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Registration for, or participation in, any stage of the BDJSO constitutes acceptance of these statutes and regulations in full.

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Definitions and Abbreviations

The following terms are used throughout this document with the meanings given below.

Term	Meaning
BDJSO	Bangladesh Junior Science Olympiad — the national competition governed by this document.
IJSO	International Junior Science Olympiad — the annual international competition for which the BDJSO selects the Bangladesh team.
SPSB / Organising Authority	Society for the Popularization of Science, Bangladesh (বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান জনপ্রিয়করণ সমিতি) — the organisation that owns, funds, administers and supervises the BDJSO.
BSC	BDJSO Scientific Committee — an academic committee constituted and appointed by the Organising Authority. It is not a separate organisation. Its remit covers syllabus, question setting, marking, camp curriculum and academic assessment only; it has no authority over funding, logistics or administration, and it reports to the Organising Authority.
Programme Coordinator	The office bearer appointed by the Organising Authority to coordinate the BDJSO programme.
NCTB	National Curriculum and Textbook Board of Bangladesh.
NOC	No-Objection Certificate issued by a participant's educational institution.
in loco parentis	In the place of a parent — the legal standing under which the Team Leader and Deputy Leaders assume parental responsibility for contestants during camps and the international trip.

Part I — Preamble

1. Definition and Mission of the BDJSO

The Bangladesh Junior Science Olympiad (BDJSO) is the premier national science competition for pre-tertiary students in Bangladesh. Its mission is twofold.

First, the BDJSO serves as a broad national platform to discover, encourage and challenge scientifically gifted young people throughout the country. It is designed as a national festival of science, intended to stimulate an active and enduring interest in the natural sciences — principally Physics, Chemistry and Biology — and to give students a stage on which to test and develop their conceptual understanding and problem-solving ability.

Second, the BDJSO is the sole and official national selection programme for the International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO). A primary objective is to identify, train and form a competitive six-member national delegation to represent Bangladesh on the world stage. The structure, academic syllabus and competitive ethos of the BDJSO are therefore aligned with the principles and standards of the IJSO.

This dual mission — balancing nationwide science promotion with the selection of an elite international team — is a foundational principle of these regulations. The early stages of the competition are deliberately inclusive and accessible to a wide range of students, including those in primary school, in order to foster a widespread love of science. The later stages, including the intensive residential camp and the significant commitments of time and money it requires, are structured to meet the rigorous demands of preparing a world-class team. These regulations are written to serve both objectives.

2. Relationship with the International Junior Science Olympiad

The BDJSO is the official national qualifying event for the IJSO. The Organising Authority therefore operates in full acceptance of the IJSO Statutes and any amendments to them. Selection criteria, age limits and competition subjects within the BDJSO are harmonised with IJSO requirements so that every selected participant is eligible and well prepared for international competition. The BDJSO is committed to upholding the spirit of the IJSO, which includes fostering friendly international relationships among young scientists, beginning at the national level.

3. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the BDJSO reflect its dual national and international responsibilities and draw on the charters of premier international Olympiads.

3.1 National aims

- To promote and reward the pursuit of excellence in scientific endeavour among the youth of Bangladesh.
- To stimulate the active interest of students in the natural sciences and encourage them to consider careers as scientists and researchers.
- To create a vibrant national community of young science enthusiasts, and to foster friendship and collaborative learning.
- To offer an opportunity to compare and enrich science syllabi and educational practice across institutions within Bangladesh, following IJSO standards.

3.2 International aims

- To select and rigorously prepare a six-member national delegation to represent Bangladesh with distinction at the annual IJSO.

- To challenge, stimulate and encourage the nation's most gifted students to develop their talents in the natural sciences to a globally competitive standard.
- To build self-confidence in young students through the pursuit and achievement of success on an international stage.
- To enhance international contacts in the natural sciences and to promote future scientific collaboration by preparing students for global engagement.

Article 1 — Governance and Organisational Structure

1.1 The BDJSO Organising Authority

Supreme authority for the organisation, administration, funding and overall supervision of the Bangladesh Junior Science Olympiad, and for the participation of the Bangladesh national team in the International Junior Science Olympiad, is vested in the Society for the Popularization of Science, Bangladesh (SPSB), also known as বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান জনপ্রিয়করণ সমিতি. This body is referred to throughout this document as the "Organising Authority".

