



## 5<sup>th</sup> Cognito Abacus World Championship & Graduation Ceremony 2026

### Guidelines, Rules, and Regulations

#### 1. About 5<sup>th</sup> World Abacus Championship 2026

The 5<sup>th</sup> Cognito Abacus World Championship 2026 will be a **hybrid** event. The championship will consist of Visual Competition, Auditory Competition (Listening) and Graduation Ceremony.

**Note: Students residing in Delhi, Chandigarh, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Madhya Pradesh will mandatorily appear in offline mode. Students from other states have a choice to opt for either OFFLINE or ONLINE Mode. Auditory competition will not be available for ONLINE Students.**

#### 2. Objectives of Participation

Participating in Cognito Abacus World Championship is a holistic approach to developing various skills that extend beyond mathematics, impacting a child's overall cognitive and personal development.

- **Enhances Mental Calculation Skills:** The championship focuses on improving mental calculation abilities, which can contribute to overall cognitive development of the student.
- **Sharpens Concentration:** Participants need to concentrate intensely during calculations, helping to improve focus and attention span.
- **Enhances Memory Retention:** Regular practice helps improve memory retention, as participants need to recall and process the numbers quickly.
- **Strengthens Visualization Skills:** The use of an abacus requires mental visualization of numerical relationships, contributing to spatial memory development.
- **Fosters Self-Esteem:** Successfully participating in the championship and achieving good results can boost a participant's confidence and self-esteem.
- **Promote Healthy Competition:** Competing with peers encourages a healthy sense of competition, motivating students to strive for improvement.
- **Time Management:** Competitions have time restraints, teaching participants how to manage their time effectively.
- **Stress Management:** Handling the pressure of competition helps individuals develop stress management skills.
- **Makes Learning Fun:** Engaging in competitions can make the learning process enjoyable, fostering a positive attitude toward mathematics.
- **Instills Discipline:** Regular practice and preparation instill discipline and a strong work ethic.
- **Encourages Parental Support:** Parents play a significant role in a child's participation, providing encouragement, support, and motivation.

#### 3. Important Dates

Announcement of Competition	1 Jan 2026
Website Updated + Online Registration Starts	1 Jan 2026
Brochure + Syllabus + Posters + Paper Pattern + Sample Papers Dispatch	2 Jan 2026
Offline Registrations begin at centre	5 Jan 2026
Last date of registration by students under Early Bird Offer	31 Jan 2026
Dispatch of Practice Papers for VERIFIED students enrolled till 31 Jan 2026	4 Feb 2026



Dispatch of Practice Papers for VERIFIED students enrolled till 28 Feb 2026	4 Mar 2026
Last date of registration by students	31 Mar 2026
Last date of Data Verification on Cognito's Parents's app or by Franchisees	3 Apr 2026
Dispatch of Practice Papers for VERIFIED students enrolled till 31 Mar 2026	4 Apr 2026
Hall Tickets available on Cognito Parent's app	7 Apr 2026
Dispatch of Hall Tickets to respective Unit Franchisees	8 Apr 2026
Mock Test Schedule for ONLINE Students	17-24 Apr 2026
Online Competition (As per Local Convenient Time)	25 Apr 2026
Competition and Graduation Ceremony	26 Apr 2026

#### 4. Schedule of Events on Competition Day (Offline Event)

Start of Visual Competition	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Start of Auditory Competition	12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
<b>Graduation Ceremony</b>	<b>3:30 PM – 4:15 PM</b>
Prize Distribution Ceremony	5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

#### 5. Venue

**For Offline Students: To be Announced in Delhi - NCR**

**For Online Students: BEADSPACE Portal**

#### 6. Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation Ceremony will be held for children who have completed or will be completing 9<sup>th</sup> Level by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and have applied for the ceremony. The graduation robes shall be handed over to the franchisees before the start of the ceremony and same must be returned by the franchisee after the ceremony. All children will be awarded a beautiful trophy along with Graduation Degree.

