



Rules & Regulations

(Prelims Round)

June 2021

1 Eligibility

- Students in class 11 and above till 3rd year undergraduates who have not started their 4th year yet are eligible.
- The top five contestants in the Pre-Pravega segment of BioBlitz will be allowed direct lateral entry to the Finals 2021. However, there is a twist here — they will have to participate **as individuals, and not as teams**.

2 Teams

Teams can have at most three participants and all three participants must be eligible. As such no distinction shall be made between teams on the basis of number of members for determination of their performance. The score and answers given by the the organizers is final and there will be no consideration of any appeals.

3 Registration

Teams and individual participants **must** register themselves on the BioBlitz website. There is no registration fee. All teams **must** possess valid ID proof for determination of their education level and identity. The organizing team reserves the right to disbar participants found forging identities.

4 General Rules

- The Prelims will be held (completely online) on 30th June, 2021.
- A total of 6 hours will be given to solve the problems, from 2:30 pm IST to 8:30 pm IST on the day of the prelims.
- The BioBlitz Prelims 2021 will test the participants' understanding, processing skills, and application of biological as well as interdisciplinary concepts. Solving the problems will require general understanding, rather than factual 'knowledge'.
- The candidates are free to use any non-living resource (e.g. book, magazine, web etc.) they deem fit to aid their effort while solving problems.
- The question paper will be mailed to the teams at 2:25 pm IST on the day of the prelims.
- The answer scripts **must** be mailed back to the BioBlitz email address (i.e. bioblitz.pravega@gmail.com) before the end of the stipulated time.
- The answer script **must** be submitted as a single document in pdf format.
- Further instructions will be communicated to the participants close to the day of prelims through the BioBlitz email ID.
- The Prelims is mandatory, and the time/date/duration set by the organizers cannot be changed or postponed.

5 Other Rules

- The details of marking and results will be mailed to the teams' email ID's. Thus, it is a good idea that at least a team member have working internet connection to receive all further updates.
- The solutions to subjective problems should be clear and decisive. Any discrepancy arising because of illegible solutions will not be entertained.
- Up to 3 solutions can be submitted for any subjective question, although a penalty will be applied for each extra solution submitted.

- In case the organizers are able to establish any inconsistencies, all such teams will be barred from participation in the present as well as future iterations of the event.
- The medium of both questions and solutions will be in English.
- The organizers retain the right to update, edit, and remove rules summarily by posting it on the website, thus the participants are encouraged to keep abreast of all active developments.
- Because not all organisms have a common name in all languages, the participants **must** include the scientific (Latin) name in addition to the common name, if they are required to write about some organism.