

INDAC 2025-2026

QUIZ BEE TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

INDIAN ACADEMIC CHAMPIONSHIP introduces India's very first IN-PERSON INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ BEE TOURNAMENT in three subjects: **History**, **Geography** and **Science**.

1. Quiz Bee participation is open to all INDAC participants who have signed up and taken the Online Regional Qualifying Exam (ORQE).
2. There are 5 age divisions in Quiz Bee – ES, INT, MS, JV & V (Elementary School, Intermediate, Middle School, Junior Varsity and Varsity).
3. In each age division, any number of students from a school can participate in a Quiz Bee event.
4. A Quiz Bee event will comprise of participants from the same age division unless there is a shortfall. In the case of a shortfall, participants will be allotted a slot in the age group closest to theirs.
5. Quiz Bee Rounds will comprise of up to 10 participants per prelim or play-off.
6. There are 3 Quiz Bee Prelim Rounds per subject. A round consists of 30 questions, each valued at 1 point. In each round, players who answer 5 questions correctly will “buzz out” or “go out”, which means they have won and will not be able to attempt any more questions in that round. Depending on when they give their fifth correct answer, they may score between 15 and 5 points.
7. For any question in the Quiz Bee Prelims, up to 3 buzzes are allowed. Incorrect answers given by the first two students buzzing in will not attract negatives, but if the third student buzzes in while the question is still being read and gives an incorrect answer, they will attract a -1 penalty. A third buzz-in after the question is completely read attracts no negatives.
8. After each round, participants will be regrouped based on their scores. Students who either “go out” in each round or are amongst the top scorers (this will vary depending on the number of participants in a subject within one age division) will qualify for the play-offs (semis) or finals.
9. A Quiz Bee Final Round has powered questions, i.e. paragraph-length questions divided into 3 progressively easier segments. Scoring is as follows:
 - a. 6 points for a correct answer given before the first segment is completely read
 - b. 5 points for a correct answer given before the second segment is completely read
 - c. 4 points for a correct answer given before the third segment is completely read
 - d. 3 points for a correct answer given after the third segment is completely read
 - e. -2 for an incorrect answer given while the question is being read
 - f. -1 for an incorrect answer given after the entire question is read
 - g. Unlimited buzzes are allowed
 - h. A participant will “go out” upon scoring 25 points. The first participant to go out will be adjudged the winner of that Bee Final.

- i. All 30 questions will be read, to allow for the maximum number of points to be scored.
- 10. A Quiz Bee Event in a particular age division will be held subject to a minimum participation of 6 students for a particular subject.
- 11. If participation in a Bee Event in an age division for a particular subject is 30 or fewer, the Bee Finals will immediately follow the Prelims, i.e., no semi-final play-offs will be held.
- 12. The top 3 participants will receive plaques and Certificates of Merit, while the remaining participating teams will get Certificates of Participation. Semi-finalists will get Semi-Finalist Certificates.
- 13. Players may protest if an answer provided by them has been adjudged incorrect by the moderator. The moderator will lodge the protest with the backroom and carry on with the game. Meanwhile the backroom will resolve the protest and either update the points or inform the moderator. If another participant has provided an acceptable answer (printed as one of the answers in the question booklet), they will also get the points for the question under protest.