

# **Guidelines**

**FOR**

**CA STUDENTS' TALENT SEARCH-2018**

**30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 at New Delhi**



**Board of Studies**

**The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India**

## **Objective**

The Institute since its inception has been imparting education to students pursuing Chartered Accountancy course through distance education mode across the country in a consistent manner which equips them with sound technical knowledge. For grooming them as all-round professionals, it has been felt that special efforts and vision need to put in to improve their communication and presentation skills and extra-curricular activities for overall development of their personality. Based on aforesaid background, it has been decided to organize CA Students Talent Search 2018 with various activities such as Quiz, Elocution, Instrumental Music and Nukkad Drama.

## **Structure of the Contest:**

This year, the Board has decided that under the banner of "CA Students' Talent Search-2018" the following four contests would be organized:

1. Quiz
2. Elocution
3. Instrument music (any kind of )
4. Nukkad Drama

The Student Talents would be organized in three stages i.e. Branch, Regional and last at National level.

- The Branch level contests to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018.
- The Regional level contest to be completed by 10th June.
- The National Level contest will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018

At first level, these activities will be organized at the Branch level and the winners of branch level would contest at Regional level and finally the winners of Regional levels will contest in the Grand Finale at National Level for each activity.

The contestants for Grand Finale of Elocution contests would be invited one day prior to the event for grooming in various aspects so that they can perform and showcase their talent well during the final Contest.

## **Students' Eligibility:**

Students registered for Final Course and are undergoing articleship and students registered for Intermediate (Integrated Professional Competence) / Intermediate Course are eligible to participate in these contests. Thus, students who have completed articleship are not eligible to participate.

## DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR BRANCHES AND REGIONAL COUNCILS

**Announcement of Event:** Event will be announced 20 days prior to the date of the event. Branches and Regional Councils should take appropriate steps to organize the contest with maximum possible participation by bringing the details of this competition to the attention of the students and encourage them to participate in the same.

**Timelines and Activities:** As defined above

### A. Elocution contest

**Medium:** English

**Topics:** A list of topics/subjects for the Contest will be provided by the Board of Studies for Branch Level. For the Regional Level Contest, topics will be selected by the Regions only. Each contestant has to submit the topic on which he / she will be speaking, out of the list of topics, at least half an hour before the commencement of the contest. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject the topic.

#### Number of winners at Branch Level:

From Branches, the number of contestants selected for Regional Level Contest would depend upon the membership strength (as on April 1st every year) of the Branch and is as below:

Branches having less than 750 members 1 winner

Branches having more than 750 members 2 winners

For this purpose, the Regional Offices in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Kanpur and Delhi will also be treated as Branches and two winners will be selected.

#### Number of winners at Regional Level:

4 students from each region will be selected to participate at National Level.

#### Rules of the contest at National Level (also applicable to Branches and Regional Councils):

Two Rounds will be organised as –

- Preliminary Round – Presentation by the contestants. Each Contestant shall be given 10 minutes time for their presentation. Students may prepare their PPTs. One question may be posed to each contestant related to their topic. Based on their presentation, best 10 contestants will move to Round 2 out of total 20 students.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round- 2-3 questions to be posed to each contestant and best 5 will be selected on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – The Final round will be organised on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 during CA Day Function at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Five minute presentation will be made by each of the 5 contestants and one question will be posed to each contestant and based on their answers, best 3 winners of Elocution Contests will be selected.

In addition, 1st two winners of Elocution contest will participate in SAFA Elocution Contest.

**Criteria for evaluation of performance:** Evaluation will be based on the coverage of the subject matter, language command, capacity to engage the audience etc.

The following criteria may be taken into account while evaluating the performance of the participants:

1. Lucidity of language	10 marks
2. Style of delivery	10 marks
3. Capacity to engage the attention of the audience	10 marks
4. Precision of expression	10 marks
5. Depth of coverage of the subject matter including reference to latest developments in the concerned area	50 marks
6. Adherence to time limit	<u>10 marks</u>
Total	100 marks

A three-member panel of judges will evaluate the performance of the contestants. Decision of the judges will be final. Judge (at levels of the competition) should not be a person whose articulated assistant/relative or the articulated assistant/relative of his/her partner is a participant in the Contest.

## **B. Quiz contest**

### **Number of winners at Branch Level:**

One team, comprising of 2 students, will be selected at Branch Level and will contest at Regional Level.