The Organising Authority holds ultimate responsibility for all logistical and administrative aspects of the Olympiad. Its decisions on matters including, but not limited to, programme funding, event logistics, sponsorship, the appointment of office bearers and the final ratification of the national delegation list are final and binding.

1.2 The BDJSO Scientific Committee (BSC)

To ensure the highest standards of academic integrity, the Organising Authority shall constitute and appoint a BDJSO Scientific Committee (BSC). The BSC is the sole and final authority on all academic matters relating to the BDJSO.

The BSC is an internal academic committee of the Organising Authority and not a separate organisation. It is appointed by, and reports to, the Organising Authority. Its remit is confined to the academic matters listed in Article 1.2.2; it holds no authority over funding, logistics, administration or the composition of the delegation.

1.2.1 Composition and mandate

The BSC shall be composed of distinguished academics, educators, researchers, alumni of the Bangladesh IJSO team and science popularisers with recognised expertise in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Its mandate is to govern every academic facet of the BDJSO, from curriculum development and problem setting to the final merit-based selection of the national team.

1.2.2 Powers and duties

The powers and duties of the BSC are comprehensive and exclusively academic. The BSC is responsible for:

- developing, reviewing and approving the official syllabus for every category of the BDJSO competition;
- creating, moderating and giving final approval to all examination questions for the Regional and National Olympiad rounds;
- designing, administering and evaluating the tests and assessments used in the National Camp and the Team Selection Camp;
- establishing the curriculum and the academic evaluation framework for both camps;
- continuously and rigorously assessing participant performance at every stage of the selection process, including written examinations, practical assessments and camp-based evaluation; and
- recommending the final six-member national team, together with a list of reserves, to the Organising Authority. This recommendation must rest on a holistic and transparent assessment against the criteria set out in Article 3.4.

Decisions of the BSC on all academic matters — including question validity, scoring, moderation and the final ranking of candidates for team selection — are final and are not subject to appeal except through the mechanisms defined in these regulations.

This formal division of power, with the Organising Authority managing logistics and the BSC managing academics, resolves ambiguities in earlier operational structures and aligns the BDJSO with the governance standards of premier international Olympiads.

1.3 Office Bearers

The Organising Authority shall appoint, for specified terms, the office bearers who manage the operational aspects of the BDJSO. These shall include, but are not limited to, a National Coordinator, a Camp Coordinator and a Chief Academic Liaison. The specific roles, responsibilities and reporting lines for these positions are set out in a separate, publicly available Operational Charter approved by the Organising Authority.

Article 2 — The National Competition

2.1 Stages of the Competition

The BDJSO national competition is a multi-stage process designed to identify and nurture scientific talent progressively, from the broadest possible base of students across Bangladesh. Because Bangladesh is geographically diverse and not every student is able to travel to a divisional centre, the BDJSO provides more than one route to the National Olympiad. The standard progression is:

1. Online Registration — an open call for all eligible students.
2. Selection Olympiad — a preliminary screening round from which qualifiers advance to the Regional Olympiad.
3. Regional Olympiad — held in the divisional cities for students qualifying from the Selection Olympiad.
4. National Olympiad — a higher-level competition for qualifiers, held at a central venue.

Alongside this main route, the School Olympiad and the e-Olympiad provide alternative routes to the National Olympiad for students who cannot reach a Regional Olympiad. These are described in Articles 2.1.3 and 2.1.4.

For students pursuing selection to the national team, two further stages follow the National Olympiad: the National Camp and the Team Selection Camp. These are governed by Article 3.

2.1.1 The Selection Olympiad

The Selection Olympiad is the first competitive round of the BDJSO cycle and is open to all registered students in every category. It serves as a preliminary screening round. Students who qualify from the Selection Olympiad proceed to the Regional Olympiad.

2.1.2 The Regional Olympiad

The Regional Olympiad is normally held in the divisional cities of the eight administrative divisions of Bangladesh. Students from the districts of a given division participate in the Regional Olympiad held in that division.

A maximum of eight (8) Regional Olympiads are held in any competition year. The actual number held in a given year depends on the availability of sponsorship and funds and on prevailing circumstances, and is announced by the Organising Authority before the start of the cycle. Where fewer than eight Regional Olympiads are held, students of the districts left uncovered participate through the e-Olympiad under Article 2.1.4.

