

# FAQ's for Scratch Competition 2021



- **What is Scratch?**

Scratch 3.0 is a coding website, computer programming language and online community. This free online platform provides a great introduction to coding and programming languages, as students can learn how to code simple stories, animations and games with simple blocks of code. The site is designed for students aged 8-16.

- **I'm a student or parent and don't know anything about coding so how do I begin?**

Check out these links to get started with Scratch

[Getting started with Scratch](#)

[Scratch video tutorials](#)

[Scratch ideas](#)

- **I'm a teacher and have never taught coding before – how do I begin?**

Check out our Blocking Coding for Beginners resource for teachers [here](#).

- **Who can enter School-gen's coding competition?**

There are two categories; individual and class. To enter the individual category, you must be under the age of 18. Teachers from any New Zealand school can enter their class by providing one or more entries that have been done by students in their class.

Entries must be appropriate for children under the age of 18. Any entries that are considered inappropriate will be immediately disqualified.

- **How many entries can be in one class entry?**

One class can enter as many entries as they like within the one class entry.

- **Can an entry provided as part of the class entry be considered for the individual prize?**

No, only those entries that are submitted as an individual entry will go into the draw for the individual prize.

- **When do entries close?**

Entries close at 5pm on Friday 16 April 2021.

- **When and how will I know if I have won?**

The prize draw for the Individual and Class categories will be held on Friday 30 April 2021 and the winners will be notified by email the week of 3 May 2021. If the winners cannot be contacted within 5 working days, a redraw will take place.

- **Are there any Terms & Conditions?**

Yes, you can download the Terms & Conditions [here](#).

- **What are the prizes?**

The individual prize winner will get a Sphero Bolt and an Apple iPad Mini.

The Class winner will get a Sphero Bolt Education Power Pack which has 15 Sphero Bolts in a portable charging case worth just under \$4k.

- **What version of Scratch should I use?**

Please use Scratch 3.0 if you want to enter the competition. This is the latest version of the programme.

- **What are the system requirements for Scratch 3.0?**

Scratch will run on most current web browsers on desktop computers, laptops, tablets and iPads. Older devices and unreliable internet connections may have problems running Scratch 3.0, but you can download it onto your devices and it can be used offline.

- **Can I use images / sounds / media from the internet in my projects?**

If you choose to integrate someone else's work into your own, be sure to give them credit on the project "credits" section and include a link back to the original. For more information, see <https://scratch.mit.edu/info/faq>