

## **A. Introduction**

1. This document below amends and replaces certain observation round instructions previously communicated to you, inter alia, the Information Letter, Invitation Letter as well as the Changes Outchit. As far as not canvassed in this document, the instructions previously communicated to you will still stand.

## **B. Previously Communicated amendments to the observation round**

2. The Current observation round weightages have been amended and communicated to you earlier in writing on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. To reiterate, the current round weightages are as follows:

Round Name	Weightages
Night Sky Tour (Take Home)	20%
Practical Observation (Physical)	40%
Theoretical Observation (Online)	40%

3. The Night Sky Tour instructions have additionally been communicated to you as well. You are reminded of the need to put in the names of those of you who form the observation team as instructed by the question paper. If you fail to do so, there will be corresponding consequences and penalties to be decided by the Central Committee including zero-rating the Night Sky Tour.
4. Additionally, as communicated to you as well earlier, the current cap for the members of the observation team will be 4 members notwithstanding any government policy shift to relax the restrictions. It was also stated clearly that only the entire observation team may engage in the making of the Night Sky Tour.
5. For absolute clarity, all those whose names appeared in the transcript of the video have to turn up for the observation round. There will be no substitutions allowed.

### **C. The Tutorial Scheme**

6. As stated in the Changes Outchit earlier, we are introducing a scheme to teach basic practical observational astronomy to participants in the senior section. The scheme will still stand.
7. Due to the change in government and university policy, from the date of this notice, there will no longer be any cap on the number of participants attending this tutorial. Logically, the penalties for there being extra persons is likewise removed.
8. Furthermore, the requirement for vaccination will be removed as well along with corresponding penalties.
9. Apart from the above listed, there will be no further changes to the instructions and regulations for the requisition of such a tutorial. Additionally, schools who have already been assigned slots are not allowed to register for an additional slot.
10. We would like to re-iterate that the 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.

### **D. Theoretical Observation**

11. This component will be conducted via zoom and you may do this from the comfort of your homes or together with your observation team. However, no additional person is allowed to be present at any point in time. The mere presence of any additional person without permission shall be treated as an attempt to cheat with corresponding consequences and penalties to be decided by the Central Committee, including immediate disqualification.

12. Further instructions regarding invigilation will be communicated to you in a subsequent document as soon as possible. However, note that you are expected to have 2 camera-enabled devices at all times switched on. Your microphone must be switched on as well. We suggest you “disconnect audio” for one of the devices so as to not have too much interference. Also, some instructions will be communicated to you only on that day itself.
13. We would like to reiterate that this segment is closed book. You are not to have with you any other material at all. Materials, for the avoidance of doubt, include the cheat sheet. The mere presence of any such material with you shall be treated as an attempt to cheat with corresponding consequences and penalties to be decided by the Central Committee, including immediate disqualification.

### **E. Practical Observation**

14. The venue for the observation round will be at Nanyang Technological University, North Spine NS2 Rooftop. The address is 50 Nanyang Avenue and the nearest bus-stop is bus-stop number 27211 (Lee Wee Nam Library) or 27219 (Blk 2 NIE) on the other side of the road.
15. The round will be confirmed to be held on Day 0 which would be Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
16. The following instructions are rescinded as of this letter:
  - a. The requirement to maintain one-meter apart from each other;
  - b. The need for vaccination checks on the day itself;
  - c. The one-person setup rule and any corresponding instructions; and
  - d. The one-person operation rule for telescopes and any corresponding instructions.
17. However, we will be imposing or re-iterating the following instructions due to concerns of public health and safety:
  - a. The requirement for the proper wearing of masks;
  - b. The requirement to keep within your designated area;
  - c. The presumption that unless otherwise declared to us, that you are free from any infectious diseases and are not feeling unwell in any way;

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- d. The regulation that participants act in a safe manner throughout;
- e. The regulation that the telescope set-up has to be deemed safe to use by the assessor and the Central Committee; and
- f. The requirement to bring along your NRIC, Passport and/or Driving License as a method for identification and for the assessor to record your names.

The failure to comply with any of the above instructions will result in corresponding consequences and penalties to be decided by the Central Committee including immediate disqualification.

- 18. A no-show for this round, even if the round is subsequently replaced or cancelled will incur a penalty of zero-rating the entire practical observation round.
- 19. For the avoidance of doubt, a no-show shall be defined as any of the following:
  - a. Having less than 3 persons from the observation team present for the practical observation round at any point in time while the observation round is in session from the point of time defined as 15 minutes after the start time;
  - b. The refusal to follow instructions by the assessor or the Central Committee to setup or take-down; or
  - c. The refusal to follow instructions by the assessor or the Central Committee otherwise to correct your setup for the want of safety.
- 20. To re-iterate, this segment is open book. However, we will be checking your materials brought in beforehand.
- 21. Additionally, we would like to remind participants that each school may only bring one telescope setup. If you bring any more, we will pick one for you to set-up at random and use. The one chosen may not be the better of the two.
- 22. Participants are also reminded that collaboration in any kind with any other persons from outside the observation team shall be deemed to be an attempt to cheat with corresponding consequences and penalties to be decided by the Central Committee including immediate disqualification.
- 23. Furthermore, the organizers, the AC Central Committee, the judges, NTU and/or NUS will not be liable for any loss or damage of equipment at any point of time during the competition. Participants should be well aware that this round is dependent on the weather

and in case of bad weather, the AC Central Committee reserves the right to call off or replace the round with a suitable substitute. For the avoidance of doubt, the AC Central Committee cannot be held liable for the weather or other such frustrating events beyond their control.

Head QM, AC QM Committee

Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022