#### 7. Examination Structure

##### a. Visual Competition

S. No.	Category	Sub-category	Completed Level	Mode	No. of Sums	Marks	Time Limit
1	Z	Junior (Up to 9 Years) Senior (10 or above) <b>Online (All Ages)</b>	Level 0	Abacus/Mental	200	400	Offline: 8 Minutes Online: 10 Minutes
2	A		Level 1	Abacus/Mental	200	400	
3	B		Level 2	Abacus/Mental	200	400	
4	C		Level 3	Abacus/Mental	200	400	
5	D		Level 4	Abacus/Mental	200	400	
6	E		Level 5	Mental	200	300	
7	F		Level 6	Mental	200	300	
8	G		Level 7	Mental	200	300	
9	H		Level 8	Mental	200	300	
10	I		Level 9	Mental	200	300	

**Age Brackets for classifying Subcategories of the students shall be decided based on enrolments, so that each subcategory has balanced participation.**

1. In case of skewed participation, (Very High in Junior and Very Low in Senior or vice Versa) - The age groups can be altered to balance the participation.



2. In case of low participation in a particular category, Subcategories - Junior and Senior can be merged as one.

### Marks of Questions for all Levels

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| Each sum of Addition/Subtraction (+, -)   | : 2 Marks |
| Each sum of Multiplication/Division/Roots ( $\times$ , $/$ , $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$ ) | : 1 Mark  |

Please refer to paper pattern as well sample papers for details.

### b. Auditory / Listening Competition

The Auditory competition is applicable for students who have completed Level 1 and above only.

The competition will be organized in three groups.

- a. Sub - Junior Group (Abacus / Mentals)
  - i. Level 1
  - ii. Level 2
- b. Junior Group (Abacus / Mentals)
  - i. Level 3
  - ii. Level 4
  - iii. Level 5
- c. Senior Group (Mentals)
  - i. Level 6
  - ii. Level 7
  - iii. Level 8
  - iv. Level 9

The preliminary round for Sub Junior will be held separately, since their paper will contain only DIRECT + SMALL FRIEND Questions.

The preliminary round for Junior & Senior, shall be held together. Children will be asked questions which they must answer correctly in the first read through. If a child makes a mistake, he or she is knocked out of the competition. After every question the difficulty level increases.

Every child will be provided with 1 “**Remission Card**” for the Competition allowing him/her to forego one mistake before the child is finally knocked out of the competition. These Remission cards are limited to Preliminary round only.

Once approximately 10 students are left, the Final Round will be announced.

**Final Round shall be held separately for all Groups. Remission Card shall not be valid for Final Round.**

**Incase, if the Tie Breakers among top finalists, extends for more than 3 rounds, then the Judge of the event at his/her discretion can**

1. Give preference to a child who has not used his Remission Cards.



2. Give Wild Card Reentry to Children who were eliminated at a higher question category, in order to arrive at a conclusive winner.

Please refer to Auditory Competition pattern for details.

## 8. Eligibility Criterion

- a. The competition is open to all Cognito Abacus students as per the eligibility criteria detailed elsewhere in this document and who are undergoing training in any Cognito Abacus Unit Franchisee Centre in India.
- b. All students enrolled in Level 0 or Level 1 between January 1<sup>st</sup> till March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, can be enrolled for Level 0.
- c. All students who are in Level 1-9 as on December 31, 2025 (as per December Report) shall be treated to have completed the level on March 31, 2026 and will participate in that level.
- d. Age will be calculated as **“2026 MINUS Year of birth”**
- e. A student can appear in one group only.
- f. No student will be permitted to appear for level lower than the normal (as per the above-mentioned rule), quoting discontinuation/break as the reason.
- g. Auditory Competition is applicable for students of Level 1 and above only.
- h. It is compulsory to participate in Visual Competition for participating in Auditory Competition. The participation level of Visual competition shall decide the Auditory Group.

