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The Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

For questions and clarifications, contact:

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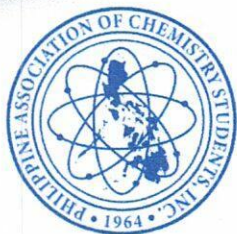


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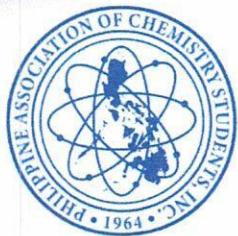
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Warmest greetings from PACS, Inc.!

The **Philippine Association of Chemistry Students Incorporated, or PACS, Inc.**, stands as a national, non-stock and non-profit organization composed of a diverse network of chemical societies across the country. For the past 62 years, PACS, Inc. strives as a beacon of student excellence in pursuit of advancement and innovation of the chemical sciences, scientific excellence and socio-cultural involvement.

Pursuant to its vision and goals, PACS, Inc. hopes to encourage academic excellence in chemistry in the country through empowering the next generation of scientists in showcasing their talents and knowledge for the chemical sciences. In line with this, PACS, Inc. will be hosting the **Junior Chemistry Congress 2026 (JCC 2026)** on **November 21 and 22, 2026 (tentative)**, at the **University of the Philippines - Manila (tentative)**, with the theme: "Polymerize: Linking Pathways to Cognitive and Imaginative Chemistry."

The two-day event is **open to all high school students across the country**, with the following sub-events of different modalities: **PACSiYensiya Jr.** (face-to-face), a research sub-event of JCC featuring poster and oral presentations where high school students nationwide showcase their student-led research in chemistry; **PACSymposium** (online), is a series of virtual dialogues led by experts from various fields to explore chemistry and its impact on society and help young minds connect chemical concepts to everyday phenomena; **TumPACS Jr.** (asynchronous), a creative video-making and meme-making competition that leverages social media, visuals, and humor to ignite young minds' passion for chemistry by involving scientific concepts into engaging content; and the highlight of the JCC 2026, **PACSiklaban Jr.** (face-to-face), a nationwide quiz bee where high school students test their chemistry knowledge by gauging scientific aptitude and appreciation in the chemical Sciences through healthy spirited competition.



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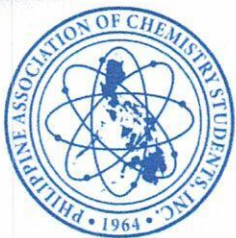
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The important dates of the aforementioned events, including registration deadlines, are as follows:

Activity	Date	Time
Start of Early Registration	September 25, 2026 (FRI)	5:00 PM
End of Early Registration (PACSiYensiya Jr. & PACSiKlaban Jr.)	October 10, 2026 (SAT)	5:00 PM
End of Registration/Deadline of Submission of Entries for TumPACS Jr.	October 23, 2026 (FRI)	5:00 PM
End of Registration (PACSiYensiya Jr.)	October 23, 2026 (FRI)	5:00 PM
End of Registration (PACSiKlaban Jr.)	October 30, 2026 (FRI)	5:00 PM
Posting of TumPACS Jr. Memes	November 3, 2026 (TUE)	5:00 PM
Posting of TumPACS Jr. Videos	November 3, 2026 (TUE)	5:00 PM
End of Registration (PACSymposium Jr.)	November 9, 2026 (MON)	5:00 PM
End of TumPACS Jr. Online Voting	November 13, 2026 (FRI)	5:00 PM
PACSiYensiya Jr. & PACSiKlaban Jr.	November 21, 2026 (SAT) [Tentative]	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Awarding Ceremony	November 21, 2026 (SAT) [Tentative]	2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
PACSymposium Jr.	November 22, 2026 (SUN)	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

In hopes to boost the Junior Chemistry Congress 2026, we humbly request for your help in **promoting the event to high schools within your jurisdiction**. If feasible, you may provide us a directory that could facilitate a direct communication with them. Rest assured that any information you will give us shall only be used for the purpose that it may serve in compliance with the RA 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012.



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For further details of the event, attached are the program flow, event guidelines, and the organizational profile. Should you have any queries, feel free to reach out to us via pacsincorporated@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to your prompt and positive response. Thank you very much!

For the ever-growing field of chemistry,

Kirsten Geraldine Esteban

Executive Secretary, AY 2026-2027

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Noted by:

Ma. Antonia Louise Llagas

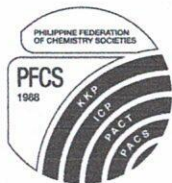
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CERTIFICATION

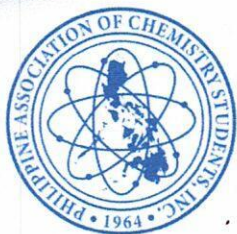
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that the **PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTRY STUDENTS (PACS)** is affiliated with the **Philippine Federation of Chemistry Societies, Inc. (PFCS)** as a duly constituted association of chemistry students committed to the advancement of chemistry education, scientific research, professional development, and the responsible practice of the chemical sciences in the Philippines.

This certification is issued upon request for whatever legal purpose it may serve.

Given this 30th day of September 2026, at Mandaluyong City, Philippines.


VOLTAIRE G. ORGANO, PhD, RCh
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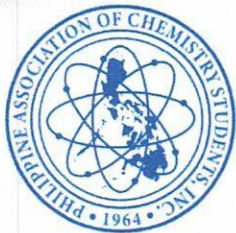
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Proposed Program Flow

A. PACSiklaban Jr. [November 21 (tentative)]

Time	Duration	Activity	Person/s in-charge
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	1 Hour	INGRESS	Executive Committee Adhoc Committee Volunteers
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	45 mins	Registration	Registration & Attendance Committee
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	15 mins	Settling Down of Teams Inspection of Calculators Final Team Preparations	Event & Organization Committee
9:00 AM - 9:05 AM	5 mins	Invocation (Prayer and National Anthem)	Hosts
9:05 AM - 9:10 AM	5 mins	Opening spiel	Hosts
9:10 AM - 9:15 AM	5 mins	Opening Remarks	Advisers/Executive Committee
9:15 AM - 9:25 AM	10 mins	House Rules	Hosts
9:25 AM - 9:40 AM	15 mins	Reading of Mechanics and Guidelines	Quizmaster
9:40 AM - 10:25 AM	45 mins	Easy Round	Quizmaster
10:25 AM - 10:30 AM	5 mins	Substitution of Players Restroom Break Tallying of Scores Promotional Video of PACS and Partners	Hosts



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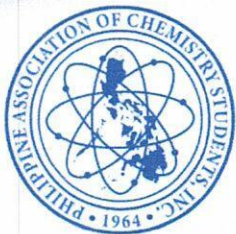
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10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	45 mins	Average Round	Quizmaster
11:15 AM - 11:25 AM	10 mins	Substitution of Players Restroom Break Tallying of Scores Promotional Video of PACS and Partners	Hosts
11:25 AM - 12:10 PM	45 mins	Difficult Round	Quizmaster
12:20 PM - 12:25 PM	5 mins	Restroom Break Tallying of Scores Promotional Video of PACS and Partners	Scorers
12:25 PM - 12:45 PM	20 mins	Clincher Round & Do or Die Round (if necessary)	Quizmaster
12:45 PM - 12:55 PM	10 mins	Awarding for Judges/Quizmasters	Hosts Sub-event Heads Executive Committee
12:55 PM - 1:00 PM	5 mins	Closing Remarks	Sub-event Heads
1:00 PM - 1:05 PM	5 mins	EGRESS (Lunch Distribution)	Hosts and Adhoc
2:00 PM onwards	2 hours	Awarding Ceremony	All

