

Rules of Engagement for Schools and Participants of NAC 2023

Welcome to the National Astronomy Challenge (NAC) 2023! In this exciting edition, we are introducing some important changes, so please read the following terms of engagement carefully.

Participation Criteria:

1. **School-Based Participation Only:** NAC 2023 is exclusively open to students in Grades 4-9, and participation is allowed only through their respective schools. We do not accept individual or retail participation.
2. **School Representation:** Schools must officially register their students' participation in NAC 2023 by intimating them. If a student reaches the National Champion status, it will be a school representative who accompanies the winning student to any related events, not parents or guardians.
3. **Ineligibility:** Children of employees, directors, agents, representatives, and their immediate family members, subsidiary companies, advertising and promotion agencies, legal and financial advisors, and all other companies associated with this challenge, including others involved in judging, are not eligible to enter or participate.

Awards and Recognitions:

4. **School-Specific Awards:** NAC 2023 introduces special awards and accolades for participating schools, recognizing their commitment to promoting astronomy and space science education.
5. **School Coordinator Awards:** Dedicated awards for school coordinators are included to appreciate their efforts in facilitating student participation.
6. **Participant Awards:**
 - National Champions: Top three participants with the highest percentiles from each grade will be invited to a prestigious event, and their school representatives will accompany them.
 - Certification of Merit: Participants securing 75% and above will receive a 'Certification of Merit.'
 - Certificate of Participation: All participants will receive a 'Certificate of Participation.'
 - For more details on awards, visit [NAC Rewards](#).

Exam Formats and Additional Information:

7. **Proctored Exams for Indian Schools:** Indian schools with more than 30 participating students will have the option of a proctored exam conducted at their premises to ensure the integrity of the examination process.
8. **Online NAC Olympiad:** For overseas schools and Indian schools with fewer than 30 participants, NAC 2023 will offer the online NAC Olympiad as the examination format.



Travel and Award Felicitation:

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- The exact dates of the trip will be determined at the sole discretion of the organizer.
- The date, time, and location of the event are subject to change based on the organizer's discretion.
- The organizer reserves the right to change or substitute any component at its sole discretion.
- The organizer will determine airlines and hotels, with all travel dates subject to change at the organizer's discretion.
- Travel restrictions, conditions, and limitations may apply.
- The organizer is not responsible for any damage to baggage, cancellations, delays, diversions, substitutions, or acts of any other persons providing services and accommodations.

Travel Amenities:

- Travel amenities include round economy air/surface transportation for each traveler.
- Ground travel to GMRT Pune, will be determined by STEM Research & Innovation.
- Standard hotel accommodations will be decided and organized by the organizer's choice.
- All costs and expenses associated with award acceptance, not specified herein, are the sole responsibility of the traveler.
- This includes federal, state, local, county, provincial, and other taxes, luggage fees, travel documents, insurance, meals, incidentals, in-room charges, telephone calls, and any other unspecified expenses.

Overseas Participants:

- Participants from overseas who emerge as Champions will arrange their own visa and travel to India. However, their domestic travel and stay in India will be arranged by the NAC organizers.

10. Important Dates:

- Registrations Open: 25th Aug onwards
- Registrations Close: 24th December 2023
- Access to NAC Content: Study material can be accessed by subscribing to Cosmic Kids Club.
- Examination Date: Mid January 2024
- Results Declaration (Consolidated): March/Early April 2024

Eligibility and Participation:

- 11. Eligibility:** NAC invites applications from students studying in Grade IV – Grade IX in the academic year 2023-24, following CBSE, ICSE, IB, or IGSE, from India and overseas.



12. How to Participate:

- Detailed instructions on how schools and participants can register, access study materials, and prepare for NAC 2023 will be provided on the NAC website.

Judgment Criteria:

13. **Judgment Criteria:** The NAC examination will feature multiple-choice questions (MCQs) with knowledge-based, analytical, and application-based questions. Participants will need to answer sixty (60) questions in sixty (60) minutes, with a 25% negative marking for incorrect answers.

Limitations of Liability:

14. **Limitations of Liability:** Please review the limitations of liability section(Refer Annexure :1) for a comprehensive understanding of the responsibilities of all parties involved.

Personal Data:

15. **Personal Data:** Participants' personal data will be processed in accordance with the rules of engagement, and participants agree to the use of their personal information for the purposes of the challenge.

Winners List:

16. **Winners List:** The winner list will be uploaded on the website and shared with the respective schools.

Contact Information:

17. Contact:

- For further information and clarifications, please visit [NAC Website](#). Register your school's details for us to connect with you. Any inquiries can be directed to hello@nationalastronomy.org

Jurisdiction:

18. **Jurisdiction:** All disputes related to the National Astronomy Challenge (NAC) will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Delhi.

We appreciate your participation and look forward to an engaging and educational NAC 2023. Let's explore the wonders of the universe together!



Annexure 1 : Limitations of Liability:

Responsibility Acknowledgment:

By participating in the National Astronomy Challenge (NAC) 2023, all parties involved, including participants, parents/legal guardians, schools, and any associated entities, acknowledge and accept the limitations of liability outlined herein.

Organizer's Role:

The organizer holds no liability for any damages, losses, or injuries incurred before, during, or after NAC 2023 events or associated activities.

Indemnification:

Participants, parents/legal guardians, and schools agree to indemnify and hold the organizer harmless against any claims, expenses, or liabilities arising from their participation in NAC 2023.

Event Changes:

The organizer reserves the right to modify, postpone, or cancel any aspect of NAC 2023, including events, dates, locations, or activities, at its sole discretion. The organizer is not liable for any inconvenience or losses resulting from such changes.

Travel Arrangements:

The organizer is not responsible for any damage to baggage, cancellations, delays, diversions, or substitutions of travel services provided by airlines, hotels, or any third-party vendors.

Personal Expenditures:

All personal expenditures, including travel expenses, meals, accommodations, and any other related costs not explicitly covered in the rules of engagement, are the sole responsibility of the participants, parents/legal guardians, and schools.

Force Majeure:

The organizer is not liable for failure or delay in performing its obligations due to unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to acts of nature, government regulations, strikes, or any other force majeure event.

Accuracy of Information:

The organizer is not liable for any inaccuracies or errors in the information provided on the NAC website, promotional materials, or any other communication channels.

Liability Exclusion:

The organizer disclaims any liability for direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, special, or exemplary damages arising from or connected with NAC 2023.

Acknowledgment:

By participating in NAC 2023, all parties involved acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to the limitations of liability outlined in this section.

Please review these limitations carefully, and if you have any queries, feel free to contact us at hello@nationalastronomy.org. Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated.