## 9. Practice Papers:

- a. **30 practice sheets with answer sheets per participating level shall be provided to all offline students and 30 sheets (with 5 attempts) for Online students on BEADSPACE Portal.**
- b. **Offline and Online students can opt for an additional 30 practice sheets per participating level on the BEADSPACE portal at ₹500 per level. Each child can attempt each paper up to 5 times, giving them a total of 150 additional attempts.**
- c. **Additional set of 30 physical practice sheets will be available at ₹500/- per set. Therefore, Franchisees / Parents should carefully verify the participating level of the student, else charges for additional set will be levied.**
- d. Additional paper in soft copy can be requested by the students by sending an email to us at [info@cognitoabacus.com](mailto:info@cognitoabacus.com)

## 10. Font

All the questions will be displayed using the special Cognito Hand Written Font.

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## 11. Disqualification

We firmly believe that our students participate with full integrity and honesty in the competitions. Following students will not be eligible for Champion / Runner Up prize.

- a. **Students found to be admitted into lower category of competition, than actual completed level.**
- b. **Student who has been in the last level for more than 6 months.**
- c. **If the gap between two consecutive National or World competitions is less than 2 levels except those who participated in 8<sup>th</sup> level in the last competition.**



## 12. Judging & Rechecking

- a. The FINAL question papers are the property of Cognito Abacus Private Limited and shall not be circulated after the exam.
- b. In the event of tie amongst the participants, the jury will consider Accuracy and Age of Student to decide on winner.
- c. In case of a dispute, the decision of the Chief Evaluation Officer will be final and binding. No further correspondence shall be entertained on same.
- d. **SHEET REVIEW:** To uphold transparency and mutual trust, we will allow each franchisee to review up to 10% or 5 student sheets (whichever is lower) of their students' answer on 27<sup>th</sup> April\_2026. This opportunity will provide insights into our evaluation process, foster confidence, and align our shared commitment to student excellence. The review will be conducted under supervision to maintain confidentiality and ensure smooth proceedings. You can send the list of students needing review by 10:30 AM on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in writing (WhatsApp / Email).
- e. **RECHECKING:** In case any parent wishes to apply for rechecking of the answer sheet, they may do so, until 7 days from the date of the competition i.e. **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**, by making a written request & paying a rechecking fee of ₹1000/- per student. No request will be entertained after the cutoff date. A panel of judges will do rechecking, and the result of rechecking will be informed to the Parent/Franchisee. In the event, if the rechecking changes the already announced result, the rechecking fees shall be refunded and the prize due or deserved by the child will be awarded.

## 13. Prizes

### a. Visual Competition

- I. There will be 4 sets of prizes for Visual Competition
  - i. **Champion:** 1 in each Subcategory.
  - ii. **Runner Up:** Next 20% of total participants in each Subcategory.
  - iii. **Merit:** Next 35% of total participants in each Subcategory.
  - iv. **Consolation:** To all remaining participants above normalized cutoff.
- II. Champions and Runner Ups shall be awarded on the stage by the Chief Guest or Guest of Honor.
- III. The prizes of Merit and Consolation students shall be handed over to franchisees for distribution at center or stage as a group.
- IV. Time permitting, we plan to conduct centre wise Group Prize Distribution ceremony and photo session after the Runner Up prizes.

### b. Auditory Competition

- I. There are three groups - Sub Junior, Junior & Senior. Following prizes shall be applicable for each group.

<b>Rank 1</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Champion</b>
<b>Rank 2</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
<b>All Finalist</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Merit Prize</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Participation</b>



c. **Cognito Abacus World Champion 2026<sup>NEW</sup>**

- I. From amongst the participants, we shall select **Cognito Abacus World Champion 2026 (Senior) & Cognito Abacus World Champion 2026 (Junior)**.
- II. We will Calculate **Cognito Score Index (CSI)**. The student with highest CSI from Level 7, 8 and 9 will be awarded as **Cognito Abacus World Champion 2026**. The students with Highest CSI from Level 4, 5 and 6 will be awarded as **Cognito Abacus World Champion 2026 (Junior)**.
- III. The CSI will be calculated using the following data.