### **Number of winners at Regional Level:**

One team, comprising of 2 students, will be selected at Regional level and will contest at Grand Finale.

### **National Level:**

Out of total 5 teams, best team will be declared winner on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. In addition, winner team of Quiz will participate in SAFA Quiz Contest.

### **Rules of Contest:**

- (i) Medium of questions in Quiz Contest would be English. However, if any participant wants to speak in Hindi, the option will be given.
- (ii) There can be a maximum of 5 teams, each team consisting of two students. If there are more participants the 5 teams have to be selected by a process of elimination.
- (iii) There will be eight rounds of Quiz Contest covering the following areas:
  - Accounting
  - Auditing
  - Corporate Laws
  - Taxation - Direct and Indirect
  - Costing/Management Accounting/Financial Management
  - Information Technology
  - Economics
  - General Awareness

Additionally, there will be a Rapid-Fire Round.

- (iv) Three questions will be asked in each round to each team. The students will be given 60 seconds for answering each of the questions.
- (v) In each round, the questions will be addressed turn-by-turn to each team. For example, Q. No. 1 will be addressed to Team A. If Team A answers the question correctly, then Q. No. 2 will be addressed to Team B. If Team A does not answer Question No.1 correctly, the question will pass on to Team B. A question will pass once and there will be no subsequent passing. As usual, the Question No. 2 will be addressed to Team B, the Question No. 3 will be addressed to Team C and so on.
- (vi) At the end, there shall be a **Rapid Fire Round** in which five questions will be addressed to each team. Each team will be given one minute to answer all the five questions instantaneously. Students may choose not to answer a question. There will be no passing in Rapid Fire Round.
- (vii) Each question shall carry 5 marks. 2 marks shall be awarded for questions which have been passed.
- (viii) Appropriate Computer software may be used to manage Quiz, record time and performance of each team. Manual systems may also be used wherein the Quiz Master may use stop clock for the purpose of recording time.
- (ix) The Quiz Contest may be conducted by a professional Quiz Master. However, the Quiz Master should not be a person whose articulated assistant/relative of the articulated assistant/relative of his/her partner is a participant in the Contest.

### **C. Instrumental Music (any kind of)**

Music is much more than mere entertainment. For many, music is like a constant companion. It brings immense joy, helps in overcoming stress during difficult times. Accordingly, Instrumental Music has been included one amongst four activities for CA Students Talent Search 2018.

#### **Number of winners at Branch Level:**

From Branches, the number of contestants selected for Regional Level Contest would depend upon the membership strength (as on April 1st every year) of the Branch and is as below:

Branches having less than 750 members 1 winner

Branches having more than 750 members 2 winners

For this purpose, the Regional Offices in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Kanpur and Delhi will also be treated as Branches and two winners will be selected.

#### **Number of winners at Regional Level:**

Two students will be selected from each Region for contesting at Grand Finale.

#### **National Level:**

Out of total 10 students best 3 students will be selected as a winner on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

#### **Performance & Duration:**

1. It will be a solo performance of 10 minutes by each participant.

2. Participants will bring his / her own instrument. This includes - Casio, Tabla, Keyboard, Piano, harmonium, Guitar, Violin etc.
3. ICAI will only provide the platform for performance and the student has to bear the cost of instrument etc.
4. Nominal participation fee may be charged from students at Branch Level.
5. Decision of the judges will be final.

#### **D. Nukkad Drama**

Nukkad Drama competition would be one of the major attractions of audience and this will enable the students to unveil their hidden talent and add colour to their act of speaking, character creation, emotional awareness, etc.

#### **Number of winners at Branch Level:**

One team, comprising of maximum 5-6 students, will be selected at Branch Level and will contest at Regional Level.

#### **Number of winners at Regional Level:**

One team, comprising of maximum 5-6 students, will be selected at Regional level and will contest at Grand Finale.

#### **National Level:**

Out of total 5 teams, best 3 teams will be selected as winners on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

#### **Performance & Duration:**

1. It will be a team performance on any topic related to Chartered Accountancy Profession/curriculum.
2. Each team will be given 10 minutes time for their performance.
3. Medium of language for Nukkad Drama will be English, Hindi or both.
4. Negative marking will be done for the performances which are not completed within stipulated time frame.
5. Participants will bring their own dress, accessories, etc.
6. ICAI will only provide the platform for performance and the students have to bear the cost of dress, accessories, etc.
7. Nominal participation fee can be charged from students at Branch Level.
8. Decision of the judges will be final.

