Rules and Information about Gonit Sora webinars

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Please find below important information and rules for our webinars. Please read them very carefully.

- Our webinars start on time (unless there is a technical glitch), so please be punctual. When you enter the meeting details (which will be sent to your registered email ids one or two days before the event) then you will be in a waiting room, we will start admitting the participants 2 **minutes before the start of the webinar**.

- There is however a **limit to the number of people we can accommodate in our meetings** (this is currently 290), since our mailing list is now more than 1500+ people so the access to the meetings is strictly on first-come-first-serve basis. Please make sure to join us **at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting**.

- If you cannot enter the meeting in Zoom, then please go to our Facebook page (https://facebook.com/GonitSora) where we will livestream all our webinars. **Please note that if you watch the webinars on Facebook we cannot issue you an e-certificate. (See our statement of inclusiveness at the end of this list.)**

- Please **use only your real name** to enter the meeting. If you use device names (like Samsung S7, Vivo, iPad, etc.) you will not be able to watch the webinar from Zoom as you will not be allowed in. If you do not know how to change your name, then please check this website: https://www.techjunkie.com/zoom-change-name/. In case you are allowed in with a generic device name, the organisers reserve the right to remove you from the meeting so that we can accommodate someone else who is using their real names.

- We will **lock the meeting 15 minutes after the start of the webinar**, so if you do not join by this time then you will not be able to join the meeting.

- Please **be respectful of the audience and the speaker** like you would in an in-person talk, this includes coming on time. If

anybody indulges in any discriminatory or abusive behaviour then the organisers reserve the right to remove that participant from the meeting. Once you are removed, you cannot rejoin and no e-certificate will be issued to you.

- Several people **complain that they cannot hear the audio in Zoom**. This is **always a local issue** (i.e. problem with your device). If this happens, you are welcome to continue watching the rest of the talk on our Facebook page or see the Zoom documentation here https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/204484835-My-Audio-is-Not-Working-on-iOS-or-Android to fix the issue.

- Please **use the chat option to send your questions during the talk**. Please **avoid sending irrelevant messages** in the chat because it is distracting to the speaker and relevant questions might get lost in the exchange. Please **do not send any message asking for the feedback form**, we will share it on time (see the point below).

- We will **share a feedback link in the chat box at the start of the Q&A after the talk** which you will have to **fill-up within 2 hours of the end of the session (the same day)**. Only those who fill-up the feedback form will be issued e-certificates (please refer to the next point for the timeline).

- As an organiser we have to make difficult choices, whereas we would like to give certificates to all the people in the mailing list, but we believe that nullifies our main objectives. So, we will **ONLY give e-certificates to people who are in the Zoom meeting** and who fill up the form shared in the chat box within TWO HOURS of the end of the talk.

- Your **e-certificates will be sent to your email ids within 3 days of the event**. If you do not receive them within 7 days, please email events@gonitsora.com with your name and registered email id. **Please DO NOT email before the 3 days are over**, otherwise your emails will be unanswered.

- If due to technical difficulties (not related to network issues) you are unable to join the meeting before the meeting is locked (15

minutes into the webinar) we apologise for that. You are welcome to watch the rest of the talk on our Facebook page.

- All our webinars are **recorded and live-streamed on Facebook**. You are welcome to watch them at https://www.facebook.com/GonitSora/videos/ . In case you do this, we cannot issue you an e-certificate. Comments on the Facebook video will not be answered regarding this.

If you have any query then please feel free to email events@gonitsora.com (ideally one day before the event).

Statement of Inclusiveness: We strongly believe that mathematics is for everyone, irrespective of gender, geographical location, sexual orientation, religion, etc. However, due to our limited infrastructural capabilities we can only admit a limited number of people in our Zoom meetings (this is currently 290), so if you are not admitted in the meeting or cannot join the meeting for some reason we apologise for this. As an organiser we sometimes have to make difficult decisions, at the moment we won't be issuing any e-certificate to those who are not in the Zoom meeting. We promise to review our policies from time to time, and any changes in them will be notified promptly. If you feel you have a solution or suggestion to make the events more accessible and inclusive please write to us at events@gonitsora.com.