



SNGCS/CIRC/25-26/38

Thursday, 24th April, 2025

SUBJECT: External Examination: SOF (2025-26)

Dear Parents,

Greetings from S.N.G.C.S.!

As you all are aware, early exposure to competitive exam builds confidence and sharpens skills. It enhances the skill of understanding the application of concepts, which is required in a broader context when one attempts exams like JEE, NEET, Civil Service and many others

This year too we are offering SOF for our students. The SOF Olympiad provides an accurate and fair opportunity to students/parents to understand academic areas requiring improvement and recognize and award good performance by the students. The details of all the SOF exams are shared below:

Science Olympiad Examination Schedule

Name of the Exam	Tentative Exam Date	Exam Fee
SOF- ISSO	Thursday, 18 th September, 2025	Rs. 150/-
SOF- IEO	Friday, 26 th September, 2025.	Rs. 150/-
SOF – IGKO	Friday, 7 th November, 2025.	Rs. 150/-
SOF – IMO	Friday, 28 th November, 2025.	Rs. 150/-
SOF – NSO	Thursday, 11 th December, 2025	Rs. 150/-
SOF – ICSO (NCO)	Thursday, 22 nd January, 2026	Rs. 150/-

Note: SOF NCO has undergone major changes and has been renamed as SOF International Computer Science Olympiad (SOF-ICSO). Artificial Intelligence, Robotics etc. are being included in the ICSO curriculum.

Registration details given below:

Eligibility	Grade I to IX ISSO – Only for Grade III to IX
Registration /Exam Fee	Rs. 150 /-
Mode of Payment	Cash
Last Date of Enrollment	Friday ,20 th June, 2025
Mode of Examination	Offline
Exam Format	All questions are multiple-choice questions (MCQ). There is no negative marking.
Book Fee	Refer Rate Chart given below

Syllabus	
SOF- IEO	CLASS 1-4 Total Questions : 35 CLASS 5-9 Total Questions : 50 Number of Sections : 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Word and Structure Knowledge• Reading• Spoken and Written Expression• Achievers Section
SOF – IGKO	CLASS 1-4 Total Questions : 35 CLASS 5-9 Total Questions : 50 Number of Sections : 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Awareness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Affairs• Life Skills• Achievers Section
SOF – IMO	CLASS 1-4 Total Questions : 35 CLASS 5-9 Total Questions : 50 Number of Sections : 4 For Classes 1-9 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logical Reasoning• Mathematical Reasoning• Everyday Mathematics• Achievers Section
SOF – NSO	CLASS 1-4 Total Questions : 35 CLASS 5-9 Total Questions : 50 Number of Sections : 3 For Classes 1-9 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logical Reasoning• Science• Achievers Section
SOF –ICSO (NCO)	CLASS 1-4 Total Questions : 35 CLASS 5-9 Total Questions : 50 Number of Sections : 4 For Classes 1-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logical Reasoning• Computer Science• Information Technology• Achievers Section For Classes 6-9 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logical Reasoning• Computer Science• AI, Robotics and Information Technology• Achievers Section
SOF- ISSO	CLASS 3&4 Total Questions : 35 CLASS 5-9 Total Questions : 50 Number of Sections : 2/4/5 For Classes 3-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Studies• Achievers Section For Classes 7 & 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History• Geography• Social and Political Life• Achievers Section For Classes 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History• Geography• Political Science• Economics• Achievers Section

Book Fee details given below:

EXAM	GRADE	RATE
IEO Workbook Preparatory Guide Previous Year Question Paper	I-IX I-IX I-IX	Rs.75/- Rs.150/- Rs.225/-
IGKO - Workbook	I-IX	Rs.75/-
IMO Workbook Preparatory Guide Preparatory Guide Previous Year Question Paper	I-IX I-V VI-IX I-IX	Rs.75/- Rs.150/- Rs.190/- Rs.225/-
ICSO (NCO) - Workbook	I-IX	Rs.75/-
NSO Workbook Preparatory Guide Preparatory Guide Previous Year Question Paper	I-IX I-V VI-IX I-IX	Rs.75/- Rs.150/- Rs.190/- Rs.225/-
ISSO - Workbook	I-IX	Rs.75/-
Note: Reasoning Workbook : It is a combined study material for IGKO,NSO,IMO & ICSO	 I-V VI-IX	 Rs.110/- Rs.150/-

