



# SPECIAL MATHS CONTEST 2023 GUIDELINES

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## INTRODUCTION

Special Maths Contest (SMC) is an initiative of Special Maths Academy(SMA), an olympiad training organization that trains young minds to be competitive in the world's toughest math contests. The Special Maths Contest is organized to identify and reward these young minds.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the Special Maths Contest, a participant must:

- Be between 12 and 18 years old
- **Not** be enrolled in a university or higher education system.

Any participant that meets the two above conditions is eligible to compete in the Special Maths Contest.



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It is important to note that Special Maths Academy, as the organizer of the contest, may require a candidate to provide documents to verify that a candidate has met all the eligibility requirements. In cases where doubts arise, SMA reserves the right to disqualify such a participant.

## REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Participation in the second edition of the Special Maths Contest is **free**. To register, create an account on the Special Maths Contest portal (<https://www.specialmathscontest.com/portal>). Only registered participants will be able to participate in the contest.



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## FORMAT OF THE CONTEST

The SMC is entirely a virtual event. Participants are expected to take part in the contest on a computer with a stable internet connection. The SMC shall consist of 2 rounds:

### 1. **Round 1:**

Round 1 will take place on Saturday, 28th October 2023. The exam will consist of 25 multiple choice questions to be completed in 2 hours. The questions shall be drawn from the pre-university syllabus and extensively cover topics in Algebra, Number Theory, Geometry, and Combinatorics. Students can log into their portal at any time on Saturday, 28th October to take the test.

### 2. **Round 2:**

We will invite the top 24 contestants and every other contestant who scores higher than 75% in the first round to participate in the second round. The second round will be on 25th November 2023. The second round consists of 4 Olympiad essay problems to be solved in 5 hours. The exam will be proctored over a Zoom call. Participants are to scan their handwritten solutions and



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send them to an email address that we shall provide. We recommend using mobile apps like CamScanner or Microsoft lens for scanning solutions.

## PRIZES

We shall award three grand prizes to the three absolute winners of the contest. The grand prizes are as follows:

1. **1st Prize - 150 dollars**
2. **2nd Prize - 100 dollars**
3. **3rd Prize - 50 dollars**

The best performing student from Nigeria will receive a 50 US Dollar prize.

**The special prize for the best performing student from Nigeria will not be given if that student is also the overall first position.** All students in Nigeria who score over 50% in the contest will be admitted into our mentorship program.

We shall also award medal certificates to the top participants in the final round. Participants in the top half of the participants in the final round will



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receive either a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal certificate. The Gold, Silver, and Bronze medal certificates will be distributed in a ratio of approximately 1:2:3. All other final round participants shall receive participants certificates of excellence.

## **CONCLUSION**

We encourage all prospective participants to adhere to the guidelines stated in this documentation and desist from any activities which may render his/her participation invalid. Participants should note that in cases where irregularities are suspected to occur, we shall carry out inquiries and disqualify all those found wanting. Any further updates will be communicated accordingly. We wish all participants the best and look forward to crowning the next math champions.