B. PACSiynsiya Jr. [November 21 (tentative)]

Time	Duration	Activity	Person/s in-charge
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	60 mins	On-site Registration and Hanging of Posters	Events & Productions
8:00 AM - 8:05 AM	5 mins	INGRESS	Hosts



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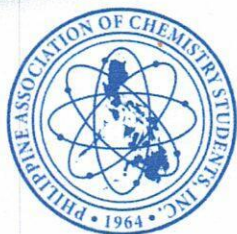
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8:05 AM - 8:10 AM	5 mins	Event Opening Spiel	Hosts
8:10 AM - 8:15 AM	10 mins	Introduction of Panelists	Hosts
8:15 AM - 9:30 AM	75 minutes	Showcase of Posters	Panel, Participants
9:30 AM - 11:10 AM	1 hour and 40 minutes	First Batch of Oral Presentation	Panels, Participants
11:10 AM - 12:10 PM	1 hour	Lunch Break	All
12:10 PM to 2:30 PM	2 hours and 20 minutes	Second Batch of Oral Presentation	Panels, Participants
2:30 PM to 2:50 PM	20 minutes	Deliberation and Tally of Scores	Panel, Participants
2:50 PM - 3:00 PM	10 minutes	Awarding Ceremony	Hosts
3:00 PM to 3:10 PM	10 mins	Closing Remarks, Egress , and Accomplishment of Evaluation Forms	All

C. PACS Symposium Jr. (November 22)

Time	Duration	Activity	Persons Involved
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	30 minutes	Opening of Zoom Meeting Room, Assembly	Technical Committee
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	15 minutes	Introductory Host Spiels (Welcoming JCC, Prayer, etc.)	Hosts
1:45 PM - 1:50 PM	5 minutes	Opening Remarks	PACS Inc., President
1:50 PM - 2:00 PM	10 minutes	Student Engagement/Interaction (Mentimeter)	Hosts/Game Facilitator



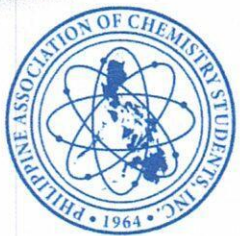
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2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	5 minutes	Introduction of Speaker 1	Hosts
2:05 PM - 2:35 PM	30 minutes	Speaker 1	Speaker
2:35 PM - 2:50 PM	15 minutes	Open Forum for Speaker 1	Participants/ Speaker
2:50 PM - 2:55 PM	5 minutes	Awarding of Certificate and Token	PACS, Inc. Pres., Speaker
2:55 PM - 3:00 PM	5 minutes	Photo Ops	Technical Committee
3:00 PM - 3:05 PM	5 minutes	Bathroom/Water/Other Break	
3:05 PM - 3:15 PM	10 minutes	Icebreaker	Games Facilitator
3:15 PM - 3:20 PM	5 minutes	Introduction of Speaker 2	Hosts
3:20 PM - 3:50 PM	30 minutes	Speaker 2	Speaker
3:50 PM - 4:05 PM	15 minutes	Open Forum for Speaker 2	Participants/ Speaker
4:05 PM - 4:10 PM	5 minutes	Awarding of Certificate and Token	PACS, Inc. Pres., Speaker
4:10 PM - 4:15 PM	5 minutes	Photo Ops	Technical Committee
4:15 PM - 4:20 PM	5 minutes	Closing Remarks	PACSymposium Jr. Co-Head
4:20 PM - 4:25 PM	5 minutes	Closing Spiels & Evaluation Forms	Hosts & Technical
4:25 PM	-	Egress	All



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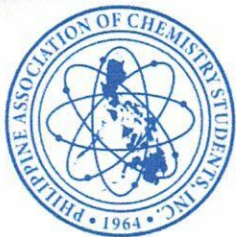
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ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

The Philippine Association of Chemistry Students (PACS) is a strong and dynamic national student organization of proactive and conscientious Filipino Chemistry students committed to upholding excellence in the study and application of chemistry, which is responsive to the needs of the nation. Its population is composed of undergraduate chemists, biochemists, chemical engineers and other professions tied together by the chemical sciences.

Since its establishment in 1964, PACS continues to promote the advancement and application of science, particularly chemistry, to all Filipino students through spearheading various projects and activities aimed towards increased competence in chemistry, scientific excellence, and socio-cultural awareness. It now houses more than 1000 individual members and alumni from its 17 different affiliate organizations nationwide, and its two (2) chapters - PACSVis and PACSMin.

With similar endeavors, PACS also serves as the student arm of the Philippine Federation of Chemistry Societies (PFCS), an umbrella organization founded in 1988 to reach and provide service to professional chemists, chemical technicians, educators, students, and professionals in the allied disciplines.



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JUNIOR CHEMISTRY CONGRESS 2025 END OF ACTIVITY REPORT

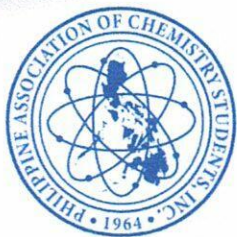
General Information

Title of Activity:	Junior Chemistry Congress 2025
Date of Activity:	November 22, 2025 (Online) November 23, 2025 (Face-to-face)
Time of Activity:	1:00 PM - 3:35 PM (Online) 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM (Face-to-face)
Venue:	University of Philippines Manila (Face-to-face) Zoom (Online)
Total number of participants:	146 participants (F2F) 123 participants (Online)
Point Person/s	Overall Heads - Christine Eliza Macarubbo - Ma. Antonia Louise Llagas PACSiklaban Jr. - Mary Margaret Haygood - Moira Dominique Pagkalinawan PACSymposium Jr. - Kyle Jose - Kristine Denise Platon TumPACS Jr. - Joross Miranda

Project Narrative

With its pursuit in the advancement of understanding of the chemical sciences across the nation, the Philippine Association of Chemistry Students Incorporated (PACS, Inc.) hosted its annual Junior Chemistry Congress (JCC), a congress designed to entice young aspiring scientists in pursuing the fields of chemistry. JCC features its original sub-events — PACSiklaban Jr., PACSymposium Jr., PACSiyensiya Jr., and TumPACS Jr.

PACSiklaban Jr. is the annual chemistry quiz bee for Grades 10-12 students designed to test their intelligence, wit and collaborative skills. **PACSymposium Jr.** features topics and talks that are related to the chemical sciences, which may be outside of their curriculum.



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PACSiYensiya Jr. is the research fair competition for high school students, featuring innovation and advancement of the chemical sciences through their studies and projects. **TumPACS Jr.** highlights creativity and showcases how chemistry can be appealing through its meme-making and video-making competition.

Last year's theme, "**Triple Point: Uniting Chemistry, Curiosity, and Creativity,**" emphasized the intersection of scientific knowledge, inquisitiveness, and innovation in nurturing the next generation of young scientists. Through this theme, the Junior Chemistry Congress provided a platform for aspiring young chemists to explore the different facets of chemistry beyond the classroom, encouraging them to cultivate their curiosity, express their creativity, and develop a deeper appreciation for the chemical sciences.

