

Bioblitz 2023

Rules and Regulations

Eligibility

1. Students presently in grades 10-12 and 2nd year undergraduate are eligible to participate in the preliminary round.
2. Students must have a valid Institute ID card as proof of their studentship.
3. Students studying in any board or academic curriculum are allowed to participate.

Registration

1. Students must register for the event in teams of at most **three** each. It suffices if a single student registers. Students from different institutions can participate as a team.
2. Each student must be a part of a single team. In case a student is found to be registered in more than one team, it would lead to immediate disqualification of that individual.
3. It is suggested that teams register themselves only once and avoid duplicate registrations. Contact us in case of difficulties.
4. There is no registration fee.

The Prelims

- The Prelims will include two rounds of online, open-book, open-internet, theoretical exams separated by about a month.
- **Please join the Bioblitz discord server:** <https://discord.gg/euPvte6CmR>. During the exams, the coordinators and the question making committee of the event will be on-line to resolve any doubts regarding the examination
- Participants can expect questions from all fields of biology *viz.* Ecology, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Neuroscience, Microbiology, Genetics, Synthetic and Developmental Biology etc.

Prelims 1

1. The 1st preliminary round will be conducted online and will consist of **30** multiple choice questions. Some of them will have more than 1 correct answers. This will be informed in the question paper.
2. The duration of the round will be around 2 hours. Exact details and rules will be released a few days before the contest.
3. Each team will be sent the link to a Google Form where they will be able to both read the questions and answer them. The form will have all necessary information

4. Ties will be resolved using the score in the Subjective section.
5. The prelims 1 will be conducted in 2nd week of July, 2023. The time will be informed to everyone through their registered email id.

Prelims 2

1. This round will require participants to answer **6** subjective questions. The total time given will be around 4 hours.
2. The question paper will be emailed to the teams and uploaded on the discord server.
3. Participants are required to write the answers *neatly* on paper or type them. Details regarding submission will be shared later.

Finals

1. The finals will be conducted offline at IISc Bangalore campus during the Pravega fest. The finalized date for the same will be informed to the finalists.
2. **Selection of Finalists:** Top 4 teams will be called for the finals. The weightage given to the two prelims is not yet decided and will be conveyed later.
3. Pravega will bear the costs of accommodation and travel of the finalists. Details will be shared with them in due course of time.

Prizes

1. 1st prize: INR 25k, 2nd prize: INR 15k, 3rd prize: INR 10k.
2. Finalists will get a certificate of appreciation.

Miscellaneous

1. The Organisers reserve the absolute right to update, amend, modify, delete or create the rules mentioned in this document.
2. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Organisers will be final and binding on all parties.
3. Participants are requested not to post the questions on any public forum until a day after the contest.