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National Coding Championship

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## Coding Olympics Malaysia - Coding Competition 2026

Coding Olympics Malaysia is a structured national-level coding championship designed to develop computational thinking, logical reasoning, and real-world programming skills among primary and secondary students.

### Competition FAQs

#### 1. Who are the organisers of this competition?

Coding Olympics Malaysia 2026 is jointly organised by EduSTEEMS and mangoSTEEMS, in partnership with Access Dunia, and supported by MDEC (Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation).

#### 2. What are the categories of this competition ?

Participants are grouped based on their birth year (calculated based on the year 2026):

- Cadet Coders – Age 7–8 (Born 2018–2019)
- Rising Coders – Age 9–10 (Born 2016–2017)
- Junior Coders – Age 11–12 (Born 2014–2015)
- Advanced Coders – Age 13–14 (Born 2012–2013)
- Pro Coders – Age 15–16 (Born 2010–2011)
- Elite Coders – Age 17–18 (Born 2008–2009)

Age is calculated using: Competition Year – Birth Year.

#### 3. Why have I not received a confirmation email after registration?

You will receive two emails:

1. A payment receipt email upon successful payment.
2. A confirmation email after participant information has been verified.

If you do not receive them within 5 working days, please check your spam folder or contact us.

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## 4. Is prior coding experience required?

No prior coding experience is required.

Participants only need:

- Basic computer handling skills
- A proper laptop or device
- Interest in problem-solving

The competition is designed to progressively develop computational thinking skills.

## 5. What programming language will be used?

Different categories use age-appropriate programming platforms:

- **Cadet Coders**

Block-based coding (visual programming)

- **Rising & Junior Coders**

CoffeeScript (simplified JavaScript for beginners)

- **Advanced Coders**

Python (real-world programming language)

- **Pro & Elite Coders**

HTML, CSS & JavaScript (real-world programming language)

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## 6. What preparation materials will be provided?

### Learning Stage (Free Access)

Participants will receive limited practice links to familiarise themselves with the competition format.

This free access allows students to:

- Explore the platform
- Try basic practice challenges
- Understand competition structure

### Optional: Preparatory Program (Paid)

Participants may optionally enrol in the Coding Olympics 2026 Preparatory Program for:

- Extended practice access
- Higher-level challenge preparation

This is optional but recommended for students aiming for Top Rankings.

## 7. Is the competition individual or team-based?

All participants will join as individuals.

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## 8. Where will the Final Stage be held?

### Peninsular Malaysia

Selangor State Public Library (PPAS)

Shah Alam, Selangor

### East Malaysia (Sabah, Sarawak & Labuan)

Sarawak State Library

Kuching, Sarawak

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## 9. What do I need to prepare?

### Learning Stage & Qualifier Stage (Online)

Participants should prepare:

- A **computer, laptop, or tablet**
- An **updated web browser** (Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Safari)
- A **stable internet connection**

### Final Stage (Onsite Competition)

#### Cadet Coders, Rising Coders & Junior Coders

Devices will be **prepared and provided by the organiser** during the competition.

#### Advanced Coders, Pro Coders & Elite Coders

Participants are required to **bring their own laptop/device** for the Final Stage competition.

Students should ensure their device:

- Has an **updated web browser installed**
- Is **fully charged** before the competition
- Meets the **minimum system requirements**

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## 10. What are the minimum system requirements?

- 1.5 GHz Core2Duo or equivalent
- 2 GB RAM
- At least 1280 x 720 screen resolution

## 11. When will I receive my login details?

### Individual Registration

Login credentials will be sent via email.

### School Bulk Registration

Login details will be distributed by the teacher-in-charge.

## 12. When will winners received their prizes?

Gift Prizes will be given on the spot during the Final Stage.

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## 13. Will I receive any certificate of participation?

Yes.

Participants will receive recognition based on ranking:

 **Top 1–5 Winners** : Trophy + Prize + Award Certificate (E-Cert)

 **Top 6–20 Winners** : Medal + Award Certificate (E-Cert)

 **Top 21–50 Winners** : Gift + Certificate of Achievement (E-Cert)

 **All Participants** : E-Certificate of Participation

Additionally, eligible public school students may receive **PAJSK marks**.

## 14. How are participants evaluated?

Participants are assessed based on:

- Accuracy of solutions
- Completion efficiency

The competition follows structured and fair evaluation criteria.

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## 15. What happens if my internet connection fails during the Qualifier Stage?

Participants are responsible for ensuring a stable internet connection during the online qualifier.

If a temporary connection issue occurs, participants may reconnect and continue within the competition time limit. However, the organiser cannot guarantee additional time for connection disruptions.

## 16. Can parents stay during the Final Stage competition?

Yes. Parents may accompany their children to the venue.

However, during the competition session, only participants are allowed inside the competition area to ensure fairness and a distraction-free environment.

Parents may wait at the designated waiting areas within the venue.

## 17. What happens if a participant arrives late?

Participants are advised to arrive **at least 30 minutes before the competition begins**.

Late arrivals may still join the competition, but **no additional time will be provided**.

If a participant arrives after the competition has significantly progressed, entry may not be permitted.

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## 18. What should participants wear during the Final Stage?

Participants are encouraged to wear **comfortable attire suitable for a learning environment**.

School uniform is optional.

Participants may also wear casual clothing.

## 19. Can schools register multiple students?

Yes. Schools may register multiple students for the competition.

Schools may also conduct **bulk registration through a teacher-in-charge**, who will receive login details for all participating students.

## 20. Is Coding Olympics Malaysia an international competition?

Coding Olympics is an internationally recognised coding competition format that has been conducted in several countries.

Coding Olympics Malaysia represents the **official Malaysian hosting of the competition**, providing Malaysian students with an opportunity to compete under internationally aligned standards.

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## 21. Will participants receive learning exposure even if they do not win?

Yes.

The competition is designed not only to identify top performers but also to provide participants with valuable exposure to computational thinking, problem-solving, and real-world coding concepts.

Every participant who completes the competition will receive an **E-Certificate of Participation**.

## 22. How can I get more information?

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