தமிழ்த்தேனீ 2021

விதிமுறை மற்றும் வழிகாட்டி

Rules and Tips for <u>Contestants</u> and <u>School Coordinators</u>

Version 2.0 Changes
Level 4 rules clarified
Video session technology changes

For Schools

Your Zonal Coordinator and their WhatsApp Group is your guide and life-line as you prepare for the Contest; be in constant touch and read all the messages

Your ZC has vested interest in encouraging as many kids to join and have fun with these competitions, balancing that with selecting a Zonal winner who can win the National Title

Dry run and technology practices are as important as preparing to answer

As School Coordinators, please have as many dry runs as possible within school and with your ZC to ensure the Contest Day is all about our kids and their answers and not troubleshooting Technology

For Zonal Coordinator

Success at the end of all this is when kids say…

Keep it simple

Encourage their attempts

Accommodate each other

Maintain silence when not their turn

Practice with schools before contest day

"this was fun… can we have Tamil Theni in our home, in our Tamil school, for my birthday party"

Prerequisites

1) Laptop or Desktop with web camera and microphone

2) Internet access with bandwidth for online Video session

3) Power Plugs, Laptop Charger

4) Marker and Writing Pad (Only for Level-3, to make it easy to see written words through web camera)

5) **For Level 4** - Mobile phone with WhatsApp account

6) Mobile device should be charged enough to run for ~45min+ without screen lock

7) School Coordinator to be dialed into a Confr Bridge (and on mute unless they need to ask a question) and on WhatsApp to check for any Critical instruction - For Emergency purpose only (power or network outage, fire drill, injury, etc)

Attendees:

1) **ZC:** Zonal Coordinator - Online

2) **Judge:** Judge

3) **SC:** School Coordinator

4) **Team:** Contestants for each level

5) Parents or other guests may be allowed to login if there are open online sessions available

Online Setup

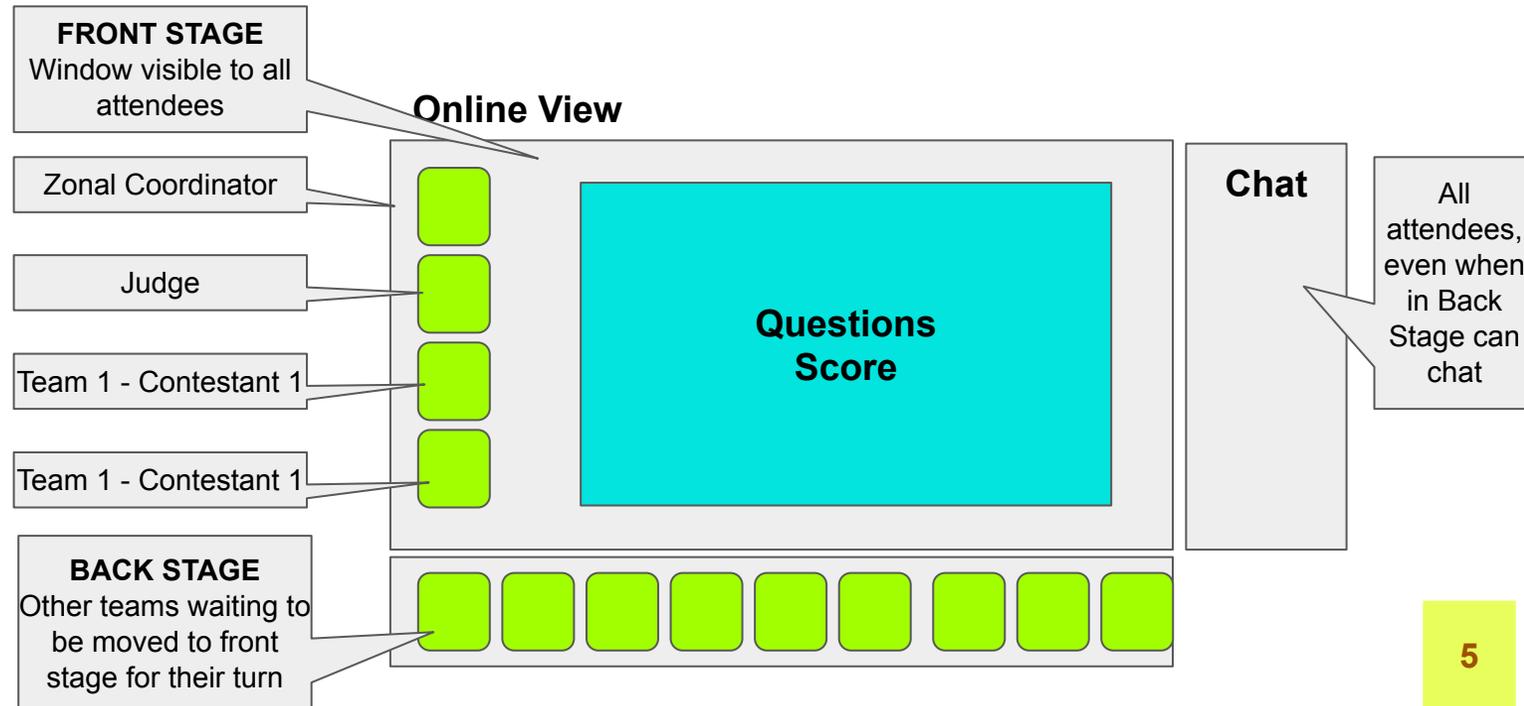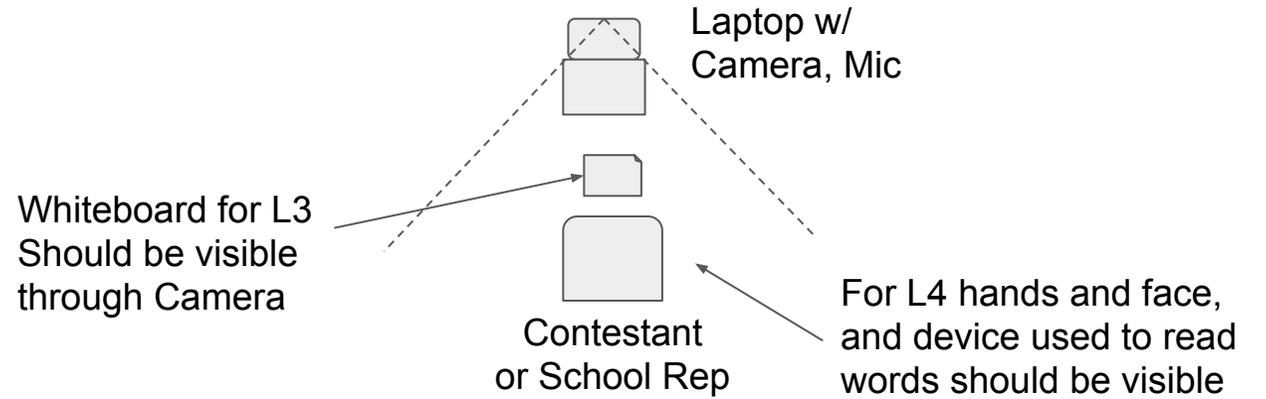Streamyard service was planned, but moved to Zoom or Meet to accommodate more users.