2.1.3 The School Olympiad

In remote areas of the country where students have no practical opportunity to travel to a Regional Olympiad and are also unable to take part in the e-Olympiad, the Organising Authority arranges a School Olympiad at the institution itself. Students selected through a School Olympiad qualify directly for the National Olympiad, without passing through the Regional Olympiad.

2.1.4 The e-Olympiad

An online round, the e-Olympiad, is held for students who cannot participate in any Regional Olympiad. This applies in particular where fewer than eight Regional Olympiads are held in the year, and to the districts whose students are not covered by any scheduled Regional Olympiad. Winners of the e-Olympiad proceed directly to the National Olympiad.

2.1.5 Routes to the National Olympiad

A student may therefore reach the National Olympiad by any one of three routes: through the Selection Olympiad and then the Regional Olympiad; through a School Olympiad; or through the e-Olympiad. All three routes carry equal standing at the National Olympiad, and no distinction is made between them in marking, ranking or awards.

2.2 Participant Categories and Eligibility

Participation is open to all students who are citizens or long-term residents of Bangladesh and who are enrolled in a recognised primary or secondary educational institution within the country. The competition is structured into four categories, determined by the class or grade in which the student is enrolled at the time of registration.

Table 2.1 — Participant categories

Category	Grade / class at registration	Eligible for IJSO team
Primary	Grade 3 to Grade 5	No
Junior	Grade 6 to Grade 8	Yes
Secondary	Grade 9 and Grade 10 (or equivalent, e.g. O-Level)	Yes
Special	Grade 11 (or equivalent, e.g. AS/A-Level) subject to the IJSO age limit	Yes

Age limit. The overriding eligibility criterion for any student aspiring to the national team, whatever their grade-based category, is the international age limit. Under the IJSO Statutes a competitor must be sixteen (16) years of age or younger on 31 December of the competition year. The Organising Authority publishes the exact date-of-birth cut-off for each year on the official website.

2.3 Registration

All prospective participants must complete registration through the official BDJSO online portal at online.bdjsso.org within the publicly announced registration period. Registration requires the submission of verifiable personal and academic information. Incomplete or late registrations will not be accepted.

2.4 Examination Structure

2.4.1 Subjects

Examinations at every stage and in every category assess knowledge, conceptual understanding and problem-solving skill in the three core natural sciences: Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

2.4.2 Format

The format and complexity of questions evolve as participants advance:

- Regional Olympiad — multiple-choice and short-answer questions, focusing on fundamental concepts and direct problem solving.
- National Olympiad — a mix of short-answer questions and more complex analytical problems requiring detailed written solutions and multi-step reasoning.

2.4.3 Syllabus

The academic syllabus for each category is based primarily on the approved National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) science textbooks for the corresponding grade levels. The BDJSO is, however, a test of problem-solving aptitude rather than rote memorisation, and participants are strongly encouraged to go beyond their textbooks and to engage with advanced problem-solving material. The BSC publishes syllabus guidelines on the official website.

2.5 Marking, Moderation and Results

The BSC oversees a transparent and rigorous marking process for all examination scripts. This includes developing clear marking schemes, holding moderation sessions to ensure consistency, and approving the final results. The list of participants qualifying for the next stage is published through the official channels named in Article 7.

2.6 Awards and Recognition

Winners at the National Olympiad are recognised with medals (gold, silver and bronze), certificates of merit and such other awards as the Organising Authority may determine. To inspire current and future participants, the BDJSO maintains and publishes a record of the national team's achievements at the IJSO, which as of 2023 comprises 39 medals: 15 silver and 24 bronze.

