

# HOST YOUR OWN TOURNAMENT

This one-day local or regional event for students in grades 4 - 6 or 6 - 8 provides a face-to-face team competition for as many teams as your venue can accommodate. It could provide an exciting culmination to the school year or a highly-anticipated kick-off for a new year. The tournament bears your organization's name — it's YOUR Tournament! Tournaments have been sponsored by school districts, professional organizations, colleges, and after-school enrichment programs. A detailed Tournament Handbook is provided to enable your school, district or organization to successfully launch one of these fun-filled and rewarding events. Payment of the annual fee enables you to give the tournament your own name, decide who will be invited, and when it will be held! For an additional fee, our office will supply you with a database of schools that participate in MOEMS contests in your area. We could even e-mail your invitation packet to those schools and institutions!

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### *How do I register for a Tournament?*

Simply fill out a Tournament Agreement form (available at [moems.org](http://moems.org) or using the QR code at the right) and send it to our office for approval. Once it's approved you will be asked to submit fees and you will receive the Tournament Handbook, practice problems for participants, and other materials. For an idea of the number of Math Olympiad teams in your proposed region, give us a call.



### *What information is contained in the handbook?*

The handbook contains detailed instructions and valuable suggestions for running a successful event. Included are: schedules (for before the date and on the actual date), sample seating arrangements, areas of responsibility, detailed instructions for your committee members (only 3 - 4 heads of committees make this endeavor work very well), and sample correspondence forms (including publicity letters for before and after the tournament, press releases, and team registration forms).

### *How is the tournament different from the monthly Mathematical Olympiad Contests?*

Although the problems on the Tournaments are similar to those on the contests, there are some major differences. The competition is divided into three parts. Each team of 5 students will take a 10-question individual contest. That is followed up by another 10-question team event, where only one set of answers is submitted for each team. Finally, in the event of any ties (individuals or teams), there is a set of tiebreaker problems.

### *What does it mean when we say, "It's YOUR Tournament?"*

The name that you give your tournament will appear in a 2-inch high masthead on top of every page (we provide the template for you to use). This tournament represents your

group and provides many benefits, including promoting your reputation for excellence, strengthening your organization, generating publicity, or if desired, producing revenue.

### *What does the sponsoring organization have to do to get ready?*

The sponsoring organization decides what fee (if any) to charge to teams, chooses a site, invites schools, prints and packages the contests, and buys awards. Our handbook will guide you through every step.

### *How will the teams get their results?*

Every student and team will know where they stand in the Tournament by the end of the event. Scoring is done by a few volunteers during the event. An electronic spreadsheet is provided on which you will enter individuals' scores. That spreadsheet will rank the results, so that you will be able to have an awards program on the same day!

### *Are solutions to the problems included?*

There is review time for all questions built into the suggested schedule. A set of Power Point® slides is included to use on that day, so that the person reviewing the answers has little to do but explain strategies and answer questions.

### *Is it necessary that the students at the tournament have participated in the monthly Math Olympiad Contests?*

No; in fact many sponsoring organizations use this to get more schools in their area involved in Math Olympiads. Your tournament may be administered anytime from April through December of the same school year.

### *What if I still have other concerns or questions?*

We are always available to help you or answer any other questions you may have. Just call or e-mail us at [office@moems.org](mailto:office@moems.org).



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