Specifically, this project aimed to:

1. Promote interest and appreciation for chemistry among young students by providing engaging and interactive activities that showcase the relevance and applications of the chemical sciences.
2. Enhance participants' knowledge, skills, and critical-thinking abilities in chemistry through competitive, academic, and creative activities that encourage scientific inquiry and innovation.
3. Encourage collaboration and meaningful engagement among young chemistry enthusiasts by providing opportunities to share knowledge, experiences, and ideas while building connections with fellow aspiring scientists.

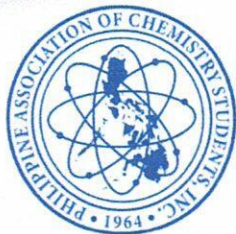
SWOT Analysis and Evaluation

PACSymposium Jr. - November 22, 2025

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
- Informative - Diverse Topics - Relevance to careers - Well organized	- Audio and tech - Limited participation - Uneven topic depth - Time constraints	- Expound topics - Career-focused - Research-oriented topics - Engagements - Sub-event pubmats posting	- Tech difficulties - Reduced interaction - Audience diversity in prior knowledge

TumPACS Jr. - Asynchronous

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
- Engaging platform	- Securing judges - Deadline	- Collabs with creators - Earlier and better	- Overlap with acad/extracurric



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PACSiklaban Jr. - November 23, 2025

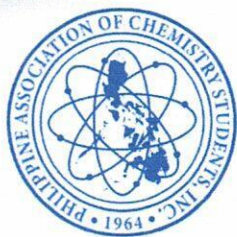
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Insights from Point Persons

The overall heads, Ma. Antonia Louise R. Llagas and Christine Eliza Macarubbo coordinated a hybrid event that ran online on November 22 and face-to-face on November 23, 2026, drawing a total of 269 participants across all three (3) sub-events: PACSiklaban Jr., PACSymposium Jr., and TumPACS Jr. The in-person events garnered a higher turnout than the online events. The preparations for the congress started later than intended, this is due to late sensing for the events. This delayed the start of the preparation on subsequent stages of planning, including the securing of panelists and the confirmation of the venue.

The annual quiz bee of JCC, the PACSiklaban Jr., headed by Mary Margaret Haygood and Moira Dominique Pagkalinawan, showed a high turnout. The point persons identified securing panelists and accommodating deadline extensions as primary challenges, compounded by the overlap of the sub-event's schedule with participating students' academic and extracurricular commitments. The resulting heavy workload placed on student participants, together with the difficulty of coordinating with external judges, were cited as key factors affecting the sub-event's preparation and execution.

PACSymposium Jr., sub-headed by Kyle Jose and Kristine Denise Platon, encountered audio and technical difficulties during its sessions, which affected the overall delivery of the talks. The point persons also noted limited participation and uneven topic depth as areas for



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improvement, with some sessions running into time constraints that limited the discussion and audience engagement.

TumPACS Jr., the meme-making and video-making competition sub-headed by Joross Miranda, faced difficulty securing judges for the sub-event, prompting the extension of submission deadlines to accommodate participants. Even with the extension, entries remained low, a challenge attributed to the overlap of the sub-event's timeline with participants' academic and extracurricular activities, as well as the heavy workload students carried alongside the coordination required with external judges.

PACSiYensiya Jr., the research composition of the congress, saw a notably low turnout of participating teams, as its schedule coincided with the examination period of many prospective participating schools. This overlap with participants' academic commitments, compounded by the late securing of the venue, significantly limited the number of entries received for the sub-event.

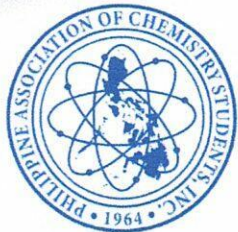
Across all sub-events, the point persons were united in their recommendation moving forward: to begin preparations earlier in the planning cycle, and to schedule the congress during a period free from participants' academic commitments, in order to maximize both the quality of preparation and the level of student participation.

Overall Summary

The overall objectives of the organization were met, as Junior Chemistry Congress 2025 was proved effective in instilling academic excellence and deeper understanding of the chemical sciences among its participants. Through PACSiklaban Jr., PACSymposium Jr., and TumPACS Jr., the event incorporated learner-centered activities with academic rigor, allowing the participants to appreciate chemistry beyond the confines of the traditional classroom setting. Although the number of participants were significantly reduced compared to the last congress, active participation from those who registered was still achieved, especially from those in the PACSiklaban Jr and the PACSymposium Jr. sub-events.

The congress likewise recognized outstanding participants across its sub-events. Below are the list of winners for JCC 2025:

SUB-EVENT	PLACEMENT	NAMES OF WINNERS	SCHOOL
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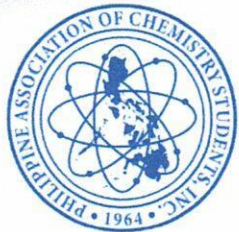
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PACSiklaban Jr.	Champion	HERNANDEZ, Aron Noel M. MERCADO, Kevin Gabriel T. DIVINO, Timothy Faith E. BLANCO, Roni Aldrich Joved B.	Philippine Science High School- CALABARZON Campus
	1st Runner-Up	LUIS, Breindel Sam T. CASTILLO, Seth Lukas C. ALVAREZ, Marc Gherson R. PE, Daphne Lois L.	Philippine Science High School - Main Campus
	2nd Runner-Up	BUNDALIAN, Charles Daniel W. SOLIMAN, Xander Liam Keith M. GUE, Chris Yuan A. MONTEFALCO, Gieul L.	Philippine Science High School - Central Luzon Campus
TumPACS Jr. (Meme-making)	Champion	MANGAPIS, Noelle D.	Science and Technology Education Center
	1st Runner-Up	YABUT, Julio Miguel	Marcelo H. Del Pilar National High School
	2nd Runner-Up	ARROYO, Edriel John D.	Philippine Science High School - CARC Baguio
TumPACS Jr. (Video-making)	Champion	FAUSTINO, Jedidiah Andrei L.	Legazpi City Science High School
	1st Runner-Up	LEONCIO, Princess Hermione B. BAUTISTA, Phoebe Jayne A. CAPULE, Erin Z. DELA CRUZ, Dracey B. ENRIQUEZ, Francesca Heart C. GUIANG, Zephaniah Joy V. SOTECO, Erica Michelle U. DELA CRUZ, Yuan Rey CRUZ, James Han S. TOLENTINO, Earl Cristan C.	Marcelo H. Del Pilar National High School
	2nd Runner-Up	CADIENTE, Eianne Athena C. CALIMLIM, Carly Jian F.	Philippine Science High School - Central



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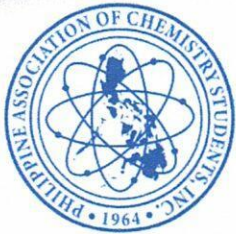
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The organization of the congress was met with considerable challenges, spanning from planning and preparatory stages through to its actual execution. Preparations for the congress were delayed at the outset date due to a shortage in manpower within the organization's committees, which affected the flow of the preparation such as the securing of panelists, and confirmation of the venue, both were finalized later than initially planned. PACSiyensiya Jr. showed a stoop in participating teams as the sub-event's schedule coincided with the examination period of many prospective participating schools. Despite these difficulties, the organizing committee remained steadfast in its commitment in providing memories and experiences, ensuring that the congress pushed through even though the compressed preparation timeline.



