

## IMTA - TEAM MATH RULES, 2008

1. This competition is for teams of **up to four students** from second level schools, as defined by the Department of Education and Science. Questions will be based on the Leaving Certificate Higher Level **core syllabus only**, **excluding** vectors and sequences / series.
2. Any team that takes part in the National Final **must** have **all** of its members registered in the same school **and** it's members must be exactly identical to the team that qualified from the competition of Fri. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, i.e. substitution of team members is NOT allowed, under any circumstances, but a team can take part in the Final with less than four members. All teams contesting the final are subject to validation checks by IMTA.
3. At least **3 schools** must be represented at the Regional / Branch competition of Fri. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in order for the winners to qualify for the National Final.
4. **Six minutes will be allowed for each round. [Countdown Clock]** The contest will have eight rounds. The first **6 rounds will have two questions** each, followed by **2 rounds of four questions** each. There may also be a tiebreak round, (see Rule 10 below).
5. Question papers will be distributed, face downwards, on the tables and must not be looked at until the instruction is given to "START".
6. Answer papers **must be surrendered immediately** and **placed face-downwards for collection** at the final signal for the round, (i.e. answers must be written before the final signal.) A warning signal will be given **one minute** before the final signal.
7. Each correctly answered question will be awarded one mark, (HIT OR MISS). No marks for incorrect, incomplete, ambiguous, or answers not in the specified format.
8. Students may only use paper and appropriate pages of the "Mathematics Tables" as provided by the organisers.
9. Calculators, as specified by the State Exams Commission for the Leaving Certificate programme, may be used. **It is forbidden to use any other electronic item, including devices capable of scanning, transmitting or receiving data, voice, text, etc.**
10. If two or more teams are tied for first place after the eight rounds, there will be a further **6-minute tiebreak** round for the teams involved which will consist of **10 questions**. In this round, teams may submit their answer papers before the final signal. If two or more teams are still tied on their scores after this round, then the tying team which submitted its answer paper first will be deemed to have won, and so on. (**Note** however that the score is the primary criterion.) Should the tie still remain after this procedure, then the adjudicator, at his or her discretion, will determine how the matter is to be resolved. Only team rank order, and not tiebreak round scores, will be announced after the tiebreak
11. By taking part in this competition, teams will be deemed to have accepted the rules. A breach of any of these rules may merit **disqualification** from the competition.
12. The decision of the appointed adjudicator will be final.

**The IMTA has ultimate responsibility for the conduct of Team Math.**