

Rules of Engagement for Schools and Participants of NAC 2024

Welcome to the National Astronomy Challenge (NAC) 2024! This year brings some exciting updates and important changes. Please read the following terms of engagement carefully.

Participation Criteria:

1. **School-Based Participation Only:** NAC 2024 is exclusively open to students in Grades 4-9, and participation is allowed only through their respective schools. Individual or retail participation is not accepted.
2. **School Representation:** Schools must officially register their students' participation in NAC 2024. If a student reaches the National Champion status, a school representative (not parents or guardians) will accompany the winning student to related events.
3. **Ineligibility:** Children of employees, directors, agents, representatives, and their immediate family members associated with companies involved in NAC, including those involved in judging, are not eligible to participate.

Awards and Recognitions:

4. **School-Specific Awards:** Special awards and accolades for schools promoting astronomy and space science education.
5. **School Coordinator Awards:** Dedicated awards to appreciate school coordinators' efforts in facilitating student participation.
6. **Participant Awards:**
 - **National Champions:** Top three participants per grade (based on percentiles) will be invited to a prestigious event with school representatives.
 - **Certification of Merit:** Awarded to participants securing 75% and above.
 - **Certificate of Participation:** All participants will receive a certificate.
 - For more details, visit NAC Rewards.

Exam Formats and Additional Information:

7. **Online NAC Olympiad:** For overseas schools and Indian schools the NAC Olympiad will be conducted online.

Travel and Award Felicitations:

9. **Travel Arrangements:**
 - Dates and locations are at the organizer's discretion and may change.
 - The organizer will determine airlines, Train travel, hotels, and accommodations.
 - Travel amenities include round economy air/surface transportation, ground travel, and standard hotel accommodations.
 - All costs not specified, including taxes, insurance, meals, and incidentals, are the traveler's responsibility.
10. **Overseas Participants:**

- Champions from overseas must arrange their own visa and travel to India. Domestic travel and stay within India will be covered by NAC organizers.

Important Dates:

- **Registrations Open:** 15th August 2024 onwards
- **Registrations Close:** 24th December 2024
- **Access to NAC Content:** Available through subscription to Cosmic Kids Club.
- **Examination Date:** Mid-January 2025
- **Results Declaration:** March/Early April 2025
- **Award Ceremoy-** May/June 2025

Eligibility and Participation:

11. **Eligibility:** Open to students from Grade 4 to Grade 9 (academic year 2024-25) following CBSE, ICSE, IB, or IGCSE curricula, from India and overseas.
12. **How to Participate:** Detailed instructions for registration, study materials, and preparation will be available on the NAC website.

Judgment Criteria:

13. **Examination Format:**
 - Multiple-choice questions (MCQs) focusing on knowledge, analytical skills, and application.
 - 60 questions to be answered in 60 minutes.
 - 25% negative marking for incorrect answers.

Limitations of Liability:

14. **Liability Disclaimer:** Refer to Annexure 1 for detailed information on limitations of liability.

Personal Data:

15. **Data Processing:** Participants' personal data will be processed per the rules of engagement. By participating, participants agree to the use of their information for the challenge.

Winners List:

16. **Announcement:** The winners' list will be published on the NAC website and shared with respective schools.

Contact Information:

17. **Contact:**
 - For more information and clarifications, visit the NAC website.
 - For inquiries, contact hello@nationalastronomy.org.

Jurisdiction:

18. **Legal Jurisdiction:** All disputes related to NAC 2024 are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Delhi.
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Annexure 1: Limitations of Liability

1. **Responsibility Acknowledgment:** By participating in NAC 2024, all parties, including participants, parents/legal guardians, schools, and associated entities, acknowledge the limitations of liability outlined here.
2. **Organizer's Role:** The organizer is not liable for damages, losses, or injuries incurred before, during, or after NAC 2024 events or related activities.
3. **Indemnification:** Participants, parents/legal guardians, and schools agree to indemnify and hold the organizer harmless against any claims or expenses arising from participation in NAC 2024.
4. **Event Changes:** The organizer reserves the right to modify, postpone, or cancel any aspect of NAC 2024 at its discretion without liability for inconvenience or losses.
5. **Travel Arrangements:** The organizer is not responsible for damages, cancellations, or substitutions related to travel services provided by third-party vendors.
6. **Personal Expenditures:** All personal expenditures not explicitly covered in the rules are the responsibility of participants, parents/legal guardians, and schools.
7. **Force Majeure:** The organizer is not liable for failure or delays due to unforeseen circumstances, including natural disasters, strikes, or government regulations.
8. **Accuracy of Information:** The organizer is not liable for inaccuracies in promotional materials or communications.
9. **Liability Exclusion:** The organizer disclaims liability for direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising from NAC 2024.
10. **Acknowledgment:** Participation in NAC 2024 implies acceptance of all terms outlined here.