Table 2.2 — Competition structure and progression

Stage	Eligible participants	Question format	Purpose and outcome
Online Registration	Primary, Junior, Secondary, Special	Not applicable	Official entry into the BDJSO competition cycle.
Selection Olympiad	All registered students in every category	Multiple-choice and/or short-answer questions	Preliminary screening; selection of qualifiers for the Regional Olympiad.
Regional Olympiad	Qualifiers from the Selection Olympiad, by division	Multiple-choice and/or short-answer questions	Held in the divisional cities, up to eight in a year subject to funds and circumstances; selection of qualifiers for the National Olympiad.
School Olympiad	Students of participating institutions in remote areas	Multiple-choice and/or short-answer questions	Provides access where neither the Regional Olympiad nor the e-Olympiad is practicable; selected students qualify directly for the National Olympiad.
e-Olympiad	Students of districts not covered by a Regional Olympiad	Online multiple-choice and/or short-answer questions	Provides access where fewer than eight Regional Olympiads are held or a district is otherwise uncovered; winners proceed directly to the National Olympiad.
National Olympiad	Qualifiers from the Regional Olympiad, School Olympiad and e-Olympiad in all categories	Short-answer questions combined with detailed analytical written questions	Identification of national top performers; selection of approximately 40 candidates for the National Camp from the Junior, Secondary and Special categories.
National Camp	Approximately 40 invitees from the National Olympiad (Junior, Secondary and Special only)	Continuous assessment: theoretical tests and practical or experimental tasks	Intensive training for top performers; selection of a shortlist to be invited to the mandatory Team Selection Camp.
Team Selection Camp	Invitees from the National Camp	Continuous assessment: advanced theoretical tests, practical or experimental tasks, interviews	Final intensive training and holistic evaluation; selection of the six-member IJSO national team on the basis of potential, attitude, behaviour and consistency.

2.7 Collection of Awards and Certificates

Medals, prizes and certificates are presented at the ceremony of the relevant round, on the date announced by the Organising Authority. Winners are expected to be present and to collect their awards in person on that date.

- A student who wins at a Regional Olympiad but does not attend the National Olympiad, and a National Olympiad winner who does not collect their prize, gift or certificate at the announced ceremony, must

collect the item in person from the designated office of the Organising Authority within ten (10) days of that date. Collection is at the recipient's own responsibility and expense.

- Once the ten-day period has expired, the Organising Authority is under no obligation to store, reissue, replace or deliver the item, and accepts no responsibility or liability for it thereafter.

Article 3 — IJSO Team Selection and Preparation

3.1 The Pathway to the National Team

The pathway to representing Bangladesh at the IJSO is open only to participants in the Junior, Secondary and Special categories who have demonstrated exceptional performance at the National Olympiad. Participants in the Primary category compete for national recognition but are not eligible for IJSO team selection. The process runs from the National Olympiad to the National Camp and finally to the Team Selection Camp.

3.1.1 Direct entry for former IJSO participants and medallists

A student who has previously represented Bangladesh at an IJSO, whether as a medallist or as a participant, and who still meets the international age requirement, may on showing sufficient cause be exempted from the earlier rounds and admitted directly to the National Olympiad or to the National Camp. Such admission requires the consent of the President, the General Secretary or the Programme Coordinator of the Organising Authority. This provision exists to recognise and streamline the pathway for proven international performers.

Two conditions apply to every student admitted under this provision, without exception:

- The student competes for team selection only. They are not eligible for any medal, prize, gift or certificate of the National Olympiad, and their result is not counted in the national ranking for awards.
- Attendance at the National Camp is compulsory. A student admitted under this provision who does not attend the National Camp may not sit the Team Selection Test and is thereby excluded from consideration for the national team.

3.2 The National Camp

Following the National Olympiad, the BSC invites approximately 40 students to the National Camp. Invitations are extended to medal winners and other high-performing participants from the Junior, Secondary and Special categories. The National Camp is an intensive training programme designed to develop scientific understanding and problem-solving capability further. Performance in this camp is the primary factor in determining invitations to the Team Selection Camp.

3.3 The Team Selection Camp

3.3.1 Purpose and mandatory participation

The Team Selection Camp is the final and most critical stage of selection. The highest-performing students from the National Camp, together with any other candidates identified by the BSC as showing exceptional potential, are invited to attend. It is an intensive, fully residential training programme, typically lasting two to three months, providing advanced theoretical and practical training and enabling a holistic evaluation of each candidate.

Participation in the entirety of the Team Selection Camp is strictly mandatory for any student wishing to be considered for the national team. Before the camp begins, each participant must provide the Organising Authority with a No-Objection Certificate (NOC) and a formal letter confirming leave of absence for the full duration of the camp, signed and stamped by the head of their educational institution. Failure to provide these documents, or to attend the camp in full, results in immediate disqualification from the selection process.

3.3.2 Curriculum and evaluation

The curriculum, designed by the BSC, features advanced lectures, problem-solving sessions and hands-on practical and experimental training in Physics, Chemistry and Biology, delivered by a dedicated team of mentors that includes university professors, researchers and former Olympiad medallists arranged by the Organising Authority. Evaluation during the camp is continuous and multifaceted, comprising regular theoretical tests, performance in practical laboratory tasks and other forms of academic assessment.

