

## 1ACross.org's 7th Anniversary - GRIDFEST - Rules and Regulations

- 1. The Gridfest will commence on August 16, 2021.
- 2. An individual can register only once. Each registered participant will be assigned a unique Registration ID which should be used while submitting the solutions.
- 3. Starting from August 16, a new grid will be published daily at 17:00 IST (11:30AM GMT). The date of publishing will be referred to as its "Opening Date".
- 4. Each Grid will be open for submission for 7 days ending at Midnight IST (6:30 PM GMT). The last date for submission of a grid is referred to as its "Closing date".
- 5. A webpage with the Solving links, Opening and Closing dates for all the grids in the contest will be provided to all registered participants. It will also have the link to a Practice puzzle to allow participants to familiarize themselves with the puzzle platform and submission process.
- 6. Participants can bookmark and access the Gridfest page each day during the Gridfest and solve and submit any grids available for solving during the period. It will be the responsibility of each solver to complete and submit the grids before the deadlines.
- 7. The identity of the setters will be kept confidential during the period of the Gridfest.
- 8. Setters who are participating should maintain confidentiality with respect to their identity and all information about the grids, in view of fair play. For their own grid, setters who are participating, will be awarded points based on their average percent score on all other grids.
- 9. All participants should maintain confidentiality with respect to the solutions / annotations and all other details with respect to the puzzles and refrain from discussions of the puzzles till the leaderboards are announced.
- 10. Scores will be allotted for each correct cell in the grid as well as for the Bonus questions relevant to each grid. These will be aggregated across grids to calculate the total score in the competition. Multiple submissions will not be allowed and only the first submission will be considered for scoring.
- 11. All correct submissions received within the first 24 hours of publishing will also get a time bonus of 10 points.
- 12. If there is a tie at the end of the contest, organizers will pick the winner based on draw of lots.
- 13. Any one found to be in violation of any of the rules above would be disqualified from participating.
- 14. The organizer's decisions with respect to this contest, are final and binding.
- 15. The Top three solvers, based on the overall leaderboard at the end of the Gridfest, will be awarded Gift vouchers worth INR 15,000 (USD 200), INR 11,250 (US\$ 150) and INR 7,500 (US\$ 100).
- 16. There would be a daily lucky winner chosen from the all correct entries received for each grid. This prize can be won by an individual only once during the event. Contestants who have won any of the Top prizes will not be eligible for the lucky draw prize. The names of winners will be announced at the end of the contest.
- 17. HAVE FUN, PLAY FAIR and together let us make the 1Across GRIDFEST a phenomenal success.