

# Privacy Policy for IOQM Registration

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At the **Mathematics Teachers' Association (India) [MTA(I)]**, we are deeply committed to protecting the privacy and security of the students who register for the Indian Olympiad Qualifier in Mathematics (IOQM).

## Our Core Privacy Commitment

To be completely clear about how we handle your data, our core principles are:

- **We do not sell or commercially exploit personal data.**
- **We share information only where reasonably necessary for administration of the IOQM, related operations, legal compliance, security, and aggregated analytics.**

This Privacy Policy explains what information we collect, why we collect it, and how we safeguard it. By completing the registration process, the student's parent or lawful guardian provides explicit consent to the collection, processing, and storage of personal data as detailed in this policy. Registrations for students under the age of 18 must be completed by or with the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

## 1. Information We Collect

We collect the following information during IOQM registration:

- **Mandatory Individual Information:** To successfully register students for the IOQM, the following categories of personal information and supporting documentation are collected:
  - **Personal Identification:** Full name, Date of Birth, Gender, and Parents'/Guardians' names.
  - **Contact Information:** Email address, Mobile number, and Residential address.
  - **Academic Information:** School name, School address, Grade/class, and School affiliation details.
- **Voluntary Survey:** For students who register online, we also conduct a voluntary survey. Information collected through the survey is aggregated and not tied to the individual student.
- **Payment, Technology, and Website Operations:** The IOQM registration platform and related operational systems rely on certain authorized technology and infrastructure providers which in turn may collect limited technical, transactional, or operational information:
  - **Payment and Transaction Data:** When you pay the registration fee, financial details (such as card details, netbanking credentials, or UPI IDs) are collected and processed directly by our authorized third-party payment gateway vendor.

MTA(I) does not store or have access to your financial credentials; we only retain transaction metadata (such as transaction ID, timestamp, and payment status) to confirm your registration.

- **Website Operations and Technical Systems:** The IOQM registration platform and related services may also use essential cookies, session technologies, security systems, and limited operational or statistical analytics tools to maintain website functionality, authenticate users, detect fraud or abuse, ensure system reliability, and understand aggregate website usage patterns. Certain authorized technology and infrastructure providers may process limited technical or operational information as part of providing these services. These tools and services are not used by MTA(I) for advertising, commercial profiling, or cross-site behavioral tracking.

## 2. How We Use Your Information

The data we collect is used for the administration and improvement of the IOQM. Specifically, we use your data to:

- Process your registration and verify your eligibility for the examination.
- Issue admit cards, roll numbers, and examination center allocations.
- Communicate important updates, announcements, and results related to the IOQM.
- Generate aggregated and de-identified statistical analytics to understand participation trends and improve future Olympiad programs.

## 3. Data Sharing and Disclosure

We respect your privacy and limit data sharing to what is reasonably necessary to conduct and support the examination process.

- **Examination Partners:** We may share necessary information with authorized third-party service providers and operational partners involved in conducting and supporting the IOQM, including examination centers, testing platforms, evaluation agencies, and related administrative support services. These partners are permitted to use personal information only to the extent reasonably necessary to conduct, administer, evaluate, and support the IOQM and affiliated Olympiad activities, and are required to maintain appropriate confidentiality and security protections.
- **Technology and Infrastructure Providers:** MTA(I) may use third-party technology and infrastructure providers for services such as cloud hosting, communications delivery, cybersecurity, authentication, website operations, analytics, payment processing, and related technical support. Such providers may process limited personal information as part of providing their services, subject to their applicable terms, privacy policies, contractual obligations, and legal responsibilities. MTA(I) seeks to use reputable providers and takes reasonable steps to limit data access to what is operationally necessary.
- **Government or Regulatory Bodies:** We are required to share information with government agencies (including HBCSE, TIFR and NBHM under DAE) in order to satisfy official mandates related to the Olympiad program. Such organizations process

information in accordance with their own applicable rules and regulations.

- **No Commercial Sharing:** MTA(I) does not sell, rent, or lease your personal information to marketing agencies, advertisers, coaching institutes, or any other commercial third parties.

## 4. Data Security

We implement appropriate technical and organizational security measures to protect your personal information against unauthorized access, alteration, disclosure, or destruction. Access to student data is restricted to authorized MTA(I) personnel, designated examination coordinators and authorized service providers who require it to perform their duties.

While we take reasonable and appropriate measures to safeguard personal information, no method of electronic storage, transmission, or processing can be guaranteed to be completely secure. In the event of a known security incident affecting personal information, MTA(I) will take reasonable and appropriate steps consistent with applicable legal, operational, and technical requirements.

## 5. Data Retention

We retain personal data only for as long as reasonably necessary to administer the IOQM, comply with applicable academic, legal, regulatory, audit, and operational requirements, and resolve disputes or verification requests related to participation.

Certain limited records relating to participation, rankings, awards, and Olympiad distinctions may be retained for historical, archival, institutional record-keeping purposes, as well as to generate statistical or educational trend analysis.

Data that is no longer required for operational or archival purposes may be securely deleted, anonymized, or de-identified in accordance with applicable policies and practices. Please note that residual copies may remain temporarily in encrypted backups or third-party vendor logs.

## 6. Correction and Update Requests

Students and parents/guardians may request access to, correction of, or erasure of their registration information. Such requests must be submitted using the prescribed forms, procedures, and contact channels notified on the official IOQM registration website.

Please note that withdrawing consent to retain or process essential personal data or requesting its erasure prior to the examination will result in the cancellation of registration. Furthermore, certain core data may be retained post-examination as part of our permanent historical archives of participants and awardees, or to comply with statutory and audit obligations.

## 7. Changes to this Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy periodically to reflect changes in our processes or legal requirements. Any updates will be posted on the official MTA(I) or IOQM registration website.

## 8. Contact Us

If you have any questions, concerns, or requests regarding this Privacy Policy or how your data is handled, please contact us at the following address:

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