



ASTRO STAR QUEST 2026 BASIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.	Organiser	MEASAT BROADCAST NETWORK SYSTEMS SDN. BHD. [Company No.: 199201008561 (240064-A)] All Asia Broadcast Centre, Technology Park Malaysia, Lebuhraya Puchong-Sungai Besi, Bukit Jalil, 57000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
2.	Producer	ASTRO STUDIOS SDN. BHD. [Company No.: 201401005001 (1081077-X)] All Asia Broadcast Centre, Technology Park Malaysia, Lebuhraya Puchong-Sungai Besi, Bukit Jalil, 57000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
3.	Name of Gameshow	Astro Star Quest 2026 – The Next Wave ("ASQ" or the "Gameshow")
4.	Brief Description of Gameshow	Every star starts somewhere. Astro Star Quest 2026 – The Next Wave aims to provide a platform for the next wave of young Malaysian talents. This year, the Gameshow is set within ASQ Entertainment, a fictional entertainment company where every Contestant begins as a candidate. Through stages of self-discovery, potential exploration, collaboration, and artiste development, Contestants will transform into The Next Wave with individual style, artiste identity, and a unique personal brand.
5.	Brief mechanism of Gameshow	The Gameshow comprises the following phases: <u>Online / On-ground Recruitment Phase</u> Eligible Contestants are each required to undergo the following registration steps: - fill up and submit the Application Form through the dedicated Microsoft Form link; and - attach to the Application Form, the URL of a brief introduction and song performance video featuring themselves, shot in landscape orientation, without any video filter, beauty effects, or sound card and tuning (duration must not exceed 120 seconds) and/or performance a minimum of 1 song (duration must not exceed 120 seconds) during the on-ground recruitment. The appointed judges ("Judge(s)") and the Organiser will select and shortlist suitable Contestants ("Shortlisted Contestants") and will notify them. The Shortlisted Contestants are then required to attend the Closed-door Audition. <u>Closed-door Audition Phase</u> The Shortlisted Contestants are each required to perform a minimum of 1 song during the closed-door audition. Their performance will be evaluated based on a set of scoring criteria by the Judges. A total of 20 Shortlisted Contestants will be selected (collectively, "Top 20 Contestants") from the closed-door audition. The Top 20 Contestants will proceed to the next phase of the Gameshow. <u>Competition Phase</u> Stage 1 (Episodes 1 to 2) The Top 20 Contestants are each required to perform a song in the order of drawn by the Gameshow host ("Host"), and their individual performances will be evaluated based on a set of scoring criteria by the Judges. At the end of this stage, the 2 Top 20 Contestants with the lowest scores will be eliminated. The remaining 18 Top 20 Contestants (collectively, "Top 18")

