

# The Messier Marathon

## The Messier Hunt Event

### **Problem Statement**

- This is a telescope aided observational event. Participating teams must locate as many Messier objects as possible within a given time period.

### **Timeline**

- The teams will be given an hour to locate the Messier objects.

### **Team structure**

- Maximum 3 members can participate in a team. Minimum number of participants in a team is 2.

### **Judging Criteria**

- Teams have to show each time they locate an object to the judge.
- The team that will cover maximum Messier objects in the least time will win.
- In case of a tie, we will resort to the time taken and the team with the least time taken wins.

### **Rules and Regulations**

- The participants **will not** be provided with any equipment. They will have to bring their own telescopes.
- Teams will be provided with Messier catalog and star charts.
- Cheating is strictly prohibited and will lead to disqualification.
- Organizers reserve the right to modify rules at any point in time, with intimation to registered participants.
- Use of electronic gadgets is not allowed.

In case of any doubt/concern regarding the event, either call the coordinators or write a mail to [stac@students.iitmandi.ac.in](mailto:stac@students.iitmandi.ac.in) or drop a message on this [facebook](#) page. We will try to reply ASAP.

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