School Coordinator for the Level will be sent the online login access through WA group, before the competition time.

Team members can join individually. School coordinators can be behind the team member or join in separate session.

For L3, ensure video captures the writing. For L4, ensure hands are also visible, and for clue giver the Device used to receive words is also visible.

Chat window can be used only for important communication. Avoid distractions. Coordinators are not expected to respond to Chat during competition.

Setup for contestant and school rep

Laptop w/ Camera, Mic

Whiteboard for L3 Should be visible through Camera

Contestant or School Rep

For L4 hands and face, and device used to read words should be visible

FRONT STAGE Window visible to all attendees

Online View

Zonal Coordinator

Judge

Team 1 - Contestant 1

Team 1 - Contestant 1

Questions Score

Chat

All attendees, even when in Back Stage can chat

BACK STAGE Other teams waiting to be moved to front stage for their turn

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General Rules

1) Since this is nationwide program, bringing everyone at the same time will be very challenging; please be generous to adjust your time for others

2) Zonal Coordinator or his/her authorized person will act as the Judge

3) **Judges judgement and decisions are final**

4) Fair play is expected; If there is any violation, judges may decide to disqualify the team

5) Negative marks may be given if there is any malpractice

6) School Coordinator shouldn't assist contestants with answers in any form; Please understand that helping in competition is the holistic way of corrupting our kids' citizenship

Contest Day Arrangement and Practice

1) Day before, you should have the following from ZC - please ensure you have these
   - WhatsApp group or Confr Call bridge number to reach your Zonal Coordinator
   - Contest ID - this is a must for L4 contests (e.g., Z2R1L1GA - Which stands for Zone 2, Region 1, Level 1 contest)
   - Practice to speak clearly and loudly in front of the camera
   - Train to always look at the camera during your turn to avoid any distraction or other assistance
2) Setup:
   - Check for link to online session in your WA group
   - 15min before, login in to online session and establish connection with your ZC
   - Ensure video and audio is clear
3) Setup ZC:
   - Ensure screen share is visible to attendees (full Screen including English Word in the bottom)
   - Test each team by bringing into Front Stage
4) As competition starts, be quite and strictly follow your ZC instructions
5) ZC will assign your Team their turn/name before contest start - this is how they will be called out during that contest
   - A:**அன்னம்** B:**ஆலயம்** C:**இலை** D:**ஈகை** E:**உண்மை** F: **ஊக்கம்**
6) ZC will pull your Team to Front Stage (your Video window will be visible to all) when it is there turn
7) Question will be presented and timer will start in the Scoring App automatically

General Contest Format

1) While colloquial Tamil words are accepted, ZC reserve the right to decide if the answer is correct; please note Tamil has evolved with many regional usage; while attempts have been made to stick to common words, ZC can choose to use the answer provided in the Screen or decide on a variant

