

BALALA SAMBARALU 2023: MATH CHALLENGE COMPETITION RULES

Section 1. Math Challenge Divisions

The contest will have five (8) divisions of competition.

DIVISIONS:

Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8

Section 2. Participants

This category is to be considered "Open" for individual participants, members, desiring to participate in the Math challenge on their grade level. Contestants will be judged based on the written test that they answer correctly for given questions.

Section 3. Awards

- A. Computation of scores for overall score will be determined by the total score that contestant earn for given questions.
- B. Three (3) Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places of the entire competition if we have more than three participants in each competition category. If not, event coordinators will notify prior to competitions on # of prizes.
- C. The announcement of awards shall be as soon as possible after the last competition in the program.

Section 4. Math Challenge Contest Format

- A. All contestants will be given overview of the contest format and rules, and announcement prior to beginning of the competition.
- B. All Contestants will be called into the competition room together.
- C. The written test will be given for 40 multiple choice questions with 45 minutes time limit for all contestants.

- D. The event shall be conducted in a format appropriate to the total entries. The event coordinators decision is final in case of total entries did not meet minimum criteria for any competition category.
- E. There will be 3 winners selected in each division and identified for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.
- F. All the winners must present in the award ceremony to collect their prizes at the end of all competitions completed and there is no exchange of prizes allowed.
- G. All the winners list will be published in organizers website after the competitions.

Section 5. Math Challenge Rules

The written test will be conducted at venue and evaluated by contest coordinator of the choice in each division.

- A. There should be multiple choice questions given in written test.
- B. There will be additional quiz for 5 mins in case of tie to identify the top 3 winners in each Grade.
- C. In the event of tie, Contest coordinators will conduct additional quiz for few more minutes until they shortlist the top 3 winners in each grade.
- D. There will be 45 minutes time limit to answer all questions given in written test.
- E. All answers should be either bubbled or circled in written test.
- F. The rules are subject to change by Contest coordinator and Judges prior to event. All the rules will be notified to all contestants prior to competition begins.
- G. The question paper is common for both 1st & 2nd grades but the winners will be announced each grade level.
- H. The question paper is common for both 3rd, 4th & 5th grades but the winners will be announced each grade level.
- 1. The question paper is common for 6th, 7th & 8th grades but the winners will be announced each grade level.

Section 6. Being Ready

Contestants must be ready to participate when scheduled and/or called or shall be scored no show with zero (0) placement for that category.

Section 7. Judging Criteria.

A panel of judges (2-3) evaluate the written test and chose the top 3 winners. The written test papers will not be given to contestants. All judges agree to judge in an impartial manner. Any conflict of interest shall be reported to and resolved by the contest coordinator.

Top three prize winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be evaluated based on written test and **judge's decision is final**.

The following judging criteria will be used for Math Challenge shall be scored as follows:

- 1. Each question will be given one (1) mark for each right answer respectively.
- 2. There are no negative points in case of wrong answer.
- 3. The contestants are not allowed to use any calculators, reference books, or internet devices or phones during the competition.

