

2025 Crystal Ball Cup

## Format

You will be presented with a series of hypothetical events. For each event, you will have **one minute** to submit a probability  $p \in [0, 1]$  that the event occurs before the end of 2025.

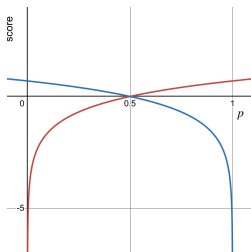
No discussion is allowed except for clarifying questions.

You may not consult external resources.

## Scoring

On 2026-01-01, I will compute your score to be the mean of your scores across all events. Your score on one event with submitted probability  $p$  is defined as:

$$\text{score}(p) = \begin{cases} \ln p - \ln 0.5 & \text{if the event occurred} \\ \ln(1 - p) - \ln 0.5 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



## Events

## Zohran Mamdani wins the NYC mayoral election

Zohran Mamdani is elected mayor in the 2025 New York City election on some date before 2026-01-01 via consensus of credible reporting and official information from New York City.

The top grossing domestic film of 2025Q4 is based on an original screenplay

The top grossing domestic film of October, November, or December, according to Box Office Mojo, is based on an original screenplay.

An original screenplay is defined as one not based upon previously published material, adjudicated by the Writer's Branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

A major U.S. political figure dies, causing a stock market closure

A major political figure dies, causing a major stock exchange, such as Nasdaq or NYSE, to cease trading on some date before 2026-01-01.