		Contestants”) will proceed to the next stage, and the 5 Top 20 Contestants with the highest scores will win certain privileges which can be utilised during the next stage. II. Stage 2 (Episodes 3 to 4) The Top 18 Contestants are each required to perform a song with a different style or genre from Stage 1 to compete in one-on-one mode against each other (each, a “PK Challenge”), and their performances will be evaluated based on a set of scoring criteria by Judges. The performance order and challenge partner will be drawn by the Host. The Top 18 Contestants winning the higher scores in the PK Challenge will then proceed to the next stage, and the Top 18 Contestants who lost in each individual PK Challenge will be sent to the ‘To Be Determined’ group (“TBD Group”) and be at risk of elimination. At the end of this stage, 3 Top 18 Contestants from the TBD Group will be eliminated. The remaining 6 Top 18 Contestants from the TBD Group will proceed to the next stage alongside the 9 Top 18 Contestants who had won the individual PK Challenges (collectively, “Top 15 Contestants”). III. Stage 3 (Episodes 5) The 5 Top 15 Contestants with the highest scores from the previous stage, in turn, will be appointed as a team captains for this stage (“Team Captain(s)”) and they will be given the privilege to select the performance song on behalf of their respective teams (“Team”). The remaining 10 Top 15 Contestants are required to pick which Team to join in the order of their ranking from the previous stage, and each Team will have 2 slots for the Top 15 Contestants to pick. Team Captains each have 1 reject option. Each Team will be required to perform the selected Team song in the order of the total scores from the previous stage, and their performances will be evaluated by the Judges. At the end of this stage, the 5 Top 15 Contestants with the lowest individual scores will be eliminated, and the remaining 10 Top 15 Contestants (collectively, “Top 10 Contestants”) will proceed to the next stage. IV. Stage 4 (Episodes 6 to 7) Stage 4 comprises the following two (2) rounds: (a) Round 1: The Top 10 Contestants will compete through a challenge designed to test their star quality from various angles, and their performances will be evaluated (a) by the Judges, and (b) appointed industry/public representatives (collectively, the “Stage 4 Judges”). No elimination will take place in Round 1, but scores will be carried forward to Round 2. (b) Round 2: The Top 10 Contestants will each perform a song based on the theme in this round and their performances will be evaluated by the Stage 4 Judges. At the end of this stage, the Top 10 Contestant with the lowest accumulated scores will be eliminated. The remaining 9 Top 10 Contestants (collectively, “Top 9 Finalists”) will proceed to the next stage. V. Stage 5 (Episode 8) The Top 9 Finalists compete through a series of challenges designed to test their ability and skills from various angles, and their performances will be evaluated by the Organiser, the Judges and/or appointed guest judges (collectively, “Stage 5 Judges”). No elimination will take place in this Stage, but the 3 Top 9 Finalists with the highest score will win certain privileges which can be utilised during the next stage. VI. Stage 6 (Episode 9) Stage 6 comprises the following two (2) rounds: (a) Round 1: The Top 9 Finalists will each be required to perform a song based on the theme in this round and their performances will be evaluated by the
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		Judges. No elimination will take place in this round, but scores will be carried forward to Round 2. (b) Round 2: The Top 9 Finalists are each required to perform a song based on the theme in this round and their performances will be evaluated by the Judges. At the end of this round, the Top 9 Finalist achieving the highest accumulated score will be crowned as the Champion. TIE-BREAKER In the event of a tie in any phase/stage/round/episode, the Judges and/or the Organiser will vote to determine the relevant shortlisting/selection/elimination/ranking. The result and/or shortlisting/selection/elimination/ranking shall be at the Judges' and/or the Organiser's sole discretion, whose decision shall be final. No appeals will be entertained. All Contestants must adhere to the mechanism of the Gameshow as may be briefed and communicated to the Contestants by the Organiser from time to time throughout the Gameshow Period.
6.	Eligibility Criteria	Subject to other criteria set out below and in the Standard Terms and Conditions, the Gameshow is open to individuals who fulfil the following criteria: (a) Malaysian citizens of the Age of Eligibility below; (b) must possess a valid Malaysian National Registration Identity Card (NRIC) throughout the Gameshow Period; (c) has not been convicted of any criminal offence as at the date hereof nor is presently under any investigation or charges for any criminal offences (road traffic offences exempted); (d) has not been declared a bankrupt in the preceding six (6) years nor is presently subject to any bankruptcy proceedings as at the date hereof; and (e) is able to sing Mandarin songs and converse comfortably in Mandarin.
7.	Ineligibility	(a) Employees of the Organiser, the Producer and their respective subsidiaries and associated companies, and their *Immediate Family Members; (b) Employees of the sponsor(s) of the Gameshow and their *Immediate Family Members; (c) judges, coaches, members of the panel of juries for the Gameshow, any Guest Singer and their *Immediate Family Members; and Past Winners (i.e. Champion) from the Astro Star Quest series. <i>*Immediate Family Members shall mean spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters (inclusive of adoptive family members).</i>
8.	Age of Eligibility	Sixteen (16) years old to twenty-six (26) years old as of 31st December 2026. Where the Age of Eligibility permits participation of Contestants under the age of 18 years, the Contestant must obtain the consent of his/her parent or legal guardian to be eligible to participate in the Gameshow and to receive the Prize. The Organiser considers it the responsibility of parents and/or legal guardians to monitor their children's participation in this Gameshow.
9.	Gameshow Period	I. Recruitment Online: 13 July 2026 to 26 July 2026 On-Ground: 18 July 2026

		II. <u>Closed-door Audition</u> 2 August 2026 III. <u>Competition</u> 3 August 2026 to 5 December 2026; subject to elimination The Organiser reserves the right to amend, postpone or re-schedule the Gameshow Period or any date thereof at its sole discretion.
10.	Language of Gameshow	The Gameshow will be organised and produced by the Organiser in the Chinese language, specifically, the Mandarin dialect.
11.	Entry Procedure	I. <u>Online and On-Ground Recruitment</u> Online Recruitment: Eligible Contestants are required to fill up and submit the Application Form through the dedicated Microsoft Form link and attach to the Application Form, and include the URL of a brief introduction and song performance video featuring themselves, shot in landscape orientation without any video filter, beauty effect, sound card and tuning (duration must not exceed 120 seconds). On-Ground Recruitment: Eligible Contestants are required to perform a minimum of one (1) song (duration must not exceed 120 seconds) during the on-ground recruitment event. II. <u>Closed-door Audition</u> Shortlisted Contestants are required to attend the Closed-door Audition and perform a minimum of one (1) song and to submit one (1) recent 4R-sized of his/her photograph (full-body length) and other supporting document(s) if required. III. <u>Competition</u> As set out in Clauses 4, 5 and 9 above as well as Clauses 12 to 14 below. Top 20 Contestants are required to submit one (1) clear photocopy of his/her Identity Card (new) and other supporting document(s) where requested. The Organiser shall be entitled to request to sight the original Identity Card or the originals of other supporting documents/materials for verification purposes. All documents submitted to the Organiser for the purposes of participation in the Gameshow will not be returned to the Contestant.
12.	Entry Deadline	I. <u>Recruitment</u> Online: 26 July 2026 On-Ground: 18 July 2026 II. <u>Closed-door Audition</u> 2 August 2026 III. <u>Competition</u> 3 August 2026 to 5 December 2026, subject to elimination Entries received before the commencement of the Gameshow Period and after the stipulated Entry Deadline will be disqualified and are ineligible for consideration for participation and/or receipt of prizes.
13.	Mode	I. <u>Recruitment</u> Online and/or On-Site II. <u>Closed-door Audition</u> On-site III. <u>Competition</u> On-site
14.	Address	I. <u>Recruitment</u> Online Recruitment: The dedicated Microsoft Form link set and provided by the Organiser