2) If another Team inadvertently said the answer, the team with current turn may use that if they choose and get their point (please keep quiet if it is not your turn); this may not happen if choice of video session only allows one team on Frotn Stage

3) If only partial answer was given or time runs out before full word is said, ZC will decide if the answer and Teams's intent meets the expected answer

4) Round:
   ○ For Level 1, 2 and 3 there will be two rounds; in each round, each team will get 5 questions
   ○ For Level 4, there will be 5 rounds; in each round, each team will be given 5 words to guess
   ○ ZCs may adjust this format, but will communicate any change to this before the competition
   ○ If a team misses a question, they will not get any points; unanswered questions will be ignored and will not be given to next team

5) Tie-Break
   ○ If at the end of all turns, multiple teams are tied, another turn(s) will be conducted with slightly difficult questions until one team takes the lead at the end of a turn
   ○ Level 1, 2 and 3 may have other options for breaking tie; Level 1 - I Spy, Level 2 - Jumbled words, Level 3 - Crossword
   ○ Level 4 may choose to ask teams to provide a sentence using the Word they guessed

Level 1 Format

1) Tell the Tamil word of the picture - 8 Sec

2) When it is your turn, look at the picture and use the English word, and say the word in Tamil

3) This is for very young kids; if both in a team happen to say the answer, ZC will try to be accommodative and give points if they did hear the correct answer

Level 2 Format

1) Translate short sentence to Tamil - 15 Sec

2) When it is your turn, look at the sentence in english (and optional picture) and say it in Tamil

3) Colloquial translation is subjected to ZC's choice; we will try to accomodate most commonly used variation of the sentence (**வாகனத்தின் கதவை மூடு**   Vs. **கார் கதவ சாத்து**)

4) Shortened translation is subject to ZC's choice; we will accommodate them as long as the meaning is conveyed to a normal house-hold practice (**எனக்கு பால் வேண்டும்** Vs. **பால் வேணு**)

5) Simple Grammar is expected from normal usage and likely to be strictly followed as the meaning will be different if not properly translated (**இந்தியாக்கு போவேன்** and **இந்தியாக்கு போனேன்** are not the same)

Level 3 Format

1) Translate and write short sentence in Tamil - 40 Sec

2) When it is your turn, look at the sentence in english (and optional picture) and write it in Tamil

3) Colloquial translation is subjected to ZC's choice; we will try to accomodate most commonly used variation of the sentence (**வாகனத்தின் கதவை மூடு** Vs. **கார் கதவ சாத்து**)

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    - Pay attention to '' in the words
    - Write in marker or thick pen to ensure it is clearly visible when seen through small webcamera

6) Make sure ZCs can see where you are writing - adjust camera to cover your desk area

7) **Two contestants of the team can/should show STOP writing at 40sec; they will have few more seconds to show and discuss among themselves to decide which answer they want Judge to use to score; only one answer that was written before the timer will be used for scoring**

8) Practice showing the word in front of the camera so ZCs and others can clearly see the whole word

9) Encourage contestants to check what they wrote before they show it; they often catch their own simple typos

Level 4 Format

1) Find 5 words in 60 seconds
2) Identify the contestant who will give the clue the other who will be identifying the word
3) This cannot be changed once the contest starts unless ZC agrees on exceptional situation
4) Clue giver will be given the mobile phone/device (or another laptop) with a WhatsApp
5) When it is their turn, 5 words will be messaged to the Clue giver and on 'read' confirmation, timer will be started
6) Clues
   - The intent is for clue words to have some relation to the original word for participants enrich their vocabulary
   - Synonym (தந்தை for அப்பா), antonym (அத்தை for மாமா), action verbs (ஓடு for அவசரம்) and common similes (குரங்கு for குறும்பு) can be given as clues
   - Proper nouns are allowed as long as they are commonly understood (சிவாஜி for நடிப்பு is allowed, but மாலதி for நடிப்பு is not allowed). Please minimize proper nouns and only use if it helps students enrich understanding of the original word when they use it in public speaking.
   - Singular/plural (மலர் / மலர்கள்), rhyming words (கட்டி for முட்டி), part of the original word (பெரியப்பா for பெரியம்மா) are not permitted as clues
   - Clue Giver must call out the number for the word they are giving the clue for
   - All clues must be proper non-colloquial Tamil words
   - Maximum 3 clues can be given to find a word. A new clue can only be given after the other contestant says something (answer or ask for next clue).
   - Contestant can skip a word and come back to it within the allotted time. Only remaining amount of clues can be given for that word.
   - No English words, actions or hand gesturing allowed
   - Each clue and response can only be a single word. Practice your team's plan to skip to next clue, next word and acknowledge answer is correct by avoiding unnecessary speaking or gesture to save time and minimize confusion.
7) Answers
   - Should be exact word and variations will unlikely to be accepted (தங்கச்சி not accepted for தங்கை)
   - Proper pronunciations are expected but ZC may accommodate some (அவல் / அவள் may be relaxed but மலை / மழை may not be)

Let us work together to give the best experience for the kids

Wish you all the very best