

Contest Rules and Mechanics

**ExCell Wizard: Science Quiz Show**

MMCL Cup 2025

**PARTICIPANTS' ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**

1. Only one team per school may join the *Excell Wizard: Science Quiz Show*.
2. Each team must be composed of three (3) Grades 9-12 students of the School Year 2025 – 2026. Two (2) substitution members are allowed to come to the event.
3. In case of unavoidable circumstances that the official members cannot attend the competition, substitutions will be allowed, and the coach or adviser must inform the event organizer up to an hour before the start of the elimination round.
4. Each member of the team must NOT be a contestant in other contests such as Brainmasters, IT Quiz Show, Math Quiz Show, Digital Poster-making, Gastronomic Challenge and Impromptu Speech of the MMCL Cup 2025.
5. Registration is REQUIRED for both official and substitution members. Registration forms can be accessed via <https://bit.ly/ScienceQuizRegForm> and shall be submitted through <https://bit.ly/MapuaMCLCup2025SubBin> together with the student's school ID.
6. Upon online registration, participants must submit a scanned copy of their school IDs together with their certification letter signed by the principal stating that the participants are officially enrolled in their respective schools for the current academic year (AY: 2025 - 2026). They should also present these documents on the day of the event.
7. The deadline for registration is on **October 17, 2025**. Incomplete or late registration is a ground for disqualification
8. Participants are requested to be at the venue at least one hour before the official start of the event. The Organizers reserve the right not to allow the participation (in the Elimination and Final Rounds) of those who will come late during the actual event.

**SCOPE AND COVERAGE**

The scope and coverage of the ExCell Wizard: Science Quiz Show are:

- o Biology
- o Chemistry
- o Physics
- o Environmental Science

## GENERAL CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. The competition consists of **two rounds**:
  - o **Elimination Round**
  - o **Final Round**
2. **Calculator Policy**:
  - o Only **non-programmable calculators** are permitted in both rounds.
  - o Each calculator will be checked to ensure it matches the **brand and model** declared in the registration form.
  - o Modern calculators with pre-installed graphs or automated formula functions **are not allowed**.
3. **Elimination Round**:
  - o This round will be conducted as a **sit-down exam** via **Blackboard Learn Ultra** for all registered contestants.
  - o Tablets and electronic pens will be **provided by MMCL**.
  - o Small whiteboards and markers will be available as backup.
4. **Final Round**:
  - o The **top ten (10) teams** from the Elimination Round will advance.
  - o The Final Round consists of **three levels of difficulty**:
    - **Easy Round**
    - **Average Round**
    - **Difficult Round**
  - o In case of a tie, a **Clincher Round** will take place.
5. **Scoring & Participation Rules**:
  - o **Scores from the Elimination Round will not carry over** to the Final Round—all teams will start at zero (0).
  - o Each team must consist of **three (3) officially registered participants** for every round. **Standard substitution rules apply**.
  - o In the **Clincher Round**, scores of participating contestants will **reset to zero (0)** before the round begins.
6. **Prohibited Materials & Disqualification**:
  - o Team members **are not allowed** to bring any **resource materials** related to the quiz show into the competition venue.
  - o Violation of this rule **is grounds for disqualification**.
7. **General Guidelines & Dispute Resolution**:
  - o **Scoring procedures, time limits, policies for raising clarifications or objections, and other contest-related rules** are outlined in the **General Guidelines on Registration, Eligibility, and Additional Information** (available in a separate document).
  - o **All contestants, coaches, and advisers must review the guidelines to fully understand the mechanics of MMCL Cup 2025.**

## SPECIFIC CONTEST GUIDELINES

### Quiz Procedures:

1. Each question will be read **twice** before the timer starts.
2. The timer begins upon the **Quizmaster's cue**.
3. Teams will be provided with **tablets, electronic pens, and scratch papers** for computations. Participants may also bring their own **ballpoint pens and/or pencils**.
4. **Final answers must be written on the tablet.**
5. **Watchers will be assigned** to ensure no alterations are made on the tablet after the designated time.
6. Team members may **quietly discuss** their answers during the allowed time. All responses must be written in **PRINT AND UPPER CASE** (not cursive) and must be clearly readable.
7. At the end of the time limit, **one team member must raise the tablet** to submit their answer.
8. **Misspelled answers will not be credited.**
9. **Numerical answers with incorrect units will not be accepted.**
10. Mathematical answers **must specify the required number of decimal places**—failure to comply will invalidate the response.
11. If there are concerns about the accuracy of numerical answers, they will be **referred to the Board of Judges**.
12. **No deductions** will be made for incorrect or unanswered questions.
13. Teams will be provided with **necessary math or scientific data tables**. No additional materials—printed or electronic—are allowed during the quiz.

## AWARDS AND PRIZES

The points accumulated by the TOP THREE (3) schools in the FINAL ROUND will be the basis of the selecting the Winners of MMCL Cup 2025.

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