

PARTICIPATION TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE GRAND FINAL PROGRAM

1. The official language of correspondence and the organizational language of the Olympiads and the Grand Final program is **English**.
2. Students may register for the Grand Final under one of the following categories:
 - a) **Group Registration** – Registration completed by teachers who will accompany the students as supervisors.
 - b) **Individual Participant** – Students register independently (an accompanying adult is required).
 - c) **Flexy Participant** – Students register independently (includes participation in selected key components of the program).
3. Participation in the Grand Final does not require any specific rank or minimum score from the Online Exams.
4. The Grand Final is open to all students in Grades 3–11, with no age restrictions.
5. Students in Grade 3 may participate in the Grand Final provided they are accompanied by one parent.
6. Students in Grades 4–11 may participate under the supervision of their designated supervisors.
7. The Grand Final Rome has a total quota of **850 participants and 90 teachers**. The quota for Grade 3 students is limited to 50 students, each accompanied by one parent, with a maximum of 50 accompanying parents.
8. The total quota will be distributed among participating countries based on the number of registered countries. The maximum number of participants accepted from each country is 40 students and 5 teachers. Groups placed on the waiting list will be invited if availability remains within the overall quota. The final list of invited participants will be announced after the application submission period closes.
9. Students who have taken the Online Exams will be given priority for admission to the Grand Final.
10. Students who have not participated in the Online Exams and wish to register for the Grand Final will be required to take an additional PAID Placement Test, which will be scheduled at a later date. The result of this test will not affect or invalidate their participation in the Grand Final.
11. Country quotas, parent quotas within groups, individual participant quotas, and flexy participant quotas may be adjusted (increased or decreased) based on demand during the application process. The primary objective of such adjustments is to enable broader student participation in the competition.
12. The Olympiad Committee reserves the right to modify the concept and regulations of the event at any time in order to enhance its effectiveness and overall participant satisfaction.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE GRAND FINAL ROME

To register for the Grand Final, you must first have an account on either the International STEM Olympiad website (www.stemolympiad.org) or the Coding Olympiad website (www.codingolympiad.org).

1. Click the **Register** button and complete the account registration process.
2. After creating your account, log in and navigate to the **GRAND FINAL** section in the menu of your student or teacher panel.
3. Read and accept the required conditions.
4. Proceed with and complete your Grand Final registration.
5. You will receive an agreement email and will be required to review and approve it.
6. After your approval, the payment option will be activated, requiring the deposit to be paid within 5 days.

OLYMPIAD STRUCTURE AND CATEGORY SELECTION

1. At the Grand Final in Rome, 2 Olympiads will be conducted together on the same dates.

INTERNATIONAL STEM OLYMPIAD	INTERNATIONAL CODING OLYMPIAD
Math	Arena Battles by CodeCombat
Science	Challenges by Codementum

2. Each student may participate in up to 2 categories in total, either 2 categories within the same Olympiad or 1 category from each Olympiad.
3. Participants must select their competition categories through the Grand Final menu in their student panel. Further details will be shared via announcements.
4. Participants who do not select their categories will be automatically assigned two relevant categories within their registered Olympiad.
5. Additional Challenges & Rewards: In addition to the 2 main categories, there will be additional challenges. Participation criteria for these challenges will be announced later, depending on the total number of students and grade levels. Spots for these challenges are limited. Beyond the 2 medals from the main categories, some students may also have the opportunity to earn a bonus medal from the additional challenges, allowing them to receive a total of 3 medals.

INTERNATIONAL STEM OLYMPIAD

MATH CATEGORY

The Math exam focuses on students’ ability to think logically, recognize patterns and solve problems using mathematical reasoning. Questions are designed to reflect the style and level of international mathematics competitions appropriate for each grade group.

SCIENCE CATEGORY

The Science exam measures students’ understanding of fundamental scientific ideas and their ability to apply scientific thinking to practical and theoretical situations. Questions are age-appropriate, with younger participants focusing on Earth, life science, properties of materials and the environment, while higher-grade students cover general concepts in Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Exam Levels for the STEM Olympiad

Within each level group, all participants complete the same exam booklet containing identical questions:

- Level 1: Grades 3–4
- Level 2: Grades 5–6
- Level 3: Grades 7–8
- Level 4: Grades 9–10
- Level 5: Grades 11

Exam Structure & Conditions (Applicable to Both Categories)

- The exam language is English. A printed dictionary may be used.
- Each category exam consists of 40 multiple-choice questions.
- Duration: 75 minutes per exam.
- The use of calculators, mobile phones, smartwatches or any electronic devices is strictly prohibited.

Scoring and Evaluation

Rankings and awards are determined separately for each grade level (grades 3–11) based on participants’ ranking within their grade.

- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place students in each grade receive a Gold Medal and Special Award.
- The next top 15% of participants (excluding the top three) are awarded a Gold Medal.
- Participants ranked within the next 20% (15%–35%) receive a Silver Medal.
- Participants ranked within the next 35% (35%–70%) receive a Bronze Medal.

- Participants ranked within the next 15% (70%–85%) receive an Honorable Mention Medal.
- The remaining participants (85%–100%) receive a Participation Certificate.

All rankings and awards are calculated individually for each grade, ensuring fair comparison among students of the same academic level.

Preparation Guidelines

Participants in both categories are encouraged to:

- Review previous years' online Olympiad exam papers and practice materials.
- Strengthen conceptual understanding and problem-solving skills.
- Use educational platforms such as LabXchange and PhET Interactive Simulations for additional practice and exploration.

STEM Challenges

STEM Challenges competitions will be organized in the Grand Final Rome, in which students may participate either individually or as part of a team. The venues and dates of these competitions are specified in the daily program.

The details of the challenges, including their topics, competition conditions and application procedures, will be announced between 15 May and 15 June 2026.

Following the finalization of visa results, the main structure of the competitions will be determined based on the number of students and their grade levels. Participation in these challenges is limited by quota. In order to ensure international representation, country-based and group-based quota limitations will be applied.

Announcements regarding the challenges will be made via email. Participant lists will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to applicable quotas.

INTERNATIONAL CODING OLYMPIAD

ARENA BATTLES BY CODECOMBAT

Participants will have the opportunity to showcase their coding skills in Python or JavaScript, face live algorithmic challenges, and compete in the exciting AI Arena during the Grand Final.

Before the exam, students can access the Free Arena in their accounts to practice anytime. This allows them to improve their strategies, test different approaches, and gain an advantage over other participants. Practice daily, analyze your battles, and challenge others to refine your skills.

On the day of the exam, students will be introduced to a new competition arena. They will have 2 hours to write, test and submit their code before the simulation begins. During this time, students can adjust their strategies based on the newly revealed arena rules and layout. Once the submission window closes and the arena is locked, no further changes will be allowed. Simulation battles will then begin and rankings will be determined by performance in the live AI Arena. Winners will be selected based on the final simulation results.

CHALLENGES BY CODEMENTUM

The exam in this category involves completing 30 coding challenges using Block Coding, Python or JavaScript within 60 minutes.

Students can use the 300+ challenges offered by Codementum to prepare for the Grand Final. There are no topic restrictions. Challenges may include questions from any subject area. Practice regularly to improve your coding skills and test different strategies before the exam.

Scoring and Evaluation

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- Participants ranked within the next 35% (35%–70%) receive a Bronze Medal.
- Participants ranked within the next 15% (70%–85%) receive an Honorable Mention Medal.
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Coding Olympiad Challenges

Coding Challenges competitions will be organized in the Grand Final Rome, in which students may participate either individually or as part of a team. The venues and dates of these competitions are specified in the daily program.

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