



QUADSPARKS



RULES AND REGULATIONS

India's largest high school science quiz is back in form for its fourth edition! Quadsparks '23 promises to enliven bright minds through a well-curated battle for young science and quizzing enthusiasts, interspersed with a mishmash of critical thinking, amusing facts, and lively brain games. The contest has something for everyone – the amateur scientist, the professional quizzzer, the casual inquisitive kid, and the focussed geek. Hope on in!

Please read this rules and regulations document carefully before registering for Quadsparks.

I. The Event

Quadsparks '23 consists of three levels of contests:

1. An online preliminary round (see V): for students from all across India
2. An interview/discussion round (see VI): for 15 (subject to change) participants selected from the prelims
3. The Grand Finale (see VIII): for 5 participants selected from the interview round

For students residing in Bengaluru, Quadsparks hosts an offline preliminary round (see VII). 3 participants would be selected for the Finale from this round.

8 teams will participate in the stage Finale.

The registration fee for the event is ₹200 per participating team.

II. Eligibility

The quiz is primarily aimed at **high-school students**, i.e., students studying in classes 9, 10, 11, or 12. Despite the aforementioned target audience, students from lower grades (classes 8 and below) are also allowed to participate if they wish to.

Students must possess a valid institute ID card as proof of their studentship.

Participants can register individually, or as a team of 2. Team participation is encouraged.

Participants in a team need not be from the same school, i.e., **cross-institution teams are permitted.**

III. Registration details

The link for the registration page is provided on the Quadsparks webpage. After filling in the necessary details, you would be required to make the payment of ₹200.

A confirmation email will be sent to the primary email address entered in the registration form, within 24 hours following registration.

You will receive a **team ID number** in the confirmation email. You would be required to use the ID number when attempting the prelims.

IV. Questions

Almost all questions will be of a **standard quizzing format**. You can check out sample questions on the Quadsparks webpage.

Questions will not confer a “knowledge” advantage to class 11-12 students. We intend to test basic scientific knowledge, along with other non-technical facts with a heavy emphasis on deductive skills.

V. Online prelims

The test will be for a total of **30 minutes**, with a 10 minute buffer for submission of answers in case of any technical difficulties during the event.

The number of questions, and the marking scheme will be declared right before the quiz begins.

You are strongly advised to take the test from a PC, not a mobile phone or tablet. Participants must ensure the availability of a stable internet connection during the prelims.

VI. Interview

Around 15 top-scoring teams from the online prelims will qualify for the interview round, where scientific aptitude and reasoning will be ascertained one-to-one. The main aim is to ensure that participants who qualify for the finale have attempted the prelims with honesty, and can perform competently in an offline event

The interview will be entirely online as well. Convenient date and time slots will be intimated to the selected teams through e-mail.

The top 5 participants from this level will move onto the Finale.

VII. Offline prelims

Quadsparks is also hosting an offline preliminary round for students in schools in and around Bengaluru. **Registrations for the same will be opened separately.**

This is an **offline, written event**. It will be held right before the Grand Finale in the IISc campus, on the same day.

The top 3 participants from this level will move onto the Finale.

Travel reimbursements/accommodation will NOT be provided for teams arriving to participate in the offline prelims.

VIII. Grand Finale

The Grand Finale of Quadsparks '23 will comprise of 8 teams (5 from the online prelims and 3 from the offline prelims) competing for the coveted title of Winner.

This will be a **stage event with multiple rounds** and will be held at JN Tata Auditorium, IISc campus, Bengaluru.

Finalists, along with one guardian from the online rounds, will be provided travel reimbursement and accommodation by the Pravega team.

IX. Prizes

An exciting prize pool awaits the podium finishers of Quadsparks:

- Winner: ₹30,000
- First runner-up: ₹20,000
- Second runner-up: ₹10,000

Gift hampers (Pravega merchandise, books, and trophy), along with IISc-authorized certificates will be awarded to all finalists.

X. Tentative dates

(check out this space for updates)

Online prelims: 22nd July, 2023, Saturday

Interview: the third week of August, online

Offline prelims: (to be announced) at IISc

Grand Finale: (to be announced) at IISc

XI. Miscellaneous

Consulting the internet, other individuals, or resources to figure out answers is considered cheating and is strictly prohibited at all stages of the event. In events of such malpractice, the concerned participants will be promptly disqualified.

The Quadsparks '23 team reserves the right to modify the rules and regulations at any time. Teams are required to abide by the same and will be informed of any changes made.

In cases of conflict, the organizers' decision is final and binding.

XII. Contact us

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