## **Common Guidelines for Branches and Regional Councils**

#### **Number of winners:**

Winners at Branch level as elaborated above will participate at Regional level contests. Four winners of Elocution, two winners of Instrumental Music, one team of Nukkad Drama and winner teams of Quiz contest from each region will participate in the Finale of National Level CA Students' Talent Search 2018 at New Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018.

**Prizes and certificates at Branch and Regional Level:**

Prizes and Certificates would be awarded to the winners of the Branch Level, Regional Level. The certificates will be signed by the Chairman and Secretary for Branch Level Contests and by the Chairman, Regional Council and the Chairman, Students' Association of Regional Council for the Regional Level Contests

**Admissible Grant for Branches and Regional Councils:**

This will be two-day event for organizing all the four contests i.e. Quiz, Elocution, Instrumental Music and Nukkad Drama and the Branches and Regional Councils will be reimbursed Rs. 50,000 / Actual deficit, whichever is less for organizing all the four contests.

**Reimbursement of Grant:** The grant for organizing these Contests shall be released on the basis of claim duly signed by Chairman of the Branch/Chairman of the Branch of the Students' Association in the prescribed format together with audited Statement of Income and Expenditure as per earlier practice.

**Reimbursement of Expenses incurred by the contestants for participating in Regional Level:**

All participants of Elocution Contest at the Regional Level will be reimbursed to and fro first class or 2 Tier AC railway fare by the shortest route (including service tax paid) or airfare by any airline, whichever is less. There would be no restriction for travel by Rajdhani and Shatabadi trains.

They would also be paid an allowance @ Rs. 1,500/- per day for boarding, lodging and conveyance, up to a maximum of five days to meet the daily and incidental expenses subject to actual number of days spent from the commencement of the journey till the end of the journey, including travel time.

Accommodation: Students have to make their own arrangements for their stay at the place of the Contest. Wherever possible, the Regional Office may arrange reasonable accommodation for the participants at economical rates and will be deducted from eligible amount of DA.

**NATIONAL LEVEL:****Grand Finale of National Level CA Students' Talent Search 2018**

Four winners of Elocution contest, two winners of Instrumental Music contest, one team of Nukkad Drama and winner teams of Quiz contest from each region will participate in the Grand Finale of National Level CA Students' Talent Search 2018 at New Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018.

**Elocution Contest:**

At National Level, the contestants of elocution contests can choose topics of their choice and communicate to Board of Studies. However, the final allotment of topics will be decided by the Board of Studies.

**Structure of the event:**

1. Quiz Contest will be held at 9:30AM onwards on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.
2. Elocution Contest would be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018.
3. Instrument music contest would be held in the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.
4. Nukkad Drama contest would be held in the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

**Prizes distribution:**

**The prizes will be distributed to all winners during CA Day function at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi with the august hands of the Chief Guest of the Function.**

The 1st three winners of National level-Elocution would be awarded the cash prizes of Rs. 31,000/-, Rs.21,000/- and Rs. 11,000/- respectively;

1st three winners of National level-Instrumental music would be awarded the cash prizes of Rs. 21,000/-, Rs.11,000/- and Rs. 5,100/-;

1st three winners of Nukkad Drama would be awarded the cash prizes of Rs. 21,000/-, Rs.11,000/- and Rs. 5,100/- respectively.

The winner team of National level- Quiz would be awarded the cash prize of Rs. 21,000/-. In addition, 1st two winners of Elocution and winner team of Quiz will participate in SAFA Elocution and Quiz Contest.

**Reimbursement of Expenses incurred by the contestants for participating in National Level:**

All participants of National Level will be reimbursed to and fro first class or 2 Tier AC railway fare by the shortest route (including service tax paid) or airfare by any airline, whichever is less. There would be no restriction for travel by Rajdhani and Shatabadi trains.

**They would also be paid an allowance @ Rs. 1,500/- per day for boarding, lodging and conveyance to meet the daily and incidental expenses for the actual number of days spent for the event and maximum 6 days for the journey subject to actual days spent from the commencement of the journey till the end of the journey, including travel time.**

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