3.3.3 Camp discipline and code of conduct

All camp participants must adhere to a strict code of conduct, issued at the start of the camp, governing academic integrity, personal behaviour and respect for mentors, staff and fellow participants. Any significant violation — including academic dishonesty, disruptive behaviour or unexcused absence from scheduled activities — is grounds for immediate dismissal from the camp and consequent forfeiture of any possibility of selection. The decision of the Camp Coordinator, in consultation with the BSC, on disciplinary matters is final.

3.4 Final Selection of the National Team

The final six-member Bangladesh national team is selected by the BSC at the conclusion of the Team Selection Camp. Selection is not based on a single test score; it is a holistic review of each candidate's overall profile, in which the BSC considers:

- consistent academic performance across all theoretical and practical assessments in both camps;
- demonstrated aptitude and skill in experimental science;
- evidence of significant progress and learning ability during the camps;
- attitude, behaviour and consistency indicating the potential to work well in a team;
- physical and mental fitness to handle the pressures of an intensive international competition; and
- non-academic attributes such as teamwork, discipline, adaptability and interpersonal skill.

The BSC submits its recommended list of six team members and up to four reserves to the Organising Authority for formal ratification and announcement.

The requirement of a multi-month residential camp, together with the financial commitments described in Article 5, acts as a significant filter, ensuring that selected team members possess not only outstanding academic talent but also the dedication, family support and resilience required for a high-stakes international endeavour. To promote equity, the Organising Authority may provide financial assistance where possible, as outlined in Article 5.1.

Article 4 — The National Delegation to the IJSO

4.1 Composition of the Delegation

The official Bangladesh delegation to the International Junior Science Olympiad shall normally consist of:

- six (6) contestants, selected through the process set out in Article 3;
- one (1) Team Leader, an academic or expert appointed by the Organising Authority to lead the delegation; and
- up to two (2) Deputy Leaders, being academics or experts appointed by the Organising Authority to assist the Team Leader.

The number of Deputy Leaders travelling in a given year — one or two — is decided by the Organising Authority, taking account of IJSO regulations and of financial and logistical feasibility. The Organising Authority may also approve the inclusion of observers on the same basis.

4.2 Responsibilities of the Team Leader

The Team Leader heads the delegation and carries significant academic and pastoral responsibility. The Team Leader must be sufficiently qualified in the sciences to discharge these duties, which include but are not limited to:

- Official representation — acting as the official representative of Bangladesh at IJSO International Board meetings and exercising voting rights on behalf of the country.
- Academic integrity and confidentiality — preserving complete secrecy of all competition problems, solutions and marking schemes from the moment they are received until they are publicly released by the IJSO organisers. This is a paramount duty.
- Problem translation — overseeing the accurate and faithful translation of the official English-language problems into Bengali for the contestants, without adding clues, simplifications or modifications.
- Evaluation and moderation — assessing the solutions submitted by the Bangladesh contestants and representing the team during coordination sessions with the international coordinators to ensure fair and accurate scoring.
- Guardianship and welfare (in loco parentis) — assuming legal and moral responsibility for the conduct, safety and well-being of all six contestants for the entire duration of the international event, as detailed in Article 6.3.
- Discipline and compliance — ensuring that every member of the delegation knows and abides by all BDJSO and IJSO regulations.
- Communication — serving as the primary point of contact between the IJSO organisers and the Bangladesh delegation, and reporting official decisions to the Organising Authority.

4.3 Responsibilities of the Deputy Leaders

A Deputy Leader is a principal assistant to the Team Leader and must be prepared to assume all of the Leader's duties in an emergency. Where two Deputy Leaders are appointed, the Team Leader allocates duties between them. Specific responsibilities include:

- assisting the Leader in evaluating contestants' solutions before coordination;
- participating actively in coordination sessions alongside the Leader;
- supervising the day-to-day conduct, welfare and logistics of the contestants throughout all IJSO activities; and

- assisting with any other duties assigned by the Team Leader.

4.4 Responsibilities of Contestants

Contestants are official ambassadors of Bangladesh and are expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour. They shall:

- abide by all BDJSO and IJSO regulations and follow all instructions given by the Team Leader and the Deputy Leaders;
- compete with the utmost academic integrity and in the spirit of fair play;
- conduct themselves with dignity, discipline and respect towards organisers, mentors and fellow participants from all countries; and
- participate fully in all official academic and cultural programmes of the IJSO.

