictions, blackout dates and organizer's approval.

- vi. **It must be noted that the participant from overseas, who emerge as Champion, will be arranging their own visa and travel to India. However, their domestic travel and stay will be arranged by the NAC organizers.**
- vii. Winners and parents/legal guardians are solely responsible for obtaining any and all necessary travel documents before departure. Any cost associated with obtaining the required travel documents are the responsibility of the champions and parents / legal guardians.

Cancellation of participation in NAC- The registration and participation in National Astronomy Challenge (NAC) will be cancelled if there is any misrepresentation of information, presented while registering your participation at www.nationalastronomy.org or using false documents to validate the authenticity of registration or non-submission of documents.

6. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

- a. Except where prohibited by law and to the extent that the negative consequences described below are the foreseeable results of matters within the organizers' and organiser' reasonable control and are the direct consequence of negligence or default by any of them, the parties are not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate entry of information, human error, technical malfunction, lost/delayed data transmission omission, interruption, deletion, defect, computer or other network and software etc.
- b. Technical limitation of Liability: To the extent permitted by applicable law, none of the parties involved in organizing and conducting the exam are responsible for incorrect or inaccurate information, human error, technical malfunction, lost / delayed data transmission, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, line failure of telephone, computer or other network, computer equipment, software or any combination thereof, inability to access the organizer website or downloading any challenge-related material from the websites or for late, lost, stolen, damaged misdirected, incorrect, garbled, delayed or undelivered or incomplete information.
- c. Personal Information: any personal information collected during the examination period, will be used only in manner consistent with the consent given by the challengers and / or their parents or legal guardians, at the time of registration.

By participating in NAC, you:



- Accept, personally and through the challengers' parents or legal guardian, the conditions stated in these official rules of engagement and agree to be bound by the decisions of the organizers, without prejudice of any claim that could be filed before the courts.
- Warrant that you are eligible to participate in this competition.
- Agree that to maximum extent permitted by applicable law, the released parties are not responsible for any claims, losses, liability and damages of any kind, asserted against any of them, incurred, sustained or arising in connection with the use, acceptance or misuse of any of the material or while preparing for participating and / or traveling to and fro without limitation or injury.

6. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Organiser's decisions are final and binding in all matters related to this challenge, including interpretation and application of these rules of engagement. In the event of a dispute as to the identity of a challenger based on email address, the challenger may be disqualified subject to the organizers and organiser's sole discretion. They reserve the right, to disqualify a challenger found tampering with any material / website / software or otherwise interfering with the proper administration of the challenge or violating these rules of engagement. **The organiser reserve the right to cancel, modify or suspend the challenge due to a force majeure event or any other event beyond our reasonable control.**

7. PERSONAL DATA

Your personal information will be processed for the purpose of the challenge in accordance with the rules of engagement. You agree to the use of your personal information for such purpose. NAC will not sell, share or otherwise disclose information collected in any manner with third parties, other than those are necessary for above purposes.

8. WINNERS LIST

Winner list will be uploaded on the website and will be shared with the respective parents as well.

9. Please visit www.nationalastronomy.org. Register your details for us to connect with you. For any clarifications, please feel free to write to us at hello@nationalastronomy.org or call us at 91-8506955554.

