



Project IOQM 27

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Which standard students are eligible to enroll?

This program is open to students who are **currently studying in Standard VI or VII** and who will be in **Standard VII or VIII in the academic year 2026-27**.

2. Will the program be conducted offline or online?

As the course is rigorous and concept-intensive, the program will be conducted **entirely in offline mode** to ensure strong interaction between teachers and students.

Therefore, the program is primarily intended for students from **Pune and nearby areas**.

However, if we identify a few exceptionally deserving students from outside Pune, their participation may be considered on a **case-by-case basis after discussion**.

3. The scholarship exam date is 26 April 2026, which clashes with the Level-1 selection test. What should we do?

The clash affects **Standard VII students only** and not Standard VI students.

For students who are unable to appear on 26 April due to this clash, **alternative arrangements will be made**.

4. What will be the schedule of the course?

- **Three lectures per week**
- **Duration:** 2 hours per lecture
- **Timings:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The course will **start on 8 June 2026** and will continue **throughout the year**. The core training is expected to be completed by **May 2028**, after which students will continue to receive **problem-solving support until they appear for IOQM 2027**.

5. Where will the lectures be conducted?

The venue has not yet been finalized. Details regarding the location will be **communicated well in advance to the selected students**.

6. Who will be teaching this course?

This initiative is driven purely by a **social cause**. The teaching team consists of **experienced Olympiad trainers**, each having a **minimum of 12 years of Olympiad teaching experience**. Different teachers will handle different topics based on their expertise.

7. What is the purpose of this initiative?

IOQM is the **first and most crucial step** in a student's Olympiad journey. If mathematical talent is identified and nurtured at an early age, students can achieve remarkable results and contribute significantly to the nation. We believe that **talent must be supported irrespective of a student's background**, and hence this program is offered **free of cost**, without any compromise on quality.

8. What is PIE Foundation?

PIE Foundation is a collective of **passionate and experienced teachers** who have spent many years in Olympiad training and are now at a stage where they wish to **give back to society through meaningful academic initiatives.**

9. Will a similar program be conducted next year?

Since **IOQM 2027 is our first batch**, continuation will depend on our experience this year.

If the program runs successfully, we **intend to conduct a similar program next year for Standard VII students.**

10. What if my child is not selected for this program?

Maintaining **classroom homogeneity and manageable batch size** is essential for the success of this program.

While we may not be able to enroll all applicants, **students who are not selected will be guided regarding what to study and how to prepare further.**

We strongly encourage them to continue their hard work.

11. What support will students receive after IOQM 2027?

Based on students' performance in **IOQM 2027**, we will design a **separate plan for RMO and higher-level training.**

Students who qualify for the next stages will receive **continued support free of cost.**

12. What is the two-level selection process?

Due to expected high interest, the selection process consists of **two levels**:

- **Level 1:** Screening test
- **Level 2:**
 - Short-term training in selected concepts
 - A test based on this training
 - **Personal interaction with the student and parents**

After this process, a **final list of selected students** will be announced.

13. Since the program is free, how will PIE Foundation manage the expenses?

We have chosen to begin this project with complete commitment to **IOQM 2027**.

As this is a **social initiative**, we expect support from society to help sustain it.

Lack of funds will not affect the execution of this project.

14. What if fewer than 40 students are selected?

We require a **minimum of 25 students** to justify the academic effort involved.

If fewer than 25 students clear the two-level selection process, the project will **not be conducted this year**.

In that case, we will work towards **better outreach and selection next year**.

15. What if I have a question not covered here?

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