		On-Ground Recruitment: the venue selected by the Organiser, as shall be advised. II. <u>Closed-door Audition</u> The venue for the audition as shall be advised by the Organiser. III. <u>Competition</u> The Gameshow Venue as shall be advised by the Organiser.
15.	Selection of Winner(s)	Winners will be selected based on the format of the Gameshow. The Organiser's decision will be final. No queries and/or appeals will be entertained.
16.	Prize	<u>Champion</u> Ringgit Malaysia Thirty Thousand (RM30,000.00) and a trophy only.
17.	Notification of winner(s)	Winners will be announced by the Organiser at the end of the Gameshow.
18.	Collection Period	Within three (3) months from the announcement of the winners by the Organiser. Prizes not collected within the stipulated period will be forfeited and no replacement prize will be provided.
19.	Collection Venue	All Asia Broadcast Centre, Technology Park Malaysia, Lebuhraya Puchong-Sungai Besi, Bukit Jalil, 57000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia or any other venue as may be advised by the Organiser.
20.	Additional Terms, if any	(a) Contestants <u>must be able to</u> participate in all stages of the Gameshow if so required; (b) No substitution or replacement of any of the Contestants is permitted at any time during the Gameshow. In the case of any emergencies or unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances, the Organiser in its sole and absolute discretion may allow a Contestant to exit from the Gameshow; (c) Contestants are not allowed to participate in any other competition throughout the Gameshow Period except with the prior written consent of the Organiser, whether or not bearing similar format, elements or genre to the Gameshow; (d) Contestants hereby irrevocably agree to the Organiser having the sole and exclusive right to use, market, edit, modify, reproduce, distribute, adapt and otherwise broadcast, exhibit and exploit any and all images, videos, recordings and/or any excerpts thereof containing the Contestants' name, personality, image, sobriquet, likeness, voice and silhouette made during or in relation to the audition and any episode of the Game Show via any means and all media platforms (including without limitation print media, radio, television media, internet media, multimedia, any fixed media (such as DVDs and VCDs), and any other media hereinafter invented) worldwide together with the right to authorise others to so do in perpetuity; (e) A theme song for ASQ ("Song") is incorporated as a feature and one of the main components of this Gameshow. By deciding and agreeing to participate in this Gameshow, Contestants expressly consent to and irrevocably agree that they shall participate in any recording and/or performance of the designated Song, where requested by the Organiser, and that any and all rights in and to such Song and recording shall be irrevocably assigned to, and remain at all times, with the Organiser. Contestants acknowledge and agree that the Organiser shall have full legal and beneficial rights over the song, the master recording, and all underlying materials in and to the Song, including the right to exploit

		the same in any and all means which the Organiser may, at its sole discretion, deem desirable or appropriate, and Contestants shall have no claim whatsoever in relation to Song or the exploitation of the same. (f) The Organiser reserves the right (but not the obligation) to invite the Winners of the Gameshow to perform for future Astro programmes at its sole discretion; (g) Where applicable, Contestants must notify and obtain approval from their own record labels and/or management company prior to their participation in the Gameshow; and (h) The Organiser reserves the right to revise or change the format and/or mechanism of the Gameshow and any elements thereof at any time during the Gameshow Period at its sole discretion.
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The Gameshow Basic Terms and Conditions, the Gameshow Standard Terms and Conditions (collectively “**Terms and Conditions**”), the Song Performance Release Rider (where applicable) and the Privacy Notice shall be binding on all contestants who participate in this Gameshow (“**Contestants**”). The definitions in the Gameshow Standard Terms and Conditions shall apply unless otherwise expressly agreed in the Gameshow Basic Terms and Conditions. In the event of any inconsistency between the Gameshow Standard Terms and Conditions, the Gameshow Basic Terms and Conditions and the Privacy Notice, the Gameshow Basic Terms and Conditions and the Privacy Notice shall prevail to the extent of such inconsistency.

Entry and participation in the Gameshow shall be deemed an unconditional acceptance by the Contestants of the Terms and Conditions and the Privacy Notice.

SIGNED BY CONTESTANT,

Full Name: _____

NRIC No.:

Date:

IMPORTANT:

If you are under 18 years old, you **MUST** have this document (and all ancillary documents, as applicable) signed below by your Parent or Legal Guardian **BEFORE** you can participate in the Gameshow.

Parent/ Legal Guardian's Consent

I represent that I am the Parent/ Legal Guardian of the Contestant and I acknowledge, agree and consent to the Terms and Conditions, the Song Performance Release Rider (where applicable) and the Privacy Notice and to the Contestant's full participation in the Gameshow in accordance with its terms.

Parent/ Legal Guardian's Full Name:

Parent/ Legal Guardian's NRIC No.:

Parent/ Legal Guardian's Signature:

Date: