JAIN Academic Bowl 2021

Virtual JAB Guidelines

Given that the 2021 JAINA Convention has been cancelled due to the coronavirus, the Jain Academic Bowl (JAB) will be conducted virtually. We will be following the same guidelines but will adopt a third-party service such as Zoom or WebEx to conduct the matches.

The coronavirus outbreak is still at large, so the JAB Administrative Team is still modifying our operating procedures to best accommodate the virtual matches. Please review the additional guidelines for virtual JAB:

- We will be modifying the questions per round as follows: Round 1 – 10 questions per team. Rounds 2 and 3 will have 15 questions each.
- Ideally, we would like to have all team members of a represented sangh in one place, but we will adjust the rules as regulations surrounding the pandemic evolve.
- All participants should be seated indoors in an enclosed room at a rectangular table with a laptop/camera on one end. All five (5) participants should be visible at any given time.
- All participants should always have both their hands on the table where they are visible to the moderators. We would request all participants to maintain silence except when conferring in Round 1 so as not to disturb or impede the moderators’ abilities to conduct the match.
- We would like to request the captain to wear a baseball cap, so she/he is easily identified by the moderators.
- The coach and bench participants (Subs) should be seated behind the 5 participants with a minimum distance of 4 to 5 feet and in full view of the camera.
- We would like for only the participants and the coach to be present in the room. Before each match, both team captains will recite Navkar Mantra and take a pledge saying “There will be no one in this room besides the participants and the coach during the game”
- Ideally, we will have three (3) moderators conducting any given match: one to ask the questions, one to keep the time and manage the buzzers, and one to keep the score.
- We will be using BuzzIn.Live as the buzzer system, and each participant will need a phone to use the buzzer. In total, there will be five (5) phones for the buzzers and one (1) laptop/computer for the video per team.
- We understand there may be slight differences in internet speed available to everyone, so we ask that each team determine the optimal internet/wi-fi connections for their match. We also realize that the match may have some interruptions even with our best efforts and we ask for your patience as the moderators resolve issues with the resources at their disposal.
- Though JAB is virtual this year, we trust that the participants and audience will maintain the values of Jainism and avoid any form of cheating as would normally be observed. If necessary, there may be points deducted if prompting or signaling is heard from the audience during the match.

We are still in the process of ironing out details for the virtual JAB with all participants in one location and have not yet addressed the scenario in which all participants are in different locations. Rest assured we will do that shortly.

This is still a fluid process and Virtual JAB may see many changes until we start the first match, but we will keep you updated with any significant changes and welcome any feedback you may have.

JAB Admin Team will be recording each match (this supersedes Rule #3 in the JAB Tournament Rules Format and Guidelines)

Thank you and Michchhāmi Dukkadam
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