

## **International Math Competition (IMC) FAQ**

### **What will be reviewed during the mandatory Practice Test?**

We understand that coordinators may have specific questions on the formatting and execution of the online test(s). Please know that many of the things in question will be further demonstrated and explained with the completion of the mandatory Practice Test. The Practice Test will cover things such as:

- Instructions on how to label answers
- How to properly mark commas and decimal points
- Using the virtual keyboard/calculator within the testing platform
- How to answer with mixed fractions, exponents, remainders, etc.
- Observing the countdown clock
- Using multiple input boxes

### **When will my students get to complete the Practice Test?**

Students will have access to the Practice Test at the end of January, once all student data has been submitted. Please note that students cannot access the actual test until the practice test has been completed.

### **What technology is required?**

PC or Mac laptop/desktop, iPad, Chromebook, or tablet. Cell phones are not permitted.

### **What is the deadline to register my school?**

December 20, 2024

### **My school has registered, when will I receive the handbook materials?**

Within one week of registration, you will receive the handbook and the certificate masters via email to the email address provided. If you have registered more than one week ago, and have still not received the materials, please email [mathcompetition@acsi.org](mailto:mathcompetition@acsi.org).

### **How can my homeschooled student(s) participate?**

Please email [mathcompetition@acsi.org](mailto:mathcompetition@acsi.org) for specific inquiries.

### **When and how do I submit the names of the students from my school who will be competing in the IMC as well as our established testing date(s)?**

You will be emailed a form that will be used to provide the names of each student as well as information from your school that will be participating in the Level 1 competition (unlimited number). You will also be reporting your chosen testing dates at that time. This will be sent out in November/December and will be due Monday, January 20, 2025.

**What grade levels are allowed to compete?**

The IMC is designed for students in grades 3-8. Please note that students must compete in their currently enrolled grade-level, not their mathematical ability.

**Do the handbook rules apply to only Level 1 of the IMC competition?**

The rules laid out in the handbook apply across all levels of competition 1-3.

**How do I use the certificates sent with the handbook?**

You will receive more information about the use of the certificates when we send the winners report.

**How do we obtain the award medals?**

ACSI will mail the award medals (Level 3 only) to your school once the winners' report has been released. Schools do not need to take any further action.

**When will we know the time limit of each test?**

Schools will be given this information before testing begins so that the coordinators may share this with their test monitors/proctors. Students will also see the time within the testing platform before they begin the test. Generally, each test is 12-15 minutes.

**Are there accommodations built into tests for ELL students?**

Our test creators are currently developing a "text-to-speech" feature within the testing platform that will likely be accessible to ELL students in time for February testing.

**What are the costs of the tests?**

Level 1 February 3-14, 2025 (\$25 per student)

Level 2 March 3-14, 2025 (\$35 per student)

Level 3 March 31-April 11, 2025 (\$55 per student)

*Please note that the cost per student is per test. For example, if a student signs up for the Level 1 Mathematical Reasoning and the Arithmetic Computation test, they will pay a \$50 registration fee.*

**What if our school cannot participate during the established testing windows?**

Please contact [mathcompetition@acsi.org](mailto:mathcompetition@acsi.org).

**In order to prepare our internet filters, what URLs will be used for testing?** You will need to add the following URLs to your web filter program: [mathcompetition.acsi.org](http://mathcompetition.acsi.org)

[tool.studyforge.net](http://tool.studyforge.net)

**Is the “International Math Competition” the same thing as “Math Olympics”?**

We have made several changes to the program this year in efforts to improve the overall competition, including the name. “Math Olympics” has been renamed “International Math Competition” for the 2024-25 school year.

**My spreadsheet has FALSE in Columns E and F. How do I fill this out?**

It has come to our attention that due to a presumed discrepancy between Excel versions, some schools are seeing FALSE in those columns. While this spreadsheet was initially designed with checkboxes in those columns, if your does not, please use FALSE for “no” and TRUE for “yes” to

indicate whether the student will be taking the test.

**How can I find my ACSI Member ID? Why is this needed for registration?**

You may call the ACSI Care Team at 1-800-367-0798 to obtain your member number. This unique number will be used to help create the testing platform login credentials for your students.

**How much time should I allow for the Practice Test?**

While the practice test should take students 10-15 minutes to complete (similar to the competition tests), we recommend allowing 30 minutes to complete this task so that students have additional time to access the website and login for the first time with assigned credentials.