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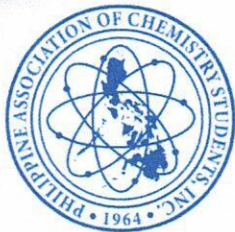
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Event Mechanics

I. PACSiklaban Jr.

A. Registration

1. The competition is open to all Grade 10, 11, and 12 high school students in the country. It will be held onsite at the **University of the Philippine - Manila (tentative) on November 21, 2026 (tentative)**, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please take note that the venue may be subject to changes and will be discussed in separate guidelines that are to be followed.
2. Participating schools must signify their intent to join the competition by filling out the registration form found at <https://tinyurl.com/JCC2026PACSiklabanJr> on or before October 30, 2026 (Friday). Onsite registrations **will not be entertained**.
3. A maximum of **two (2) teams from the same school** can participate in the competition, which should be composed of **three (3) members, and at least one (1) reserve**. All of which must be bona fide Grades 10, 11, and 12 high school students of the school.
4. Participating teams per school must pay for **early registrants PHP 1200.00** (registration from **September 18 to October 10**) and **PHP 1500.00 for late registrants (October 11 to October 30)**.
 - a. Kindly attach the proof of payment within the online registration form with the **file name "School/Institution Name_Team #_Proof of Payment"** to confirm the participation.
 - b. The fee will be inclusive of the following items for each participating team: **JCC kit, JCC IDs, meal, and certificates of participation.**
5. Registration fees must be settled via the following bank account:
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6. Once the payment for the event has been received and submitted for registration, the fee collected is **NON-REFUNDABLE** and **NON-TRANSFERABLE** under all circumstances. By submitting the form along with the Proof of Payment, the participant acknowledges and agrees to these terms and conditions.
7. Confirmation of registration will be held onsite at **8:00 AM onwards**. Participants' information, including their name and school, will be checked.



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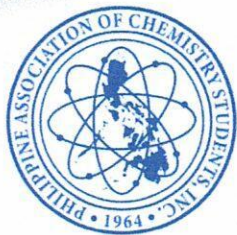
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8. In case the team changes a member for the team's roster, kindly send the names to pacsincorporated@gmail.com with the email subject of "[JCC 2026 PACSiklaban Jr. Roster Change]" on or before **November 6, 2026**, at **5:00 PM**. Roster changes beyond the set date will be under deliberation with the committee, while changes during the event proper will not be entertained.
9. During the event, the participants must be in their proper and **complete school uniform** with their **school ID cards** worn. The **JCC ID cards** should be worn at all times.
10. Only the **first twenty five (25) teams** that register will be accepted, considering the capacity of the venue.

B. Manner of Holding the Contest

1. Questions for the contest will cover **(1) General Chemistry, (2) Basic Organic Chemistry, (3) Basic Biochemistry, and (4) Basic Analytical Chemistry**.
 - a. General Chemistry questions shall cover topics on:
 - i. Matter and Its Properties
 - ii. Phase Changes
 - iii. Stoichiometry
 - iv. Chemical Reactions and Chemical Equations
 - v. Gases
 - vi. Electronic Structure of Atom
 - vii. Chemical Periodicity
 - viii. Molecular Geometry and Bonding Theories
 - ix. Solutions
 - x. Basic Thermochemistry
 - xi. Basic Chemical Kinetics
 - xii. Basic Chemical Equilibrium
 - xiii. Basic Electrochemistry
 - xiv. Nuclear Chemistry
 - b. Basic Organic Chemistry questions shall cover topics on:
 - i. Nomenclature and IUPAC Naming system
 - ii. Hydrocarbons
 - iii. Properties and Reactivities of Common Functional Groups
 - c. Basic Biochemistry questions shall cover topics on:
 - i. Biomolecules (Carbohydrates, Proteins, Lipids and Amino Acids)
 - ii. Cellular Respiration
 - d. Basic Analytical Chemistry questions shall cover topics on:



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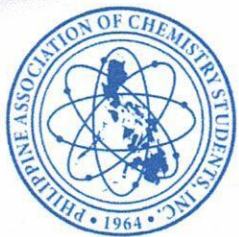
- i. Gravimetry and Stoichiometry
 - ii. pH Calculations
2. The questions may be of the following types: **(1) Multiple Choice, (2) Identification, (3) True or False, and (4) Problem Solving.**
3. The following rules shall be followed concerning **protests**:
 - a. Only the team captain may raise protests or complaints. The **team captain** shall inform the facilitator of the said contention.
 - b. A team is not allowed to comment or protest another team's answer.
 - c. All protests shall be forwarded to the **Board of Judges** for the decision.
 - d. The Board of Judges will entertain only those protests and complaints regarding the preceding question before the next question is asked.
 - e. The Board of Judges will be given a maximum of **five (5) minutes** to resolve the protest, after which, the contest will resume. Should the judges fail to resolve it in the allotted time, the question will be held in abeyance until it has been resolved; and
 - f. The decision of the Board of Judges is **final and irrevocable**.

C. Contest Proper

1. The contest will be divided into **three (3) parts: Easy, Average and Difficult rounds**. Each round is composed of **ten (10) questions** under the types stated above. The pointing system will be as follows:

	Easy	Average	Difficult
Correct Answer	+3	+5	+7
Incorrect Answer	0	0	-1
No Answer	0	-1	-2

- a. Any answers that are deemed non-serious or lacking reasonable relevance to the question **shall be considered No Answer** and scored accordingly by the decision of the **Board of Judges**.
2. **Restroom breaks** will only be provided after each round finishes.
3. **Substitution of participants** will only be allowed after each round finishes.



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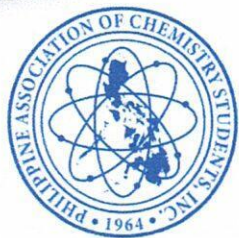
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4. **Calculators** are allowed for the whole duration of the competition and shall be inspected by the facilitators. **Calculator covers** must be surrendered to the assigned facilitators before the event proper. Pocket computers, mobile phones, smart watches, and programmable calculators are not allowed.
- A list of allowed calculators set by the **Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC)** shall be posted on the Junior Chemistry Congress Facebook page a week before the official event begins.
 - Based on the **advisory of the PRC on May 2, 2024**, the lists of allowed non-programmable calculator models are as follows:

CASIO SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS			
Fx-95MS	Fx-122S	Fx-350HA	Fx-82ES PLUS
Fx-100D	Fx-220	Fx-350MS	Fx-85MS
Fx-100MS	Fx-250HC	Fx-350TL	Fx-85W
Fx-100S	Fx-260	Fx-570AD	Fx-901
Fx-100W	Fx-300W	Fx-570MS	Fx-911W
Fx-115MS	Fx-350D	Fx-570S	Fx-991S
Fx-115S	Fx-350ES PLUS	Fx-570w	Fx-991W
Fx-115WA	Fx-350EX	Fx-82EX	
CANON SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS			
F-502	F-710	F-718SG	F-720i
F-502G	F-718S	F-718SGA	F-760S
F-604	F-718SA	F-720	F-789SGA (with transparent casing)
SHARP SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS			
EL-500W	EL-506W	EL-510R	EL-531XH
EL-501V	EL-509D	EL-520G	EL-531W
EL-501W	EL-509R	EL-520VA	EL-546L
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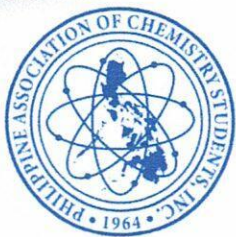
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HEWLETT-PACKARD SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS			
HP 9 S	HP 10	HP 30S	HP Smartcalc 300S
CITIZEN SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS			
SR-135N	SR-260N	SR-270N	SR-270X
SR-281N			
AURORA SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS			
AX-501	AX-528BL	AX-595TV	AX-597W
AX-600S			
OLYMPIA SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS			
LCD 8110	LCD 9210	ES-570MS	ES-570ES PLUS (with transparent casing)
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS			
TI-30XA	TI-30XIIS	TI-30XS	TI-34
TI-35X PRO			
OTHER BRANDS			
KARCE KC-S991		KARCE KC-S3500	
PORPO YH-105		PORPO YH-106	
TAKSUN TS-98MS		TAKSUN TS-2000	

- Each team will have a flagger/facilitator. The facilitators shall raise a signboard/flag corresponding to the following:
 - Green** - Correct Answer
 - Red** - Incorrect Answer
 - Yellow** - No Answer
 - White** - Contentions
- Each participating school **will be provided with a whiteboard and three (3) scratch papers**. The participants will also be given a black marker for their answers.



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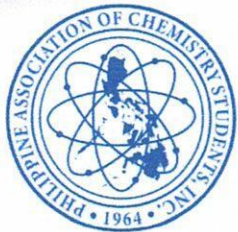
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- a. Participants may use a pen for solutions and for scratch. However, answers written by pen will not be credited.
7. Participants are not allowed to bring books, notebooks, and any form of notes and review materials during the contest proper. All necessary information shall be provided by the organizers.
8. The time limit for each round will be announced before the questions are read. Questions shall only be **read twice** and will be **flashed through a projector** for everyone's convenience.
 - a. The facilitators shall provide a printed copy of the question, once it has been flashed through the projector.
9. Contestants are only allowed to write on the answer sheets and scratch papers after the **"Go" signal**. Failure to do so shall merit the team **no point** for that question regardless of their answer.
10. All numerical answers shall be reported in the **proper significant figures or decimal places** as stated in the question. The rules of which are patterned from *Brown, et. Al., (2017). Chemistry: The Central Science. 14th Edition. Pearson Publishing.*
11. Final answers for each question shall **not have erasures**.
 - a. Final answers with visible and remarkable erasures shall be considered as **No Answer**.
12. Each facilitator will **check the answer twice** before proceeding to the next question. The facilitator will raise a green flag for a correct answer, yellow flag for no answer and red flag for wrong answer. For any contentions, facilitators shall raise a white flag as per the team captain's request.
13. **Participants must keep their whiteboard raised** until all answers have been acknowledged by the quizmaster.
14. Coaching from the audiences during the contest proper shall be forbidden. Any team incurred for coaching will be **disqualified**.
15. Any form of cheating is punishable by **disqualification**.
16. **Team standings** will be revealed in real time after the question has finished.
17. Participants who are caught **not wearing their JCC ID** when the contest starts or at any point throughout the event shall be **sanctioned**.
 - a. The **first warning** will be a **verbal warning** to the participant/s.
 - b. The **second warning** will be sanctioned a **-1** to the participant's **overall team standing**.
 - c. The third warning will be sanctioned a **-2** to the participant's **overall team standing**.

D. Determination of Winners



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1. The team with the **highest score after the difficult round** will be declared as **PACSIklaban Jr. 2026 Champion**. The **second** and **third** placers shall be declared as the **first** and **second runner-ups**, respectively.
2. In case of a tie for any of the top three (3) positions after the difficult round, a **Clincher round** shall be conducted to break the tie. The clincher round will be composed of three (3) questions, one from each difficulty round. The **pointing system will be the same** as the delegation of points for the easy, average, and difficult questions. The result of the Clincher round shall determine the final ranking.
3. In case of an unresolved tie, a **Do or Die** question shall be asked. Contestants are only allowed to answer once for every question. The first team to answer correctly shall be declared the winner. The **Do or Die** questions shall be given until all top three (3) places are won with no ties.

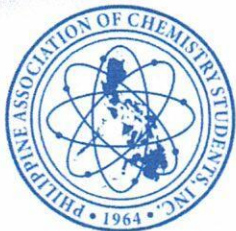
II. PACSiyensiya Jr.

III. Registration and Participants

1. The participants shall accomplish the official online registration form accessible at <https://tinyurl.com/PACSiyensiya-Jr-Registration> on or before **October 10, 2026, 11:59 PM for Early Registration, and October 23, 2026, 11:59 PM for Normal Registration.**
2. All Participants are required to attend the face-to-face event at the **University of the Philippines - Manila, 4F Henry Sy Building, Lecture Rooms 401-402** and must be present at the Junior Chemistry Congress on **November 21, 2026, at 7:00 AM** for on-site registration and poster preparation. Please note that the venue is subject to change; further details will be provided in separate guidelines.
3. A registration fee will be collected per team, which is inclusive of the following:
 - JCC Kit
 - Certificates of Participation for both researchers and coaches
 - Meals
 - Official slot for PACSiyensiya Jr. and PACSymposium Jr.

The fees are as follows:

Early Registration Rate (September 30 - October 10)	[1200] PHP
Regular registration fee (October 11 - October 23)	[1500] PHP



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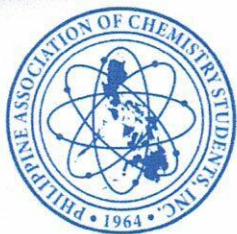
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- When settling the registration fee through the designated payment channel, participants **MUST indicate the subject format [School Initial] JCC_PACSiyensyaJr_RegistrationFee** to clearly identify the purpose of payment.
- Once payment for the event has been received and the registration form submitted, the fee is considered **NON-REFUNDABLE** and **NON-TRANSFERABLE** under all circumstances for both the **QUALIFIED** and **NOT QUALIFIED** participants. By submitting the form along with the proof of payment, participants acknowledge and agree to these terms and conditions.
- No additional fees will be collected for the on-site registration**, as all registration payments must be settled in advance through the online registration process.
- During the event, **participants' information, including their names and schools, will be verified for confirmation**. They will be required to sign the attendance sheet provided by the event facilitators. Upon confirmation, **each participant will be issued an official ID card**, which will serve as proof of registration and for identification throughout the event.
- Participants must attend in their school's prescribed **complete uniform** and must wear their **school ID** and the provided **JCC ID** at all times.

IV. Screening of Research Entries

- Each research project should have been done within **2022 - 2026** and may be presented either **individually or by a group with a maximum of three (3) students under the supervision of their respective research adviser or coach**. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disqualification.
- Each participating school may submit a maximum of **4 research entries**. Entries submitted from the **previous PACSiyensya Jr. are not eligible**.
- Participating teams have the option to compete in **(a) Poster Presentation only** or **(b) Poster and Oral Presentations**. Teams who choose the latter will



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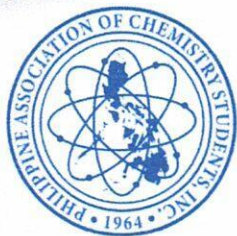
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have their papers screened by the review committee; **only 10 teams will be selected** in the interest of time.

