

INPT-2026

Indian National Physicists' Tournament (INPT) is the national level selection process for IPT, the International Physicists' Tournament. Check out <https://ipt.science/> for details. Like every year, this year also IAPT is going to organize INPT-2026 through a two step selection process. In the first phase of selection, all the registered teams will submit a manuscript on their first preference IPT problem out of the three problems recommended for the national level selection process. The registration link is as following: <https://forms.gle/HZDPN4FQcuLrG1Fe7>

Through a double-blind review process twelve (12) teams will be shortlisted for the 2nd stage: the National Physics Fight (NPF) for INPT 2026-27. In National Physics Fight, shortlisted teams will play three distinct roles: Reporter, Opponent and Moderator.

- The Reporter team has a fixed time (e.g., 10 minutes) to expose their solution to a problem. Then, they have to defend their answer and points of view during the following discussions.
- The Opponent team has to point out the weaknesses and eventual errors of the Reporter's solution in 5 minutes as a constructive criticism.
- The Moderator team will review both the Reporter's and the Opponent's performances. Their duty is to help the jury decide their marks by pointing out the pros and cons of each team.
- The members of the jury board may ask clarifying questions, giving scores and feedback to each role in the round.
- Then teams swap the roles in three different Physics Fights, so each team plays each role once in a fight.

Manuscript submission

- Participants have to prepare their manuscript based on the first preferred problem (<https://ipt.science/problems/>), following the IPT guidelines (<https://ipt.science/preselection/> , <https://iptnet.info/preselection>) and submit it before the stated deadline.
- The manuscript must have a pdf format and cannot exceed 5 pages of main text (i.e. not counting the appendix or cover page). You are free to enclose your own experimental/supplementary material (videos, photos, computer programs – smaller than 10 MB in total) separately and to cite it properly in the manuscript. (<https://ipt.science/preselection/>)
- While submitting the manuscript, please ensure that you have prepared two versions: (a) Primary version containing the problem name, group name along with the team's name, members' details and affiliation, (b) Second version only including the problem name and group code (will be shared after registration) for double-blind review.

Both the versions will be submitted via email to inpt2026.iapt@gmail.com, keeping the subject line as “**Manuscript INPT2026-27_Problem Name_Group Name_Group Code**”.

Experimental setup: submission of video

Participants may prepare a short video of 10 minutes maximum to explain/demonstrate their experimental set up and procedure. The video may be submitted through google drive link, and the link should be shared with the same email id inpt2026.iapt@gmail.com, keeping the subject line as “**Video INPT2026-27_Problem Name_Group Name_Group Code**”.

Important deadlines

Registration opens: **05 Oct, 2026**

Registration closes: **22 Oct, 2026**

Confirmation of registration: **25 Oct, 2026**

Manuscript submission deadline: **30 Nov, 2026**

Result announcement (after double blind review): **11 Jan, 2027**

Tentative time of National Physics Fight (NPF): **Last week of Jan, 2027**

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