

**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION  
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Circular No. 42

To  
All Heads of Institutions  
affiliated to the CBSE.

**Subject: National Informatics Olympiad 2008-09 - First Stage Examination**

The Central Board of Secondary Education will be conducting the National Informatics Olympiad in collaboration with the Indian Association for Research in Computing Science (IARCS), Mumbai across the country and abroad. The examination will be held in two stages. The examination will be open to all the students of classes VIII to XII studying in schools affiliated to CBSE as well as other Boards in the country.

The first stage examination consisting of the Zonal Informatics Olympiad will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2008 between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm. This will be followed by the Zonal Programming Contest (ZPC). The date and the timing will be notified subsequently.

**STAGE 1:**

The examination will be a written examination to test the aptitude of the students, their logical competence, problem-solving skills, and critical thinking.

**STAGE 2:**

The candidates who qualify in the first stage examination as per the norms prescribed by the selection committee will appear in the second stage examinations to be held on January 24, 2009, which will be based on programming skills.

Selected candidates will be called for intensive training for the final selection of the candidates for the International Olympiad.

The Board is planning to conduct the examinations in about 40 centres across the country and abroad. Each of these centres will have a coordinator cum Centre Superintendent who will be responsible for the conduct of the examinations. **The list of centres is put up on the CBSE Website: [www.cbse.nic.in](http://www.cbse.nic.in) as well as on the Olympiad website: [www.iarcs.org.in](http://www.iarcs.org.in).** Please select the nearest examination centre from the list given and forward the list of candidates desirous of participating in the first stage examination to the coordinator along with the examination fee as per the enclosed proforma on or before November 7, 2008. **(The list of participants and bank draft need not be sent to the CBSE as the centre will be forwarding the list to the CBSE subsequently)** The fee for each participant will be Rs.100/- (Rupees hundred only). A consolidated demand draft for all the participants of your school may be drawn in favour of Secretary, CBSE, Delhi.

Question papers from previous years and other training details are available at the Olympiad website, : [www.iarcs.org.in](http://www.iarcs.org.in).

When the candidates go to the examination centre to write the examination, they should carry with them a bonafide certificate with their photograph attested by the principal of their school. Since no Roll Number will be allotted to candidates, they have to write their name, class, school's name with address and centre name in the answer sheet and information sheet provided to them in the examination. For any further information, you may contact Mr. R.P. Sharma, Consultant Academic through e-mail at rpsharma\_48@yahoo.com or on telephone no. 011-23211200

Please note that CBSE will not reimburse expenses incurred by the school on travel, accommodation etc. of the students to participate in the First Stage of the Olympiad.

Yours faithfully,

(Uma Sivaraman)  
Education Officer (OL)

**Zonal Informatics Olympiad - 2008-09**  
**Proforma for forwarding the list of participants to the specified centre**

S.No	Name of the Candidate	Name of the Father/Mother	Class	Sex	Date of Birth
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2.					
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\* You may extend this table as per your requirement.

1. Name of the school:
2. Address:
3. Tel No:( STD)..... FAX:.....
4. email:.....
5. Total number of candidates forwarded:
6. Total amount being remitted:
7. Name of the Bank:
8. Draft No:

Date:

**Signature of the Principal**

**Note:** Candidates should produce bonafide certificate with their photographs duly attested by the principal of the school at the examination centre.

**Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:-**

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan/ Navodya Vidyalaya Samiti, New Delhi
2. The Director of Education, Delhi/ Andaman and Nicobar Islands/Sikkim/ Arunachal Pradesh/ Chandigarh/NCERT/CTSA
3. All Regional Officers, CBSE

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