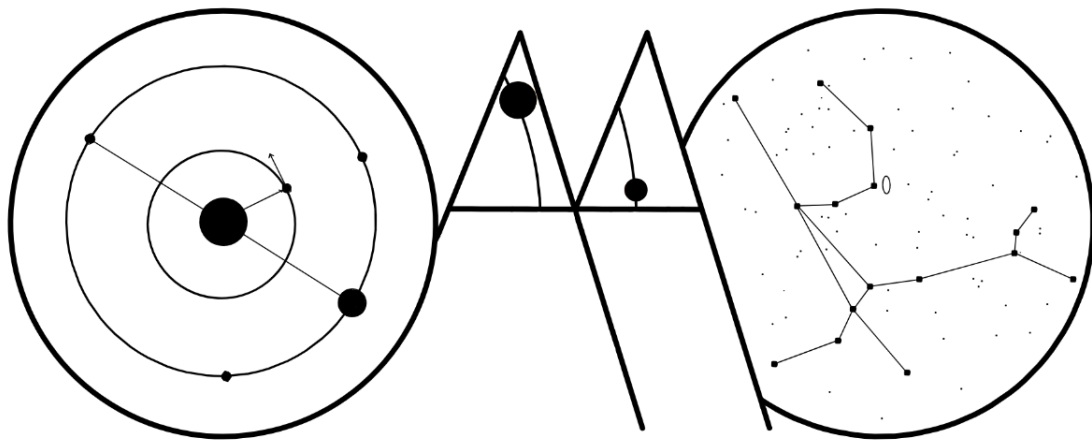


2025 OAAO Information



Online Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad

Preface

Noticing the lack of high quality Astronomy competitions throughout the world, and inspired by OPhO (the [Online Physics Olympiad](#)), a group of students decided to create a high quality, international, online competition in Astronomy and Astrophysics, that didn't just focus on the theory and math, but the methodology and science as well.

Thank you for your interest in OAAO - we hope you enjoy our second year of competition and have fun solving high quality problems. Our first year we ran into some issues with timeliness and consistency. We aim to fix that this year and bring you the competition you want.

1 The Competition

This year we will not be having an individual competition, just a team competition. We expect this to continue in future years, so OAAO is just *one* competition, a team competition, with an open and invitational round. The competition will be run through our website submission portal, with more information sent over email to participants after registration.

The syllabus will be the theory portion of the [IOAA syllabus](#). The open round will consist of 25 short answer questions similar to the style of OPhO.

2 Dates and Participation

[Registration](#) has opened and **closes Sunday, September 21st**. The competition itself will be held within a 72 hour time period from 12:00 AM PT, September 26th, to 11:59 PM PT, September 28 (check the website and discord for updates).

Any middle-high school student can participate in the competition.

The invitational rounds will have Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, as well as Honorable

Mentions. The top students in the competition will receive prizes - exact details will be finalized before the invitational round occurs.

3 Academic Integrity Policy

OAAO relies on the **integrity of its participants** to maintain competitive sanctity. As we are fully online, in order for anyone to participate, it is extremely important that all participants do not use

1. Only use the information given to you on the tests
2. Only use the internet or other resources when it is specifically stated you are allowed to do so
3. Do NOT collaborate with other teams or discuss problems during the testing period
4. Do not use any form of AI (GPT, Gemini, Claude, etc), we *will* be asking for work at the end of the competition and have a thorough AI checker in place. Any evidence of AI usage will be penalized with disqualification.

We appreciate your efforts to keep OAAO a secure competition. Any cases, whether found or reported, of academic dishonesty will result in the **disqualification** of the whole team the competition, and a **ban** from any future participation.

4 Other Information

For any questions, please reach out to oaaodirector on discord or email oaaoinfo@gmail.com. Additionally, the competition will be run on the [Astronomy Olympiad Discord](#). Please also join the official [OAAO Discord](#) as well.

If you would like to donate to or support OAAO, also reach out to oaaodirector on discord, or email oaaoinfo@gmail.com.