



# WAO CUP Rules and FAQ's

1. The “WAO CUP” is a trivia competition and will be conducted in English.
2. Only individuals in training to practice allergy (i.e. in residency, fellows-in-training but not board-certified, etc) at the time of competition are eligible to participate.
3. Both members of a team must be physically present and registered for the WAO to participate.
4. The competition is single elimination. There will be virtual, preliminary rounds that will take place during the summer to determine the teams that will compete in Kyoto. The winners of the preliminary rounds will automatically receive a competition spot in the CUP. Inability to attend the preliminary rounds will not negatively impact your team's eligibility; however, priority selection to the final CUP competition will be given to teams that attend the preliminary rounds.
5. During the WAO CUP, there will be three rounds of game play: An elimination round, the semi-finals, and the finals. There is no penalty or point-reduction for incorrect answers.
6. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams will receive a prize. The first-place team will also receive free registration to the next World Allergy Congress. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.
7. The questions will be read in full and presented on a screen before any participating team can “buzz in”. The team to be the first to buzz in after the question is read, and provides the correct answer, will be awarded the point.
8. The judges have the final decision.

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

## 1. When and Where is the WAO CUP?

The WAO CUP will take place on 15 October 2026 from 15:00 – 17:00 (UTC+9), the day before the start of the WAO/JSA/APAPARI Joint Congress (WAC 2026). The WAO CUP will be held in the International Conference Center Kyoto. Refreshments will be served during the CUP and there will be a reception to follow.

## 2. Who is eligible to participate?

The WAO CUP is open to allergists or immunologists in training. This applies to current residents or fellows-in-training who are not yet board eligible or board certified at the time of competition. If you are unsure if you are eligible, please contact us at [info@worldallergy.org](mailto:info@worldallergy.org).

## 3. There are no allergy training programs in my country, can I participate?

WAO recognizes that not all countries have dedicated allergy training programs. Applications will be considered for trainees enrolled in the established path toward practicing allergy in their country.

## 4. How do I sign up to participate on a team?

Your Center/Program Director has been contacted to forward the sign-up form to interested individuals. The form only needs to be submitted once per team. Teams may represent a single program within an institution or dual/joint programs.

## 5. Can a single representative participate?

If only one individual from your program is able to attend the WAC and participate in the CUP, we will make every effort to pair them with a trainee from another institution.

## 6. My team is unable to participate in the virtual preliminary round, can we still compete in the WAO CUP?

Teams that are unable to attend one of the virtual preliminary rounds are still eligible to compete in the live CUP competition in Kyoto; however, priority selection will be given to teams that attend the preliminary rounds.

## 7. How will the teams be selected?

All received applications will be evaluated and selected based on the following criteria:

- The team submits the application form
- The team submits questions/answers
- The team participates in the virtual preliminary round, if applicable (see FAQ #6)

Additionally, each of WAO's global regions will be allotted an equal number of spots for teams to compete. Should there be an opening within a region, the Steering Committee may choose to extend that open spot to another team.

**8. When will I know if my team is accepted?**

The winning team of each preliminary round will automatically be accepted to participate in the live WAO CUP event. The remaining teams will be notified of their acceptance or rejection in July 2026.

**9. Is there a fee to participate?**

No, there is no entry fee to the competition itself; however, your team must be registered for the WAC to compete in the CUP.

**10. Do I have to attend the World Allergy Congress in person to participate?**

Yes, there are no exceptions. If both members of your team cannot attend the WAC in person, you must find an eligible person to fill the vacancy or forfeit your team's spot in the competition.

**11. How do I register for the World Allergy Congress?**

You can register on the meeting website:

<https://site2.convention.co.jp/jsa2026/en/registration/>

**12. Are there any travel grants or assistance for teams participating in the CUP?**

There are no travel grants or registration assistance for CUP participants. However, you may qualify for the student registration tier or a travel grant for exceptional abstract submissions through the WAC. Travel grants for accepted abstracts are limited.

**13. How do I submit an abstract for the World Allergy Congress?**

Abstracts and case reports can be submitted until 31 March through the meeting website. Notification of accepted abstracts will be sent in Mid-June.

<https://site2.convention.co.jp/jsa2026/en/abstract/>

**14. What are the prizes?**

The first place team will receive a trophy and free registration to the 2027 WAC. The second, third, and fourth place teams will receive trophies.

**15. Is this event open to all WAC delegates?**

Yes, this is a free event during the WAC and we encourage onlookers to come enjoy some refreshments and cheer on the teams. We will not allow any jeering or non-sportsmanlike behavior. The reception after the event is also open to all WAC delegates.

**16. Who do I contact with questions?**

For questions about the CUP (eligibility, submitting questions, etc), please contact the WAO Secretariat at [info@worldallergy.org](mailto:info@worldallergy.org)

For questions about the World Allergy Congress and registration, please contact the Congress Secretariat at [jsajoint2026@convention.co.jp](mailto:jsajoint2026@convention.co.jp)