

ROUND 1: 12 MARCH
ROUND 2: 14 MAY
ROUND 3: 30 JULY

CLOSING DATE: 20 FEBRUARY 2026

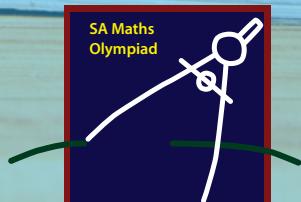
SOUTH AFRICAN MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

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THE THREE ROUNDS

1

First round, 12 March.

The junior division consists of separate papers for grades 8 and 9 and the senior division of a separate paper for grade 10, and a paper for Grades 11 & 12. Each paper consists of 20 multiple-choice questions and learners have one hour to complete the paper and the school can schedule its own time. Teachers at the entrants' school mark the answers. Each school will be provided with the solutions. This ensures immediate feedback.

2

Second round, 14 May 14:00 - 16:00.

Learners who attain 50% and higher in the first round qualify for the second round. There are separate papers for the juniors and seniors. The grade 8 and 9 learners write the same paper, grade 10 - 12 learners write the same paper. The learners have two hours to complete 25 questions. Learners who participate in the second round will receive a certificate. Marking: The answers are marked by SAMF.

3

Third round, 30 July 09:00 - 13:00.

The 100 best senior and 100 best junior learners from the previous round qualify for the third round. There are separate papers for the juniors and seniors. Third round participants will each receive a bronze medal and certificate. The top learners per division will receive their prizes at the annual awards function.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

The last day to submit your entries is 20 February 2026.

You can register and pay online via PayFast or EFT. Alternatively, email your completed entry form and proof of payment (we can only register your school if we receive both documents) to samo@samf.ac.za

Absolutely no late entries will be accepted.

ENTRY OPTIONS

(See last page for details)

-South African Schools at R45 per learner.
-Schools outside South Africa in the SADC region from R110 per learner
-Schools outside the SADC region at R240 per learner.

ENTRY SPONSORSHIP

Not more than 100 sponsored entries per school are allowed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

South African Mathematics Foundation
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Website:
<https://www.samf.ac.za/en/sa-mathematics-olympiad>

WHY SHOULD YOU ENTER

- Mathematics competitions generate a lot of enthusiasm and curiosity for the subject.
- Learners will be exposed to problems that will test and improve their ability to discover, validate and solve problems. In short, they will become better mathematicians.
- The Maths Olympiad is recognised as one of the best vehicles to identify the most talented learners in the country.
- Participation will result in the school providing improved skills and will better prepare their learners for university.
- The type of problems is similar to those used in entry level university testing and will provide especially the grade 12 learners with valuable experience.
- Working through past question papers is one of the best ways to prepare for the Olympiad
- Past question papers and solutions are available on our website - www.samf.ac.za Register as a user and log in to gain access to these resources.
- SAMF has a wide variety of publications. Visit our online store at www.samf.ac.za/en/shop to order.

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE SAMF AWARDS YOUR SCHOOL AND LEARNERS COULD BE IN LINE FOR?

NATIONAL AWARDS

FOR SA LEARNERS

Senior Overall Winner

Gold medal and cash prize.

Junior Overall Winner

Gold medal and cash prize.

Runners-up Seniors

Silver medal and cash prize.

Runners-up Juniors

Silver medal and cash prize.

Best performing female learner

Best Senior and best Junior female learner (if not in top 10).

Trophy and cash prize.

Best performing South African black learner

Best Senior and best Junior South African black learner. Trophy and cash prize.

Best performing learner from outside SA

Best Senior and best Junior learner from outside SA.

Certificate.

Best performing learner per Quintile

Trophy and cash prize.

Best performing MST learner

Trophy and cash prize.

FOR SCHOOLS

School with best participation

Based on the number of 1st round participants compared to the total number of learners in a school.

New school with best participation

1st time school, based on the number of 1st round participants compared to the total number of learners in school.

Top performing SA school

A score is determined by considering the number of participants in the

2nd and 3rd rounds, as well as Top 10.

