

# Welcome to the Mitosisphere competition series!

This document outlines the rules, guidelines, and expectations for all participants. Please review these carefully to ensure a smooth and fair competition.

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## 1. General Rules

### 1.1 Eligibility:

- Participants must register by 1/22 to compete. Late registrations will NOT be accepted. Participants from any region are welcome to compete, although international competitors should be aware of time zone differences.

### 1.2 Code of Conduct:

- Participants are expected to uphold principles of fairness, respect, and professionalism. Disruptive or inappropriate behavior may result in disqualification.
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## 2. Competition Structure

### 2.1 Rounds:

- The competition consists of the following stages: the  $p + q = 1$  (“Opens”) and the  $(p + q)^2 = 1$  (“Semifinals”).
- The  $p + q = 1$  will consist of **50** multi choice questions. There will be **45** single-select questions and **5** multi-select questions.
- The  $(p + q)^2 = 1$  will consist of **120** multiple-choice questions divided across two sections (A and B) and an additional **10** free-response questions constituting the section C.
  - Section A will consist of **60** single-select questions each worth **1** point.
  - Section B will consist of **60** questions, each worth **2** points, divided across:
    - **30** single-select questions
    - **20** multi-select questions
    - **10** multiple true/false questions.
  - Section C: **10** short free-response questions, with point values designated in the question.

## 2.2 Schedule:

- The detailed schedule will be provided closer to the competition date. Participants must take the test at the designated time.

## 2.3 Categories:

- The competition is divided into the following categories:
    - Anatomy & Physiology: **25%**
    - Molecular Biology: **20%**
    - Genetics: **20%**
    - Plants: **15%**
    - Ecology: **10%**
    - Biosystematics: **5%**
    - Ethology: **5%**
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# 3. Rules for Participants

## 3.1 Equipment and Materials:

- The exam will be administered on a proctoring software called **Quilgo**. Participants will need at least one camera (although two cameras are highly recommended) and a working microphone. Cameras must be placed so that the entire workspace **AND** the participant's screen are visible. Scratch paper and a non-programmable calculator are allowed. Textbooks, notes, and unauthorized Internet access are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

## 3.2 Time Limits:

- Strict time limits will be enforced for each stage of the competition. Competitors will be given a 30 second warning before the time is up. Late submissions **will not be accepted**.

## 3.3 Prohibited Actions:

- Cheating, plagiarism, distracting behavior, and any aforementioned prohibited action are strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification.
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## 4. Awards and Recognition

### 4.1 Prizes:

- $p + q = 1$ 
  - 1st place: \$20 Amazon gift card
  - 2nd place: \$10 Amazon gift card
  - 3rd place: \$5 Amazon gift card
  - Top 15%: Semifinalist (Advancement to the next round)
  - Top 30%: Highly commended
  - Top 50%: Honorable mention
  - All competitors: Certificate of participation
- $(p + q)^2 = 1$ 
  - 1st place: TBD
  - 2nd place: TBD
  - 3rd place: TBD
  - Top 5: Gold
  - Top 10: Silver
  - Top 15: Bronze

### 4.2 Announcements:

- Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the competition. All scores will be promptly returned after the competition.
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## 5. Disputes and Appeals

### 5.1 Dispute Resolution:

- Any disputes must be submitted in writing to the organizers within [specified time] of the incident.

### 5.2 Appeals:

- Appeals will be reviewed by the competition committee. The committee's decision is final.
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## **6. Additional Information**

### **6.1 Contact Information:**

- For questions or concerns, contact us at [mitosisphere@gmail.com](mailto:mitosisphere@gmail.com) or through the contact form on <https://mitosisphere.netlify.app/contact/>.

### **6.2 Amendments:**

- The organizers reserve the right to amend the rules at any time. Participants will be notified of any changes.
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**Thank you for participating in the Mitosisphere competition series! We wish you the best of luck!**