4.5 Responsibilities of Parents and Guardians

Parents and guardians are essential partners in the success of the delegation. Their responsibilities are to:

- provide formal written consent for their child's participation in all preparatory activities and in the international trip;
- formally and legally transfer guardianship to the Team Leader for the duration of the event by signing a notarised affidavit, as detailed in Article 6.3;
- meet all financial obligations set out in Article 5 in a timely manner;
- ensure their child holds a valid passport with sufficient validity, and cooperate fully and promptly with the Organising Authority on visa applications and travel logistics; and
- adhere strictly to all communication protocols established by the organisers, including the rule prohibiting parents from staying at, or making unauthorised visits to, the residential National Camp and Team Selection Camp.

Article 5 — Financial Regulations

5.1 Schedule of Financial Responsibilities

All financial responsibilities associated with the final stages of the BDJSO selection process and with the IJSO event are declared transparently and agreed by the parents or guardians of selected students through a formal signed pledge. Costs are divided as follows.

Table 5.1 — Schedule of financial responsibilities

Cost item	Responsible party
International airfare to the IJSO host city	Participant / parent
Visa fee	Participant / parent
Visa processing fee	Participant / parent
Health and travel insurance	Participant / parent
Accommodation and food during the National Camp and the Team Selection Camp	Participant / parent
Training and venue costs for the National Camp and the Team Selection Camp	Participant / parent
Mentor fees	Participant / parent
Laboratory equipment fee	Participant / parent
Personal and incidental expenses during the camps and the IJSO	Participant / parent
Local transport in Dhaka for camp activities	Participant / parent
IJSO official registration fee, including accommodation, food and local transport at the international event	Organising Authority (SPSB)

These obligations represent a significant commitment from the families of contestants. Recognising that this may present a barrier to otherwise exceptionally talented students, the Organising Authority may — at its sole discretion and subject to the availability of funds — establish a scholarship or financial aid programme offering partial or full support to meritorious participants who demonstrate significant financial need, so that the national team may be selected from the broadest possible pool of talent. The application process and criteria for any such aid are announced separately through the official channels.

5.2 Payment Procedures and Deadlines

The Organising Authority publishes a clear schedule of payment deadlines for all costs borne by the participant or parent. Payments may be required directly to third-party vendors, such as travel agencies, or may be collected by the Organising Authority and paid onward on the participant's behalf. Failure to meet a payment deadline without prior arrangement may result in the participant's removal from the programme.

Article 6 — General Regulations and Protocols

6.1 Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Action

All individuals associated with the BDJSO programme — contestants, team leaders, deputy leaders, mentors, organisers and volunteers — are bound by this code of conduct. It applies during all BDJSO-sanctioned events, including online activities, competitions, residential camps and international travel.

6.1.1 Prohibited conduct

The following are strictly prohibited and are grounds for disciplinary sanction:

- Academic dishonesty — cheating, plagiarism, attempting to gain an unfair advantage, or assisting others to do so during any examination or assessment, including the use of unauthorised materials or communication devices.
- Breach of confidentiality — unauthorised disclosure or discussion of confidential competition problems or solutions before their official public release.
- Harassment and discrimination — bullying, sexual harassment, or discrimination on the basis of gender, religion, nationality, physical ability or any other ground.
- Disruptive behaviour — any conduct that disrupts the orderly proceedings of the competition, ceremonies or training sessions, or that brings the BDJSO programme or Bangladesh into disrepute.
- Propaganda — use of the BDJSO platform for political or religious propaganda.

6.1.2 Sanctions

Any allegation of a violation is investigated by the BSC in academic matters, or by the Organising Authority in non-academic matters. Where a violation is found, sanctions may be imposed. Sanctions are progressive and may include a formal warning, deduction of points, disqualification from a specific test or from the entire competition, immediate dismissal from the National Camp or Team Selection Camp, and a ban from future BDJSO events. The decision of the relevant authority on sanctions is final.

6.2 Health, Safety and Medical Protocol

The health and safety of all participants is a primary concern of the Organising Authority.