4. All submissions must be directly related to the field of chemistry.
5. Participants are required to submit a **full-length paper** in **IMRAD** (Introduction, Methodology, Results and Discussion) Format, **along with a duly accomplished letter of authenticity in .pdf format**, via the official registration form on or before **October 23, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. The template for the letter of authenticity may be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/PACSiYensiya-Jr-LoA>
6. There will be **no limit** for the submission of research papers received through online registration, which will be accepted and forwarded to the panel for screening, although it is estimated that there will be around **5 studies** per the following sub-discipline in chemistry:
 - Inorganic chemistry
 - Analytical chemistry
 - Physical chemistry
 - Organic chemistry
 - Biochemistry
7. The papers submitted will be evaluated by the screening panel according to the following criteria:

CRITERIA	PERCENTAGE	DESCRIPTION
Quality of Research Content	30%	Presents the objectives, methods, results, and conclusions, showing that the research process is well-documented.
Creativity and Originality	25%	Demonstrate new ideas, creative approaches, or unique solutions in the research.
Relevance of the Topic	30%	The research topic is related to chemistry, addresses an important question, and provides meaningful insights or potential applications.
Accuracy and Clarity	15%	Data and conclusions are correct and reliable. References are



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TOTAL	100%	

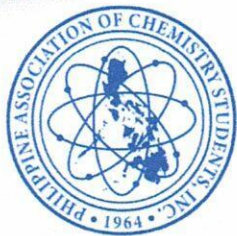
- All entries will be screened to ensure relevance to chemistry. Screening results will be communicated via email no later than **November 3, 2026, Monday**. All **official participants** must prepare a **poster** and a **Slide deck Presentation** for the event.
- After the review committee has reviewed the submitted entries, only **10 qualified teams** for the oral presentation will be notified via email **no later than November 3, 2026**, and are given until **November 5, 2026** to confirm their slot.
- At most three (3) waitlisted teams** will also receive an email on November 3, 2026 notifying them that they are waitlisted for the oral presentation if a team from the qualifiers list forfeits their entry.
- In the event that a qualifying team forfeits their slot in the oral presentation, the qualified waitlister will receive an update via email **no later than November 6, 2026**, and are given until **November 7, 2026**, to confirm their slot.
- If the submitted research paper is found to be plagiarized by the review committee, the participating team will be **AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED**.

V. Showcase of Posters

- All qualified participants are **required to prepare a research poster** for exhibit and judging.
- The posters must contain the following specifications:

Poster (paper) size	58 (length) x 35 (width) inches
Image size	44 x 34 inches
Resolution (for tarpaulin)	Minimum of 72 dpi for Adobe Photoshop
Text size	Legible from a distance of 1-2 meters
Material	Tarpaulin

- The title banner for the posters must be placed at the top of the posters and should have the following specifications:



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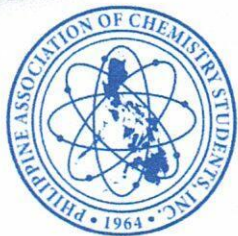
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Title	The lettering should be 15 mm (minimum) to 20 mm (maximum) in height, and use a formal, legible sans-serif font. The use of decorative or highly styled fonts are discouraged. The title should not occupy an excessive amount of space.
Authors	This includes the student/s and their adviser/s name/s. The lettering should have a height of 10 mm. The name of the student/s should be written in alphabetical order (Surname, First Name, and Middle name initials, e.g., Dela Cruz, J.). The name of the adviser/s (without the extensions) should be written after the student/s name, preceded by the word "and", following the same format.
School	This includes the complete name and address of the school. It should be the same size as the name of the author/s. Placed below the name of the author/s at a height of 8 mm.
Logo	The logo of the school may be placed on either the left or right side of the title banner, aligned with the name of the author/s and the school.

4. Posters **must be clear, concise, and primarily visual**. Text should be minimized and supported by originally produced figures, tables, and diagrams whenever possible. Use of externally sourced figures, tables, and diagrams, and visual materials should be limited to materials necessary for presenting the research and must be properly cited. Required sections are as follows:

SEGMENT	DESCRIPTION
Introduction	Include short background information, statement of the problem, significance of the study, and objectives. Use phrases or keywords only.
Methodology	Prepare a systematic presentation of the methods, using schematic diagrams or flow-charts
Results	Use diagrams, tables, and/or illustrations for the results
Discussion	Include an in-depth analysis and interpretation of the findings



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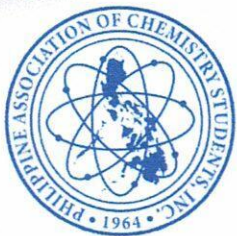
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References	Should include the major references used in the study. The ACS Format should be used in citing references.
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- For printing, **use appropriate foreground/background combinations** (e.g., dark-colored text on light-colored background and vice versa). During printing, ask for available software and appropriate versions that may be used for the poster layout.
- The posters must be presented at the on-site registration, which will start from **7:30 to 8:30** for checking. Late submissions will not be included in the competition.
- The mounting and setting up of posters will take place between **7:30 and 8:30**, with the assistance of event facilitators. Mounting materials will be provided.
- Participants should be present in front of their posters during the poster presentation** to entertain any questions the general audience (co-participants and society representatives of PACS, Inc.) may have.
- Questions from the audience during the poster session are for interaction purposes ONLY** and will not affect the judges' scoring of the poster presentation.
- The **authors should be responsible for posters** during the exhibit. The organizers are not responsible for lost/damaged/vandalized posters.
- The posters will be judged using the following criteria:

CRITERIA	PERCENTAGE	DESCRIPTION
Depth and Cohesion of Content	30%	Demonstrates thorough understanding of the research topic, including objectives, methodology, results, and discussion. Information is accurate and scientifically sound.
Content Knowledge & Organization	30%	Information is logically structured and easy to follow. All required sections are present, and the presenter demonstrates clear knowledge of the subject.
Visual Design & Aesthetics	20%	The poster is visually appealing, well-organized, readable from a distance, and uses figures/graphics



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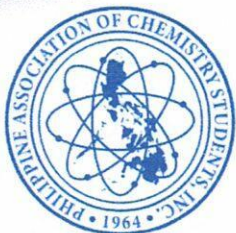
		effectively to support understanding.
Verbal Communication & Interaction	20%	The presenter/s explains the research clearly, confidently answers questions, and engages the audience effectively.
TOTAL	100%	

12. The posters will be removed after the oral presentations.

VI. Oral Presentation and Defense

1. All qualified participants for the oral presentation **must create a PowerPoint presentation** summarizing their research project.
2. Participants must email their presentations to pacsincorporated@gmail.com with the subject **[JCC 2026: Presentation (School)]** no later than **November 10, 2026, at 11:59 PM** in .pptx format. **Do not abbreviate the school name.**
3. Each team must bring a **USB** containing their **PowerPoint presentation** on the day and submit it to the technical team before the presentation proper.
4. Proceeding participants will be given a maximum of **ten (10) minutes to present** their work. This will be immediately followed by a **question-and-answer (Q&A) portion** led by the panel, with a **maximum of five (5) minutes per panel.**
5. Timing will begin with the **first spoken word** of the presentation.
6. In the Q&A portion, all participants in a group may answer questions; however, participants **must NOT respond simultaneously.**
7. The participants will be judged using the following criteria:

CRITERIA	PERCENTAGE	DESCRIPTION
Depth and Cohesion of Content	30%	Presentation demonstrates clear understanding of the research, logical flow of ideas, and cohesive explanation of objectives, methods, results, and conclusions.
Communication skills	25%	Presenter/s speak clearly and confidently, express ideas fluently,



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		and maintain composure under questioning.
Mastery of the Subject	30%	Presenter/s accurately answer questions, demonstrating a strong grasp of the research topic and methodology.
Presentation Design and Visual Appeal	15%	Slides are well organized, visually appealing, concise, and effectively support the spoken presentation.
TOTAL	100%	

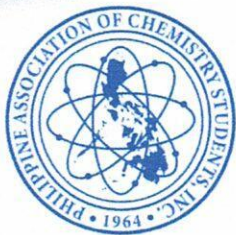
8. The **order of presentation** will be announced on the day of the event.