- **Visual Competition Marks (VCM) in Percentage**

- Example: A student of Level 3 with score of 360 out of 400 will have VCM = 90.
- Example: A student of Level 8 with score of 240 out of 300 will have VCM = 80.

- **Normalized Level Factor (NLF)**

- The NLF for Level 7, 8, 9 is calculated by normalizing and averaging the highest scores from the championships of last two years.
- For the Year 2026 the NLF Are as follows:

Level 7	Level 8	Level 9
0.64	0.66	1.00
Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
1.01	0.67	1.00

- **Visual Competition Weightage (VCW) in decimal.**

- For the Year 2026, VCW will be 70% = 0.70
- The performance in Visual Competition will make 70% contribution to CSI.

- **Auditory Competition Weightage (ACW)**

- For the Year 2026, ACW will be 1 - VCW = 0.30
- The performance in Auditory Competition will make 30% contribution to CSI.
- **This would also mean winning the World Champion Title, participating in Auditory Competition is a must.**

- **Auditory Competition Performance Factor (ACPF)**

- Champion: 100
- Runner Up: 90
- Merit: 80
- Participation: 70
- Absent or Not Enrolled: 0

- **Normalized Age Factor (NAF)**

- Age is calculated as Competition Year – Year of Birth.
- NAF is calculated as 15/ Square Root (Age of the child)
- Example: Age of the student with Year of Birth as 2016 will be 2026 – 2016 = 10.  
NAF = 15 / Square Root (10) = 15 / 3.162 = 4.74

**$$CSI = ((VCW \times VCM \times NLF) + (ACW \times ACPF)) \times NAF$$**



#### 14. Competition Fee

All applications together with the Competition fees should be sent to Regional Master Franchisee. The competition fee prescribed by the Master Franchisee office is as follows:

Event / Date Received	By 31-Jan-2026	By 31-Mar-2026
Graduation Ceremony	₹1200	₹1200
Visual Competition	₹2400	₹2500
Auditory Competition	₹1000	₹1000

**Date Received indicates the date by which forms & fees is received by Franchisee (submitted to HO within 4 days) or the form is submitted online.**

#### 15. General Rules

- All applications received after the deadline will be accepted only at the discretion of Head Office.
- All incomplete/incorrect applications, even though received in time may be rejected.
- Participants must wear proper attire with Cognito Abacus Blue T-Shirt. A stall will be setup at the venue, where T Shirts and Abacus will be made available on chargeable basis.**
- Students belonging to Level 0 to Level 3 must bring their own abacus.
- All students must carry their Hall ticket and writing stationary to the competition hall.
- All students should report at the designated time on the day of the competition.
- Prize Winners getting award on stage must carry their hall tickets with them.
- Facility of food court shall be provided on payment basis.
- Franchisee should inform the Parents that they will have to make their own arrangements for travel and stay in Delhi - NCR, and company will not share any responsibility for the same. However, we will publish a list of Hotels where parents can book their stays.**

#### 16. Announcement of Results

- Cognito Abacus shall make the best effort for speedy announcement of results.
- Availability of results will be announced on our FACEBOOK page as well as through SMS.
- Result shall be available on <https://www.cognitoabacus.com>
- For Champion/Runner Ups, prizes will be awarded on stage.**
- For Merit /Consolation, we shall handover the prizes to respective centers for distribution. The centres can plan a group prize distribution on the stage.**

#### 17. Right of Amendment

Cognito Abacus Private Limited reserves the rights to make amendments to the rules and regulations, if required without giving prior notice and/ or postpone / cancel the competition for the reasons beyond the control of the company/organizers.

For any further clarification, send us an email at [info@cognitoabacus.com](mailto:info@cognitoabacus.com)

Website : <https://www.cognitoabacus.com>

Event Website : <https://cognitoabacus.com/championship/canc/>

Result : <https://www.cognitoabacus.com/result/>

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