

Rules of Engagement for the Schools

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.

1. NAC Schedule

EVENTS	Proposed Time
Registrations starts on	Aug 10 th , 2021
Registrations closes on	Dec 20 th , 2021
Access to NAC content for preparation	Aug 17 th , 2021
Students prepare for challenge	Aug – Dec 2021
Students appear for challenge	Jan 2022
Results Declaration (National and International, both)	February- March 2022

2. ELIGIBILITY

- NAC invites applications from students studying in Grade IV – Grade IX; in the academic year 2021-22.
- Schools 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 VI	Class VI or equivalent	Age 10-11 years
Grade VII	Class VII or equivalent	Age 11-12 years
Grade VIII	Class VIII or equivalent	Age 12-13 years
Grade IX	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?

The school needs to go to NAC website - www.nationalastronomy.org/school.

a. The Process

School registers on www.nationalastronomy.org → NAC Coordinator connects with School Coordinator → NAC sends challenge related details and link for students to register → students register and get their code generated while registering → School students receive access to content within 24 hours of registration on their registered mail id → NAC is conducted on scheduled dates.

- **Students:** Post registration all the information will be sent to school coordinator or will be mailed to your registered email id. The school coordinator will be sent the login details for accessing the study material.

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Please note that school coordinators will be your primary point of contact for any related information.

b. Communication

- **Schools / Coordinators / Teachers:** Post registration NAC will issue a SRC code (School Registration Code), and then after 24 hours students gain access to STEM & Space Learning System for study material and other NAC related information. Students will have to submit personal details through an Onboarding Test, which will be communicated to schools by NAC team prior to the scheduled exam. **Please ensure that the school coordinator is available for timely exchange of information, as and when required and expected by NAC. Schools to schedule an appropriate time of connect between the Coordinator and NAC team for update and information dissemination.**



c. Preparation Material for NAC

After gaining access to the preparation material, students need to prepare for the challenge at their end only. For certain higher grades, references have been mentioned within 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

- Schools need to ensure that they meet all the infrastructural and technical requirements as laid out by the NAC team. NAC will provide schools with the list of requirements only. No manpower support will be provided from NAC. In order to participate in NAC, students 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.

e. Registration Details

- The school needs to ensure that correct student details and fees are submitted to the school and NAC team thereafter. You will need to stay in touch with the coordinators for any subsequent follow up. Or 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

- **Champions:** First two participants scoring highest percentile from each grade will be recognized as national champion for 2021.
- **Coordinator Recognition:** The coordinator of the school will get recognition certificate duly signed by the authorities of STEM RESEARCH & INNOVATION for their seamless contribution in making NAC successful in schools.
- 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 2022.

- 3rd and 4th winners from each grade will get access to **Cosmic Kids Club** which will be conducted in the subsequent months of July 22- Dec 22.
- 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**’.

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- 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 national winners will be invited to a grand-level award felicitation ceremony at CHENNAI. It is the hub for ISRO, SRIHARIKOTA. National Winners will be accompanied by School coordinator or school representatives (Male and / or Female) only. No parent or legal guardian will accompany.
- Organizers to provide round travel economy fare for each National Champion from India and one (1) school representative (to be finalized by the school, only)
- It must be noted that the International Students 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.**
- 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.



- vii. Winners and school representatives 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.

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

Orgaiser'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' 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. **We 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 schools as well.

9. Please visit www.nationalastronomy.org/schools. For any clarifications, please feel free to write to us at hello@nationalastronomy.org or call us at 91- 8506955554.