New Launch		
Reasoning Mastery Guide: It is a step by step guide aimed at improving critical thinking skills, ideal for preparing IMO, NSO, and ICSO.	I-V VI-VIII IX	Rs.260/- Rs.299/- Rs.374/-

AWARDS & RECOGNITION FOR STUDENTS:

LEVEL 1 AWARDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">All participating students receive a ‘Certificate of Participation’ & a ‘Student Performance Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gold Medal of Distinction & Certificate of Distinction for top 25 Zonal toppers per class per exam.
School “Gold Medal of Excellence” will be awarded as under: <ul style="list-style-type: none">For top 10% students from each class.

Final Level – Scholarships and Awards				
Level	Category	Award	Additional Recognition	Numbers
Level 2 (IEO, NSO, IMO) Level 1 (IGKO, ICSO, ISSO) Level 1 (IEO, NSO,	Top 3 International Rankers	`50,000, `25,000 and `10,000 for ranks 1, 2 and 3 respectively	. International Medals: Gold, Silver and Bronze . Certificate of Outstanding Performance	222 Winners
	Top 3 Zonal Rankers	`5,000, `2,500 and `1,000 for ranks 1, 2 and 3 respectively	. Zonal Medals: Gold, Silver and Bronze . Certificate of Zonal Excellence	5,772 Winners
	Zonal Rankers 4 to 10	Gift worth `500 each	. Certificate of Zonal Excellence	13,468 Winners

IMO) Class 1 & 2	Zonal Rankers 11 to 25	Certificate of Zonal Excellence	28,860 Winners
Level 2 (IEO, NSO, IMO)	Zonal Rankers 26 onwards	Merit Certificate	

Additional details:

Level 1 SOF OLYMPIADS	Level 2 SOF OLYMPIADS
<p>Examination Centre All Level 1 Olympiads will be conducted in the students’ own schools.</p> <p>Time of the Olympiads The Level 1 Olympiads are held during school hours.</p> <p>Criteria for Level 1 All students (as per their school’s registration) in the relevant classes for the respective Olympiads.</p> <p>Note : <i>Some exams are single-level only: IGKO, ICSO, and ISSO. Students appearing for these exams will not have a Level 2 exam.</i></p>	<p>Applicable Olympiads Level 2 Olympiads are conducted for IEO, NSO, and IMO for classes 3 to 9. IGKO, ICSO, and ISSO do not have a Level 2 (they are single-level exams).</p> <p>Date and Examination Centre The Level 2 exam is scheduled for 8th February, 2026 tentatively. It will be conducted at centers finalized by SOF (not in the students’ own schools).</p> <p>No Registration Fee No separate registration fee is charged for the Level 2 exams.</p> <p>Qualification Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 5% of students (class-wise) who appear in the Level 1 exam, internationally. • Top 25 rank holders from each zone and each class. • Class topper (where at least 10 students from a class register for the exam and the topper scores at least 50% marks). In the case of multiple sections in a class, the topper with the highest marks across all sections qualifies. <p>Admit Cards Admit Cards for the Level 2 Olympiads will be dispatched to schools</p>

Special note:

Students must fill in all columns of the OMR sheet correctly. Any incorrect or incomplete information may lead to disqualification from ranking.

Instructions for students:

- ❖ Students those who are interested in participating in SOF Level 1 Exam must carry exact amount that is mentioned above in an envelope mentioning the following details:
 - ✂ Name of the student:
 - ✂ Class:
 - ✂ Division:
 - ✂ Contact number:
 - ✂ Email Id:
 - ✂ Exam name:_____
 - ✂ Name of the book needed(Optional):1)_____2)_____3)_____

- œ Exam Fee : _____ Book fee (Optional) : _____ Total amount paid = _____
- œ Students must submit separate envelope for different exams.
- œ Write all relevant details on each envelope if opted for more than one SOF exam.
- œ No refund requests will be entertained.
- ❖ Handover the envelope to your respective class teacher on or before 20th June, 2025.

We look forward to your continued support and your ward's participation in SOF Exams during 2025-26.

Warm regards,
Deepa Jayaroy
Principal
S.N.G.C.S