ICPC Amritapuri – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Please note that some questions in <mark>General FAQ and Contest FAQ</mark> apply only for the <mark>Amritapuri site.</mark> Other sites operate independently and may not consider the same exception. So please contact respected RCDs of the site for clarification

General FAQ

1. **While filling out the ICPC Amritapuri registration form, for the fields "Select State" and "Full Address," should I enter my home address or my college/institution address?**

   Please enter your **college/institution address**.

2. **Can the payment be made by a contestant or must it be made by the coach? Do we have to upload any proof for the payment, or is it an automatic process?**

   The **payment can be made either by the coach or any member of the team**. There is **no need to upload payment proof**, as the confirmation will be processed automatically once the payment is completed successfully.

3. **How many regionals can I register for?**

   A team can register for a maximum of two regional sites. The team name and composition must remain exactly the same for both sites.

4. **Do all team members need to be physically present at the same location during the ICPC contest?**

   Yes. All team members must be physically present together at the same location during the contest.

5. **Where can we find or access the previous year problem sets for the ICPC Amritapuri preliminary and on-site contests for practice?**

   You can find all previous problem sets at: https://amritaicpc.in/problem-set

6. **After completing the registration, where can we find or receive our team ID?**

   You can find your **Team ID** by **logging into your team dashboard** on the ICPC portal

7. **Should we create separate teams for each regional, or can we use the team already created for one regional to register for another regional?**

   The **same team** should be used to register for **multiple regionals**, provided the **team name and members remain identical**. Please note that **one person can only be part of one team** across all regions.

8. **Can I get a digital signature and seal on the declaration form?**

   Yes, you can obtain the HOD's digital signature and college seal on the declaration form, provided that the HOD sends the form from their official university email ID — not from a personal email account (such as Gmail).

9. **My college is closed till November, how can I get the declaration form signed?**

   We have extended the deadline to submit the coach declaration form but if you still have issues and you need to get a digital signature and seal, then the form may be sent from your HODs official email id (and not coach)

10. Important links
    a. Link to the Download Declaration form -
       https://amritaicpc.in/data/Declaration_form.pdf
    b. Link to submit the declaration from - https://forms.gle/tXapB7ExGv8MzvPG8
    c. Link to submit Codechef id - https://forms.gle/L2hSRRYp79exGmcf9

Contest FAQ

1. **What is the contest platform?**

   The ICPC Amritapuri Online Round will be conducted on **CodeChef's Exam Mode** platform. A dedicated contest link will be shared with all registered teams via email before the contest.

2. **Is participating in a practice contest mandatory?**

   Taking part in practice/mock contests is not mandatory. However we highly recommend that you take part. The goal is to be familiar with the environment and do practice recording. We will not be able to support you on the contest day, so it is in your best interest to take part in the practice contest and fix any issues. You can do the practice contest anywhere.

3. **Are personal laptops allowed**

Yes, Personal Laptops can be used if coach permits. We recommend a laptop/desktop with min configuration of 8 GB RAM and 3 GB free space to save the video.

4. **Can we copy and paste code during the contest?**

No. **Copy-paste is disabled** in CodeChef Exam Mode. You must type your code manually including your templates

5. **Can we use our own code templates or snippets?**

Yes, but you must **type them manually** during the contest. Pre-written templates cannot be copied or loaded from any external file. For every new problem you will have to type the template.

6. **My college is not providing labs during the contest day. What should I do?**

A classroom with basic seating arrangements for around 3 hours will be sufficient for conducting the preliminary round. Any staff member can be present during that time to supervise.

7. **My HOD or coach is not allowing us to participate from the college as it is a holiday. What should I do?**

Please ask your **coach or HOD** to **submit an email** stating the reason for not being able to conduct the contest at the college on that day and request them to provide alternate arrangements.

8. **How many logins are provided per team?**

Each team will receive **only one login ID and password** for the contest.Team members should coordinate and use a single computer for submissions.

9. **How to record screen, video, voice during the contest?**

Detailed setup instructions for recording are available in the guide linked below: https://docs.google.com/document/d/12WQa0rue0F7a2CBM383X5hndItLtxEaGzln0V46pL8E/edit?usp=sharing

10. Should all three team members be visible on the webcam during the contest?

If all three members can be clearly seen in the video recording, that is preferred. However, if this is not possible, at least one team member must be visible in the video recording at all times.

11. One of our team is not available for the contest? Can the remaining two members take part and will the third member be allowed to come onsite.

Submit a written email by your coach with reasons and this shall be considered if genuine.

12. Are we allowed to use external websites or IDEs?

No. Any use of external websites, AI tools, search engines, or IDEs that are not part of the contest environment is strictly **prohibited**. Tab switching is not allowed. **Once you do a tab switch then you are locked out of the contest.**

13. How do we submit our code?

All solutions must be submitted through the CodeChef platform using the **Submit** button provided for each problem. Make sure to check for **successful submission messages** and avoid refreshing the page during submission. Please take part in both the mock contests to get familiar.

14. What programming languages are allowed?
C, C++, Java, and Python are supported. Please verify the available compiler versions on the contest page during the mock contests.

15. When are the practice contests?

There will be long running practice contest and two contests of 3 hour duration. Use this opportunity to do video audio and desktop recording. Dates will be notified soon.

16. What is the duration of the preliminary contest?

The contest duration will be **3 hours**.. Make sure to log in at least 15 minutes before the start time. Have any refreshments / water etc ready as well.

17. What should we do before the contest day?

- Test your system, browser, and internet connection.
- Disable auto-updates and notifications.
- Keep your **team login details** ready and ensure you're familiar with the CodeChef Exam Mode interface.

18. Where can we contact for support before the contest?

You can reach out to the ICPC Amritapuri site team via the **official** the email icpc@am.amrita.edu and via the official telegram channel.