VII. Contents

The PowerPoint presentation must be **clear, concise, and visually engaging**. Text should be **brief and original (not copied directly from the submitted paper)** and **should not exceed seven (7) lines per slide**. Use of **illustrations, charts, tables, and diagrams** is encouraged to effectively communicate their research.

The presentation should include the following key sections:

SEGMENT	DESCRIPTION
Introduction	Include short background information, statement of the problem, significance of the study, and objectives. Use phrases or words only.
Methodology	Prepare a systematic presentation of the methods, using schematic diagrams or flow-charts
Results	Use diagrams, tables, and/ or illustrations for the results
Discussion	Include an in-depth analysis and interpretation of the findings



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References	Should include the major references used in the study. The American Chemical Society (ACS) format should be used in citing references.
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VIII. Overall Judging

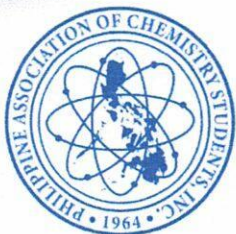
The final evaluation of PACSiyensiya Jr. will consist of two main components: the poster showcase and the Oral presentation.

SHOWCASE OF POSTERS	40%
ORAL PRESENTATION AND DEFENSE	60%
TOTAL	100%

IX. Awarding of Winners

- Outstanding participants will be recognized at the end of the program during the Awarding Ceremony. Winners will be determined based on their performance in **both the Showcase of Posters and the Oral Presentation and Defense**, as judged according to the overall criteria.
- The following awards will be given:
 - Champion** - Highest overall score
 - 1st Runner-Up** - 2nd Highest overall score
 - 2nd Runner-Up** - 3rd Highest overall score
- Special awards will also be conferred, based on the respective weighted scores:
 - Best Poster Presentation** - determined from the poster showcase criteria.
 - Best Oral Presenter** - determined from the oral presentation and defense criteria.
- All participants and advisers will receive certificates of participation.
- Major awardees (Champion, 1st Place, 2nd Place) will receive a cash prize and a certificate of achievement.
- Special Awardees will receive a certificate of recognition.
- All certificates will be sent to the registered email addresses of participants and advisers within **1-3 weeks after the event**.
- All decisions of the panel are **FINAL** and **IRREVOCABLE**.

X. Other Matters



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1. Feedback from the panel regarding their research entry may be given upon request.
2. For any questions or concerns related to the event, send an email to pacsincorporated@gmail.com. Expect replies from Monday to Friday at 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

XI. PACSymposium Jr.

A. Registration and Venue

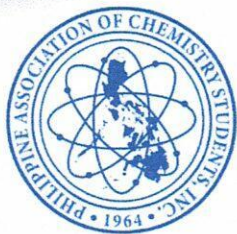
1. Interested participants shall complete an online registration form via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/JCC2026PACSymposiumJr> on or before November 9, 2026, at exactly 11:59 PM. The event will be open to high school and university students who wish to attend the symposium. High school participants, however, will be prioritized during registration. Moreover, participants of other sub-events who want to join the event are still allowed to register using the link.
2. The symposium will be held online via Zoom on November 22, 2026 at 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Due to the limited number of participants (300 participants) the videoconferencing platform, Zoom, can accommodate a Facebook Live to be initiated by the Junior Chemistry Congress' Facebook page, which will be made available for the public.
3. Participants' registration for the said online sub-event will be free of charge. Participants will be generally classified as Guests/Non-PACS, Inc. members, PACS, Inc. individual members, and Participants during the online event for recognition. The table as follows shows the delegation of the fees:

High School Participants	Free of Charge
University Participants/Non-PACS, Inc. members	Free of Charge
PACSiyensya Jr. Participants	Free of Charge
TumPACS Jr. Participants	Free of Charge
PACSiklaban Jr. Participants	Free of Charge
PACS, Inc. members	Free of Charge

B. Event Proper

a. General Guidelines

1. Participants' information, including their names and schools as submitted in the online registration, will be checked for confirmation before entry inside the meet.
2. Participation will be a first-come, first-served basis. Once all available Zoom slots are consumed, the remaining registered participants will be joining the Facebook Live audiences.
3. A Zoom link and the meeting passcode will be sent via email a day before the event.



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4. Participants should be joining the Zoom link muted to keep the event systematic and organized.
5. Unmuting the microphone and making unnecessary noises are refrained if it is superfluous or not asked.
6. To accommodate questions from the audience, a Mentimeter link/QR code will be flashed on the screen for the open forum part of the talks. Moreover, a question bank will be made for each speaker and will be used in case no questions were asked by the audience to prevent dead air in the program.

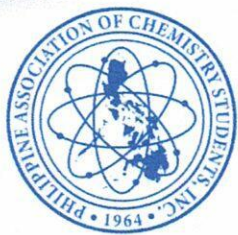
b. Student Engagement

1. Participants will join a series of multiple icebreakers and intermissions and access them through the link or QR code.
 - For the intermission, the Mentimeter will be utilized, and the host will survey the participants regarding certain topics such as their provinces, how they are feeling, their perception of chemistry, and many more.
 - For the icebreaker, the participants will be joining a game to be made by the assigned game facilitator. The top 5 participants will gain a prize.
 - Participants in the top 5 shall get a monetary prize and shall contact the assigned prize holder.

c. Post-event

1. Participants will be asked to stay for a few minutes after the event for photo opportunities.
2. Participants who attended all parts of the symposium will receive an e-certificate.
3. Participants are required to answer an evaluation form after the event to receive the said certificates.
 - The evaluation form will be opened by the end of the symposium and will no longer be accepting responses at exactly 6:30 PM, November 22, 2026.
4. For the Zoom meeting participants, the evaluation form will be sent in the chat box. For the participants coming from Facebook Live, the evaluation form will be disseminated in the comments section.
5. Issuance of E-certificates to the participants is expected to be sent via email within two weeks after the event ends.