- Insurance — every member of the travelling national delegation, including contestants, the Team Leader and the Deputy Leaders, must be covered by comprehensive health and travel insurance for the full duration of the international trip. The cost is borne by the participant or parent.
- Medical consent — parents and guardians must sign a medical consent form authorising the Team Leader to approve any necessary medical procedure, including emergency treatment, where the parent or guardian cannot be reached.
- Parental responsibility for medical care — in the event of illness or injury during the domestic National Camp or Team Selection Camp, parents and guardians are responsible for arranging and bearing the full cost of all medical care, including diagnostic tests, consultations, hospitalisation and medication. The organisers provide all necessary support in facilitating communication and logistics but are not financially liable for such costs.

6.3 Guardianship and Transfer of Responsibility

For the entire period during which a contestant is under the direct supervision of the BDJSO programme — the National Camp, the Team Selection Camp and the international IJSO trip — the designated Team Leader and Deputy Leaders act in loco parentis for all contestants below the legal age of majority.

This transfer of responsibility is a mandatory condition of participation. It must be formally acknowledged and authorised by the contestant's parents or legal guardians through a notarised affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, in the format provided by the Organising Authority. The affidavit grants the Team Leader and Deputy Leaders authority to make decisions concerning the student's immediate welfare and discipline and, critically, to consent to emergency medical treatment as advised by qualified medical professionals.

6.4 Intellectual Property and Confidentiality

All competition questions, problem statements, solutions and marking schemes created for and used in the Bangladesh Junior Science Olympiad are the exclusive intellectual property of the Organising Authority.

Everyone granted access to these materials before public release — including members of the BSC, problem setters, moderators and team leaders in the IJSO context — is bound by a strict and perpetual duty of confidentiality. Unauthorised reproduction, distribution or disclosure constitutes a serious breach of these regulations and may result in disciplinary action and legal recourse.

6.5 Media, Photography and Publication Consent

Participation in any stage of the BDJSO constitutes consent by the participant, and by their parent or guardian, for their name, age, institution, photograph, video likeness and competition results to be recorded, used and published by the Organising Authority. Such use is for news reporting, archival records, promotion of the Olympiad and educational material, and may appear on official websites, social media, print publications and other media channels.

6.6 Dispute Resolution

- Academic disputes — any dispute concerning scores, marking or the interpretation of a problem during the national competition must be raised with the invigilator or relevant official immediately. Such matters are referred to the BSC for a final ruling, which is binding.
- Disciplinary and other disputes — disputes relating to disciplinary action, eligibility or other non-academic matters are referred to the Organising Authority, whose decision is final.

6.7 Force Majeure

The Organising Authority shall not be held liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under these regulations where the failure or delay results from events beyond its reasonable control. Such events include, but are not limited to, acts of God, war, terrorism, civil commotion, strikes, lock-outs, natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes and cyclones, epidemics or pandemics, and compliance with any law or governmental order that makes performance impossible or impracticable. In such an event, the Organising Authority will make all reasonable efforts to notify participants of changes to the programme and to find a safe, fair and viable alternative arrangement where possible.

6.8 Amendments

These statutes and regulations may be amended from time to time in order to improve the governance and operation of the BDJSO.

Any amendment to any provision of this document shall be decided in a joint meeting of the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the Programme Coordinator of the Society for the Popularization of Science, Bangladesh. A decision so taken is binding on all parties governed by these regulations.

Proposed amendments shall be published through the official BDJSO communication channels at least thirty (30) days before the date on which they take effect.

Article 7 — Official Communication

7.1 Official Channels

To ensure clarity and consistency, all official announcements and information regarding the BDJSO — including registration dates, schedules, syllabus details, competition venues and results — are disseminated exclusively through the following channels:

Channel	Address
Official website	www.bdjsso.org
Official registration portal	online.bdjsso.org
Official Facebook page	facebook.com/bdjsso

Participants and their guardians are responsible for checking these channels regularly for updates. Information received from any other source should be treated as unofficial unless expressly verified by the Organising Authority.

7.2 Contact

General queries regarding the BDJSO should be directed to the official email addresses or contact forms provided on the official website. Specific communication protocols for participants and parents during the residential National Camp and Team Selection Camp, and during the international IJSO trip, are established and communicated directly to the relevant parties by the Camp Coordinator and the Team Leader respectively. Unscheduled communication that bypasses these protocols is discouraged, so that programme staff and leaders can focus on the welfare and training of the contestants.

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