

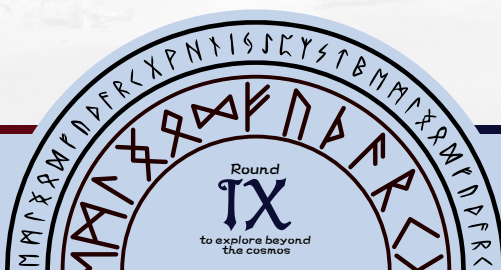
SOLOMAN DIAZ BANDARANAYAKE CHALLENGE TROPHY

CONSTANT 12

Rules & Regulations (Sub-Competitions)



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Constant '25, inter-School Astronomical Quiz Competition, which took its first establishment in 2011, will take its 9th edition on the 16th of September 2025 for the Sir Solaman Diaz Bandaranayake Challenge Trophy.

The Bandaranayake College Union of Astronomy, established on March 20, 1996, has been a pioneering force in promoting astronomical education and awareness among students. Since its inception, the union has been dedicated to inspiring curiosity and expanding knowledge about the universe through a variety of engaging activities and programs. With a focus on both theoretical understanding and practical experience, the union organizes lectures, workshops, and observation sessions that allow members to explore celestial phenomena firsthand. Over the years, it has cultivated a community of passionate young astronomers, fostering a collaborative spirit and a deeper appreciation for the wonders of the cosmos. Through its sustained efforts, the union continues to be a vital part of the academic and extracurricular life at Bandaranayake College.

Current champions of the Mahamaya Girls' College, who won after competing with 50+ teams back in 2024, will be put to the test again, with the newly reformed procedure of the modern-day quiz competitions. The competition consists of two major rounds, 1st round tests on individual performance of the team, and the 2nd round on team performance among the 25 top teams of the first round. (Further clarifications will be added later)

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SUB-COMPETITIONS

- All sub competitions are organized as **individual** based competitions.
- All competitors should be born after **31st January 2007**.
- Submissions for the sub competitions will be available **from 30th August 2025 to 20th September 2025** and any submissions after the due date will not be considered.
- Any number of individuals can be participated in these competitions from any school.
- The entries should be submitted in the **BCUOA official website under the Constant subpage** in the relevant categories.
- If under any circumstances the following rules are to be broken by an individual, the relevant individual will be disqualified.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF INTER-SCHOOL ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

- Each competitor should submit **1-2 photographs only**.
- The photographs should be submitted in **PNG, JPEG, JPG or RAW formats only**. The photographs can be taken with a suitable resolution.
- **Digital cameras, smart phones or any other related devices** can be used to capture the photographs.
- Basic adjustments are allowed such as adjustments related to brightness, contrast, sharpness and cropping etc.
- Heavy manipulations such as adding or removing an object, AI generation, downloading or copying from the internet and compositing from multiple sources are not allowed. If found guilty the respective contestants will be disqualified.
- Entries violating copyrights will be disqualified from the competition.
- A **brief description of the photographs** should be provided by each contestant relevant to their own photographs.
- Please note that late entries will not be accepted.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF INTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE-FICTION STORY WRITING COMPETITION

- The content must be original and solely written by the contestant. Collaborations are not permitted.
- Each contestant should submit only **one** story, and multiple entries will not be considered by the judge board.
- Submissions must be either in **English or Sinhala**.
- The contestants are free to write under their **own topics**.
- The entries should be in **PDF format**, if handwritten the text should be photographed and submitted in PDF format. (The handwritten text **should be clear and readable**)
- Each story should contain **8-10 pages only**.
- The entries **shouldn't** contain any defamatory, obscene, hateful or excessive violent material. The judge's decision on the suitability of the content is final.
- If the content is plagiarized, AI generated or violating any intellectual rights may be cause for the disqualification from the competition.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IN INTER SCHOOL ASTRONOMY THEMED ART COMPETITION

- Each contestant should submit only **one** drawing.
- The drawings should be drawn in **A4, A3 and B4 sizes only**. Any type of color medium can be used for the drawing.
- The drawings should be drawn under the following topics,
 - “The last Sunset on Earth”
 - “A postcard from Mars”
 - “A spaceport of tomorrow”
 - “An Alien welcome”
 - “A scene from a spacecraft”
- The drawings should be **clearly photographed** and submitted as a document file.
- The drawings must be submitted before **20th September 2025**, and late entries will be rejected.
- The content should be solely drawn, and no collaborations are allowed. References can be used but duplication of any other drawing is prohibited.
- The drawings should not contain any hateful, violent or obscene depictions and consider the judge’s decision is final.