XII. TumPACS Jr.



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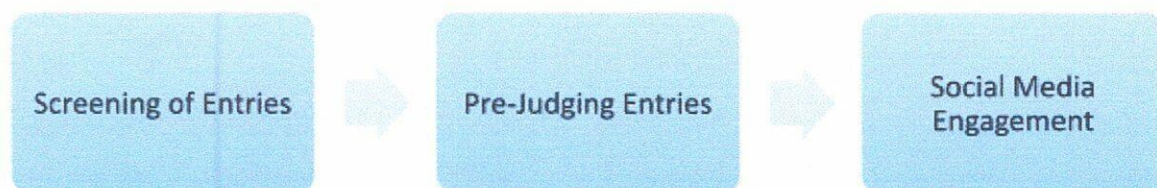
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A. General Guideline

1. TumPACS Jr. Video Competition will be divided into three (3) rounds: **(1) Screening of entries, (2) Pre-judging, and (3) Social Media Engagement.**

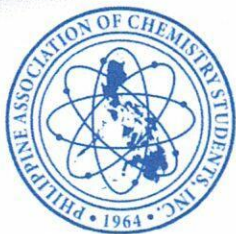


B. Mechanics

1. Open to all high school students, each school is allowed to submit a maximum of **one (1) video** as its entry.
2. Individual or group entries are allowed.
3. Each video may be composed of a minimum of **one (1) participant** and a maximum of **ten (10) participants**. Participants must be bona fide students of the school.
4. Only the **first 30 entries** will be accepted and forwarded to the panel for the screening proper.
5. Each video must be **2-3 minutes long**. The topic or subject of the entry should cover chemistry concepts.
6. Words spoken from the video must not come directly from a book, the internet, YouTube videos, etc. They must be of the **original idea or paraphrased** properly.
7. Participants may use props, visuals, or any texts related to their topic of their choice. References from the video entries must be placed at the last part of the video and must be in the **American Chemical Society (ACS) format**.
- 8.

C. Registration

1. The participants shall answer the online registration form found at <https://tinyurl.com/JCC2026TumPACSJrVideo> on or before **October 23, 2026, 5:00 PM**. Failure to do so results in a void submission.
2. Participating schools will be asked to pay **PHP 200** as their registration fee.
3. Registration fees must be settled via the following bank account or GCash:
Account Name: Philippine Federation of Chemistry Societies Inc.
Bank: BPI - Loyola - Katipunan Branch
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- Once the payment is received and submitted for registration, the fee collected is **NON-REFUNDABLE** and **NON-TRANSFERABLE** under all circumstances. Submitting the form with the proof of payment attached means that the participant understands the terms and conditions for the registration fee.

D. Screening of Video Entries

- The video entry from the participants must be uploaded to a personal Google Drive folder or uploaded via the registration link if the size is within the acceptable range. The email pacsincorporated@gmail.com must be given access to the specific Google Drive folder, or the link itself must be open for everyone who has it
- The video entry link must then be placed alongside the registration or emailed to pacsincorporated@gmail.com with the subject **[JCC 2026: TumPACS Jr. Video]** no later than **October 23, 2026**, at exactly **5:00 PM**.

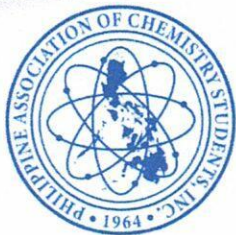
E. Pre-judging

- The video entries must be submitted not later than **October 23, 2026**, at exactly **5:00 PM**. Failure to comply with the deadline will disqualify the entry for the competition.
- The video entries will be sent to the panel for pre-judging.
- The video entries will be judged using the following criteria:

CRITERIA	PERCENTAGE
Relevance to the Topic/Theme	40%
Creativity and Resourcefulness	20%
Originality	20%
Clarity of Voice	5%
Visual Aesthetics	5%
TOTAL	90%

F. Social Media Engagement

- The **ten (10) highest-scoring** video entries in the pre-judging will be uploaded to the official page of the Junior Chemistry Congress.
- The remaining 10% of the criteria will be based on the social media engagement of the said video.



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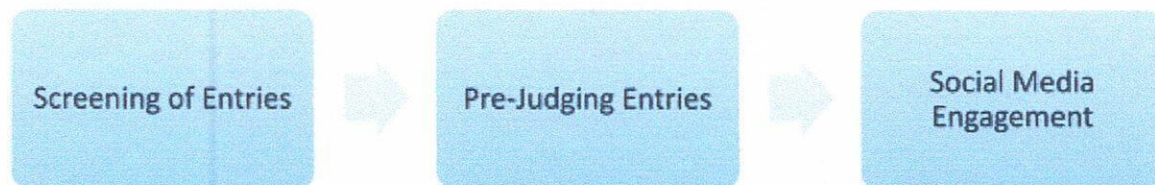
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3. **Only LIKE and HEART reactions** will be counted as votes. For votes to be valid, reactors must first like and follow the official Facebook page of the Junior Chemistry Congress.
4. The voting period will start on **November 3, 2026** and will end on **November 13, 2026** at 8:00 AM. Votes beyond the said deadlines will not be counted.
5. The scores accumulated from the pre-judging and the equivalent score from the social media engagement will be tallied. The winners for the competition will be announced on **November 21, 2026**, and will be posted on the Junior Chemistry Congress page as well on a different date.

V. Main Guidelines for Meme-Making Competition

A. General Guidelines

1. TumPACS Jr. Meme-making Competition will be divided into three (3) rounds: **(1) Screening of entries, (2) Pre-judging, and (3) Social Media Engagement.**

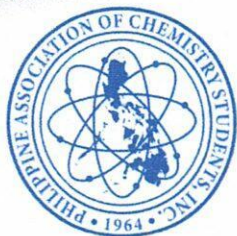


B. Registration

1. The participants shall answer the online registration form found at <https://tinyurl.com/JCC2026TumPACSJrMeme> on or before **October 23, 2026**, 5:00 PM. Failure to do so results in a void submission.
2. Participating schools will be asked to pay **PHP 100** as their registration fee.
3. Registration fees must be settled via the following bank account or GCash:
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Account Number: 3081 1189 13
4. Once the payment is received and submitted for registration, the fee collected is **NON-REFUNDABLE** and **NON-TRANSFERABLE** under all circumstances. Submitting the form with the proof of payment attached means that the participant understands the terms and conditions for the registration fee.

C. Screening of Entries

1. The participants shall answer the online registration form found at <https://tinyurl.com/JCC2026TumPACSJrMeme> and attach the meme entry in



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.png or .jpg format on or before **October 23, 2026**, 5:00 PM. Failure to do so results in a void submission.

- Each entry must contain an **informative meme** about any topic in the field of chemistry.
- Each school is allowed to submit a maximum of **one (1) meme** as their entry. Memes used for previous Junior Chemistry Congress events will not be accepted.
- Participants may use any meme templates in relation to their topic of choice.
- Only the first 30 entries** will be accepted and will be forwarded to the panels for their screening proper.

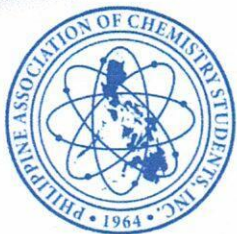
D. Pre-judging

- The meme entries must be submitted not later than **October 23, 2026**, at exactly **5:00 PM**. Failure to comply with the deadline will disqualify the entry for the competition.
- The meme entries will be sent to the panel for pre-judging.
- The meme entries will be judged using the following criteria:

CRITERIA	PERCENTAGE
Wit and Substance	30%
Creativity	20%
Uniqueness	20%
Relevance to the Topic	20%
TOTAL	90%

E. Social Media Engagement

- The **ten (10) highest-scoring** meme entries in the pre-judging will be uploaded to the official page of the Junior Chemistry Congress.
- The remaining 10% of the criteria will be based on the social media engagement of the said meme.
- Only LIKE and HAHA reactions** will be counted as votes. For votes to be valid, reactors must first like and follow the official Facebook page of the Junior Chemistry Congress.
- The voting period will start on **November 3, 2026** and will end on **November 13, 2026** at 8:00 PM. Votes beyond the said deadlines will not be counted.
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