Top performing MST school

A score is determined by considering the number of participants in the 2nd and 3rd rounds, as well as the Top 10.

Top performing school per Quintile

A score is determined by considering the number of participants in the 2nd and 3rd rounds, as well as the Top 10.

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

For LEARNERS

Top 3 learners per province

Based on 2nd round results. Provincial medal, certificate and voucher/book prize.

Best performing learner per Quintile per province

Based on 2nd round results.

Certificate and voucher/book prize.

Best performing learner from MST school per province

Based on 2nd round results. Certificate

and voucher/book prize.

FOR SCHOOLS

Best performing school per Quintile

Certificate. A score is determined based on 2nd round results.

Best performing MST school

Certificate. A score is determined based on 2nd round results.

Top performing school per Province

A score is determined by considering the number of participants in the 2nd and 3rd rounds, as well as the Top 10.

PARTICIPATION AWARDS

FOR LEARNERS

3rd round participation

Bronze medal and certificate

2nd round participation

Certificate

1st round participation

Certificate

FOR SCHOOLS

Schools with substantial participation

Certificate Based on the number of 1st round participants compared to the total number of learners in a school.

Gold: 80% of school's total

Silver: 60% of school's total

Bronze: 50% of school's total

New school Certificate

A school entering for the first time

20-year participation Certificate

Awarded to a school that participated for 20 years

10-year participation Certificate

Awarded to a school that participated for 10 years.

2026 ENTRY FORM

Quintile	1	2	3	4	5	NA
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School
Postal address
Street address
Province/Country
School's telephone
School's email
School's Olympiad Manager
Cellphone number
Email

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY				School's code			
STATISTICS: FIRST ROUND PARTICIPANTS							
Please complete the following required information for reporting purposes. (Names of learners are not required.)							
	Seniors				Juniors		
Grade	10	11	12	TOTAL	8	9	TOTAL
Black							
Coloured							
Foreign National							
Indian							
White							
Other							
TOTALS							
Female							
Male							

Note: Combine Gr 7 learners with Gr 8 total

Please indicate:

1. Total number of learners in the school		
2. Choose 1 of the three options:		
Public school	Private school	Home school
3. Indicate your school's location:		
Rural	Township	Urban
4. Is your school part of the MST Grant project?		
Yes	No	

PAYMENT DETAILS:		THE ENTRY FORM SERVES AS A TAX INVOICE			VAT no: 452 026 3569			
REGISTRATION OPTIONS: You can register ONLINE on the SAMF platform or by sending this Entry form as an EMAIL to samo@samf.ac.za								
Please complete the section below:								
ONLINE OPTION	PARTICIPATION OPTIONS	No. of learners	Price per learner (Incl. 15% VAT)	Total amount	Method of payment			
	Entrants from SADC countries outside SA (online only, participate on SAMF platform)		@ R110 per learner		DO YOUR REGISTRATION & PAYMENT ONLINE! PAY ONLINE VIA PAYFAST 			
EMAIL OPTION	Entrants from other countries outside SA (online only, participate on SAMF platform)		@ R240 per learner		www.samf.ac.za/en/online-entry-2026 OR Electronic transfers NB: submit your school's name as reference. SAMF ABSA Bank Branch: Hatfield Account No: 406037913 Branch code: 632005			
	South African Schools: receive email with question papers, solutions & answer sheets; make copies; and upload or send 1st round results		@ R45 per learner					
Quintile 1 & 2 schools with ≤ 100 entrants			Free of charge		Free of charge			
MST Schools with ≤ 100 entrants			paid by Provincial Department		paid by Provincial Department if arranged			
Sponsorship (only ≤ 100 entrants)			(see p.2 for info)		Submit written request			
TOTAL NO. OF LEARNERS			TOTAL AMOUNT					

NOTE: Entries without the correct entry fee or without proof of payment will be rejected. No refunds will be given for rejected, late or cancelled entries. It is each teacher's responsibility to ensure that entry forms and payments/proof of payments are submitted on time.