Brain Bee 2021 Registration Questions

Please read if you answered ‘No’ to the following questions on the Registration form.

1. **Do you have a webcam?**

   You will need a webcam to fully participate in the Brain Bee competition. Your webcam doesn’t need to be fancy – it can simply be your built-in laptop camera or a makeshift webcam using your cell phone (see below).

   If you are one of the top 3 finalists in your region and advance to the final round of the competition (i.e., the Final Showdown), you will need to turn on your camera while answering questions live. If you do not have a webcam, you will not be allowed to participate in the Final Showdown and will be required to withdraw from the competition. We insist on these requirements to maintain the academic integrity of the competition. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

   **If you do not have a webcam or microphone on your computer, you may be able to use a smartphone.** Check for a link to instructions on how to do this on the Canadian National Brain Bee webpage and make sure to test this option well before the competition days: https://brainbee.ca

2. **Do you have an internet connection fast enough to stream video?**

   The Brain Bee tests are timed events. You will have a very specific amount of time to complete each test; after the time expires, the test will no longer be available. Most importantly, if you are ranked among the top 3 finalists and advance to the final round of the competition (i.e., the Final Showdown), you’ll need to participate in a live video meeting where you’ll be asked a series of timed questions. We cannot allow for extra time due to internet connectivity issues.

   For tips on how to speed up your internet, click [here](https://brainbee.ca).
3. **Do you have a computer that meets the performance requirements found** [here](#)?

If you do not meet the system requirements listed on the McMaster University Technology Services website, you may still participate in the competition provided that,

- You have a webcam, microphone and speakers (built-in laptop mic, speakers and camera are fine).
  - **If you do not have a webcam or microphone on your computer, you may be able to use a smartphone.** Check for a link to instructions on how to do this on the Canadian National Brain Bee webpage and make sure to test this option well before the competition days: [https://brainbee.ca](https://brainbee.ca)
- You use Firefox or Google Chrome as your web browser.
- Your computer is fast enough to stream video while other tabs (e.g., Avenue to Learn) are open (8 GB RAM is recommended but you may be fine with 4 GB RAM).

4. **Do you have computer accessories that will enable you to participate in the oral part of the competition (e.g., microphone and speakers)?**

You will need a microphone and speakers to fully participate in the Brain Bee competition. Your speakers and mic don’t need to be fancy – you can simply use the built-in mic and speakers on your laptop.

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5. Do you agree to the terms outlined in the Photo Release form copied below?

**Photo/Video Release Form**

I hereby authorize McMaster University and the CIHR Canadian National Brain Bee (CCNBB) to take my photograph and/or video recording during the **2021 CIHR Canadian National Brain Bee Event at McMaster University in June 2021**, and grant McMaster University and the CCNBB competition all rights to these sounds, still or moving images in any medium for educational, promotional, marketing, advertising, or other such purposes that support the mission of McMaster University and the mission of the CCNBB.

I understand and acknowledge the recordings may or may not be used in whole or in part, composite or retouched in character or form, in colour or otherwise, made through any media.

I understand that I do not own the copyright of the recordings and agree that all prints, negatives, positives and recordings belong to McMaster University.

I was not paid to appear in the photograph or video recording and will not receive any fees for the use of this photograph or recording in the future.

Most of the Brain Bee competition does not require you to have your webcam on. However, if you are one of the top 3 competitors in your region and you advance to the Final Showdown, you will need to have your webcam on. Members of the Brain Bee Organizing Committee **will** take photographs during the Final Showdown for assessment purposes. **These photographs will not be shared outside the Committee, and they will be deleted once the competition is over.**

The Brain Bee Organizing Committee may also take group photographs or video recording during the competition. We will always provide a warning before taking a group photograph or video recording, and you will have the option of turning off your webcam if you choose. The Brain Bee Organizing Committee will only post photographs of students who have consented to have their image reproduced.

**NOTE:** Although we will prohibit Brain Bee spectators from taking photographs or recordings during the competition, please be advised that the Brain Bee Organizing Committee cannot control the actions of spectators (e.g., parents, teachers, other competitors).

If you still do not consent to these terms, you must unfortunately withdraw from the competition.
6. Does the parent/guardian listed agree that your likeness be used according to the Photo Release form copied below?

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