



# **Indian Abacus - Competitions**

## **International Level Competition | National Level Competition** **State Level Competition**

Tests and examinations enable assessment of the knowledge or skills of a student in a subject or an activity and they are more focused to assess to acknowledge levels of expected knowledge or skills. Competitions on the other hand are more focused on the expectations as to how extraordinarily the students can perform. Rather the competitions are aimed at bringing out the exciting possibilities of students' knowledge or skills.

Competitions in Abacus based mental calculations are therefore the high-end tests exposing the children to seemingly tougher tasks in calculations. The challenge is increased steadily either by reducing the time for the given tasks or by increasing the number of tasks within an allotted time. Either way the student participating in the competition to win in good positions must be capable of being extra-ordinary. The speed factor is the differentiating aspect which actually makes the student to employ absolute concentration as a skill while doing calculations. Concentration is a single minded attention focused totally on the very limited sphere of activity which only brings out positive results. While calculations are done by a student using abacus based computation methodology the student tends to go through an inner murmuring of numbers added, subtracted, multiplied or divided. So there is also a fine frequency listening that happens within, which becomes the part of the total activity. The student's mind will experience hyperactivity within, while there is a visible inattention to the external environs. Hence concentration, visualization and listening as skills are harmoniously working in every split second thereof.

The brain activity therefore is extremely great during abacus-based mental calculations and the speed that the student attains to finish the paper faster than the others has a visible veil of total silence for an onlooker. Competitions are therefore opportunities for the students to challenge their own brains to attain extended milestones which they are yet to experience, and which they might otherwise be missing to achieve.

Abacus Mental Arithmetic Competitions are held at 3 levels – State, National and International. Though competitions are the general feature within the centres and in between centres, the levels recognized are the State, National and International.

### **State Level Competition:**

Held once in a year among the students within the state representing different centres across the state. The Prize Winners are recognized as State Level Winners. Generally, most of the State Level Winners – Champions and Runners Up try to participate in the National Level Competition, though even the non-winners also are permitted to take part in the open category, in the Nationals. State Level Competition is generally held in the capital city of the state, though it is also held in other major cities within the state. State Franchisee organizes the State Level Competition supported by the Franchisees and the Tutors within the state.

### **National Level Competition:**

Held once in a year among the students within the country representing different centres from across all the states. The Prize Winners are recognized as National Level Winners.

Generally, most of the National Level Winners – Champions participate in the Inter-national Level Competition, though even the non-winners also are permitted to take part in the open category, in the Internationals within the allotted numbers.

National Level Competition is generally held in the capital city where the National Franchisee has his administrative office, though it is also held in other major cities. National Franchisee organizes the National Level Competition supported by the State Franchisees Franchises and the Tutors within the country.

### **International Level Competition:**

Held once in a year among the students representing different centres from across all the countries. The Prize Winners are recognized as International Level Winners / champion. International Level Competition is generally held in the capital city where the Global Franchisor has his administrative office, though it is also held in other major cities in the host country of the Global Franchisor. Global Franchisor organizes the **International** Level Competition supported by the National Franchisees State Franchises and the Tutors from across all parts of the world.

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