

NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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CIRCULAR/NPS/ACAD-SOF_EXAM/2020-21/P-20

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Dear Parents, Greetings from NPS!!!

The current corona pandemic has caused untold damages to the country in general and the Education field in particular. Our children are bearing the brunt of this crisis. We will need to mobilize all resources at our disposal to ensure children continue to get the best possible education. Our School is doing a yeoman's work in this direction, continuously innovating and adapting to ensure the best possible learning for the students.

I am happy to share that SOF has completely transformed its process and pattern of **Olympiad Exams** to make it at par with the ground realities. It has become all the more important for us to see that children continue to learn and also test their learning and knowledge at the individual level and also with other students to maintain their competitive spirits. Of course, rewards and recognition will go a long way in ensuring children continue to prepare and excel academically.

In consonance with the above, the following changes have been made in the Olympiad Exams for 2020-21.

<u>ONLINE EXAMS</u> – All the exams will be conducted <u>online this year</u>. Students will appear for the chosen exams from their homes.

<u>DATES OF EXAMS</u> – The following Olympiad exams will be conducted as per the dates shared below. Please note all exams will now be conducted on Saturdays & Sundays to ensure students do not miss out on online classes, and younger children have parents' support to log in for exams. On selected Saturdays and Sundays, exams will be conducted class wise, in different time slots to ensure exams are conducted smoothly. Exact timings of exams will be shared separately.

Olympiad Exam dates for the Students of Grades 1 to 10.

Name of the Examination	SET	Dates of Exam
SOF IGKO	SET C	5 & 6 Dec 2020
SOF IEO	SET C	12 & 13 Dec 2020
SOF IMO	SET C	23 & 24 Jan 2021
SOF NSO	SET C	30 & 31 Jan 2021

Note: SOF NCO will not be conducted for the Academic Year 2020-21.

The last date to register for the Olympiad Exams is 31st October 2020.

<u>INTEGRITY OF EXAMS</u> – SOF has partnered with a leading global organization to ensure international protocols for conducting online exams are implemented. This may include, among others, video recording of exams, extensive use of artificial intelligence and remote proctoring during exams. SOF will endeavour to give certificates to each participant with her/ his photo clicked during the exam.

<u>**REGISTRATIONS**</u> – Parents can register their wards for the Exams and also pay the registration fee from their homes.

- The Direct Registration link for students is https://pages.razorpay.com/science-olympiad
- The School Code for National Public School, Gottigere is KA4445
- E-Books can be ordered using the same link
- Registration Fee for each exam is Rs.150/-
- Cost of each E-Book is Rs.80/-

<u>PRACTICE EXAMS/MOCK TESTS</u> – Each student will be encouraged to take mock tests to practice for Online Exams and to check the compatibility of her/his device to be used for exams. It will be essential for students to use a PC/ Laptop with Internet connectivity and a webcam and in case of non availability, a Smartphone with a camera.

<u>INTRODUCTION OF NEW ZONES</u> – 6 new zones are being added. This will not only make the exams more competitive but also provide 30% more awards to students.

<u>NEW RANKING</u> – In addition to providing each participating student a school rank, a city rank, a zonal rank, and an international rank, a regional rank will also be provided with Indian States and UTs being categorized as North, East, West and South regions.

<u>SCHOOL TOPPER AWARDS</u> – Section wise registrations are being discontinued and class topper medals – "Gold Medals of Excellence" will be awarded on following registrations/class:

- 5 to 9 registrations Medal of Excellence to Topper.
- 10 to 25 registrations Medals of Excellence to Top 3 Rank Holders.
- 26 + registrations Medals of Excellence to Top 10% Rank Holders.

<u>AWARDS VALUE</u> – For the 6 SOF Olympiad Exams conducted during 2019-20 value of awards was approx. Rs.18crores. For the current year, awards value will be based on students/schools participation in 4 Olympiad exams. Students will be awarded based on their School, Zonal and International ranks.

We look forward to your continued support and your ward's participation in SOF's Olympiad Exams during 2020-21.

Regards, Principal National Public School Gottigere