

New Initiative:

Tutorial in Practical Observational Astronomy

Any senior section school which has registered teams in AC2022 may write in to the AC Central Committee via email at astrochallenge@gmail.com at least 120 hours before any scheduled slot to request for a tutorial on practical observational astronomy. **Do note that your school will have to pay for the fees of AC before you can sign up for this.**

The details will be as follows:

The rough topics we will be covering mainly pertain to scope handling. A list of topics which will be covered is as below:

- Setting up and taking down;
- Parts of a telescope and its uses;
- Operation of a telescope and use of finder aids; and
- Boresighting.

This will be subject to approval and any conditions set herein. The Questionmasters of AC, NUSAS and NTUAS shall have the final say in whether to grant the tutorial or not.

The timing of the tutorial will have to be arranged by email on a first come first served basis and our priority will be given to newer schools if there is any conflict in time. A list of available timeslots is tentatively as below:

- Friday the 29th of April 2022, 2000-2200 (1 slot)
- Sunday the 1st of May 2022, 1800-2000, 2030-2230 (2 slots)
- Thursday the 5th of May 2022, 2000-2200 (1 slot)
- Friday the 6th of May 2022, 2000-2200 (1 slot)
- Saturday the 7th of May 2022, 1800-2000, 2030-2230 (2 slots)
- Sunday the 8th of May 2022, 1800-2000, 2030-2230 (2 slots)
- Friday the 13th of May 2022, 2000-2200 (1 slot)
- Sunday the 29th of May 2022, 1130-1330, 1400-1600 (2 slots) (Day 0)

The tutorial will not be charged but will be subject to the prevailing pandemic restrictions at that time. As such there will be a maximum cap on the number of nominated participants joining in the tutorial and nominated participants joining the tutorial must be registered participants of AC for that year. We will advise you of the relevant restrictions when you sign up. If extra persons appear for that tutorial, it will end there and then with no replacement session.

The tutorial will last a maximum 2 hours in one session and schools may only request for one tutorial.

The location will be, unless otherwise advised, by default in NUS and participants are expected to bring your own equipment if they have it. Else, the school must have requested in the registration form for the AC Central Committee to provide them with a telescope for the observation round.

A No show for an agreed tutorial may result in penalties in the competition itself. A No show shall be defined as any of the following situations:

- Cancelling or rescheduling your tutorial with less than 96 hours' notice;

- Turning up more than 30 minutes late for your scheduled slot;
- Turning up with any extra persons previously unapproved;
- Not being fully vaccinated and turning up;
- Not bringing any equipment at all if you were supposed to bring; or
- Any other reason caused by your fault resulting in the frustration of the purpose of the tutorial.

Do note that the AC Central Committee, NUSAS, NTUAS and the Questionmasters of AC, their agents, affiliates and servants can in no way control the weather. None of the above listed persons or entities shall be liable to any inclement weather or any liability whatsoever for any loss, damage or inconvenience caused onto any participant of the tutorial or any other persons relating to them, arising or resulting directly or indirectly from any action, negligence or default on any of the above listed persons or entities' part.

By agreeing to a tutorial, you agree to the above terms in full without question.