Rules and Regulations

Each team participating in the preliminary contest must strictly adhere to the following rules. Universities are responsible for ensuring their teams comply with all regulations. **Violation of any rule will lead to immediate disqualification.**

1. The contest is a **team event,** no assistance from anyone outside the registered team members (Three contestants) is permitted.

2. Teams may use **books or online reference materials** (If permitted by their university) during the contest. However, if plagiarism or identical code is detected between teams, **all involved teams will be penalized.**

3. The use of **Artificial Intelligence (AI) chatbots** or **code-generating tools** to solve contest problems is **strictly prohibited**.

4. Participants are **not allowed to use** Q&A or discussion platforms (e.g., **Stack Overflow,** Reddit, or similar sites) to seek help.

5. Contest problems, hints, or partial solutions **must not be shared publicly** during the contest.

   - If using pastebin or similar tools, ensure that they are **strictly private** and accessible only to your team.

6. All teams from the same university must **participate from their university campus** to ensure fairness.

7. **Each team must be physically present at their university during the online contest.**

   - Teams or members participating remotely or from outside the university will be **disqualified**.

- Any team with absent members during the preliminary contest will **not be allowed to participate in the onsite regional contest,** even if they qualify. Also team members should not leave before the end of the contest.

- **Physically challenged participants** may be considered as an **exception,** subject to prior approval if required.

- Teams should not use mobiles phones or tablets to access the internet.

8. Teams must follow the instructions of their **local contest supervisor or faculty coordinator** during the entire contest period.
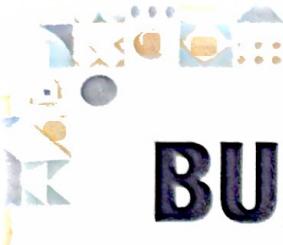
9. **Team Substitution Policy:**

- A university may **swap or replace a team** if necessary, provided the replacement team is selected **strictly based on the official online preliminary contest ranking.** (Suppose University X qualified 3 teams from the online preliminary contest - Team A (Rank 1), Team B (Rank 2), and Team C (Rank 3) and the team after Team C is Team D. If Team B cannot participate in the regional contest for any reason (Eg Disqualified for cheating), the university may replace Team B only with the next eligible team Team D (Rank 4 team of University X). The university cannot replace Team B with any team that ranked lower than Team D (Unless Team D is also disqualified) or did not solve any problem in the preliminary round.

- Such substitution must be approved by the **university contest coordinator** and reported to the **ICPC Dhaka Regional Organizing Committee** before the onsite round with proper reason.

- Any arbitrary replacement or selection outside the ranking order will **not be accepted.**

- No substitutions or replacements will be accepted after the deadline.

10. **Login Credentials Distribution:**

- The **user ID and password** for both the mock and preliminary contests will be provided **only to the official contest coordinator** of each university or institution.

- Teams must collect their credentials directly from their coordinator.

- Contest organizers will **not issue credentials directly** to individual participants.

- If **any team member leaves the contest site** during the contest, the **team's password must be changed immediately** to maintain contest integrity.

11. If a team violates any contest rule, the **university coordinator of that university** has the authority to **disqualify** the team after informing the ICPC Asia Dhaka Regional Contest 2025 Committee.