

MATHCOUNTS 2013-14

October 15, 2013

MathCounts Coaches Meeting MSPE/Ann Arbor Chapter

On October 9, 2013, a meeting was held in the offices of Dymax Engineering for the purposes of finalizing the 2013-14 *MathCounts* /Ann Arbor Chapter program. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with the following attendees:

Tom Gardner, Slauson Middle School
Murali Dhalipalla, Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy
AnneMarie Nicoll-Turner, Tappan Middle School
Vilma Mesa, Forsythe Middle School
Xiao Hu, Mill Creek Middle School
Justin Weinberg, Dymax Engineering
Kyle Proctor, Dymax Engineering

General introductions were made and the proposed agenda of the meeting distributed. The following summarizes the results and discussion of the session

1. Various dates were discussed as to the date of competition. The date of the competition was determined to be February 11, 2014, beginning promptly at 9:00 am. The location of the competition will be:

Weber's Inn
3050 Jackson Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

2. ***A school may register one team of four and up to six individuals for a total of 10 participants. You must designate team members versus individuals prior to the start of the chapter (local) competition (i.e., a student registered, as an "individual" may not help his or her school team advance to the next level of competition.)*** One team will be permitted to enter officially for the state competition. It will be the responsibility of the team coach to determine the official team and that team being declared at the beginning of the competition. Designated alternates will be teamed up with other school alternates to complete. It was also noted that if the names of all contestants were sent to Glenn Keates before the date of competition, it would be easier to tabulate the contestants rather than on the day of competition.

3. Proctors and graders for this year's competition will be provided by volunteers. It should be noted that the interim scores after each section of the competition will not be made known to the coaches but will be completed and sent to them after the contest is over.
4. The question of acceptable types of calculators was raised. Any type of unit is permissible except that "alpha" type keyboard and transmitting type calculators. Programmable should be cleared before starting in the morning. This will be announced to the contestants as a general item before the competition begins.
5. Students enrolled in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade are eligible to participate. Students taking middle school mathematics classes who are not full-time sixth, seventh or eighth-graders are not eligible.
6. The methods that would be used to score the competition will be the same as in past years and was described as follows:

Two scores will be kept for ranking; individual and team. Each round will be tabulated as follows (the maximum number of points are noted in parentheses):

Sprint Round: Individual - One point/correct problem (30)
Team - One point/correct problem (30)

Target Round: Individual - two points/correct problem (16)
Team - Two points/correct problem (16)

Team Round: No individual points
Team - Two points/correct problem (20)

From the Sprint and Target rounds, the individual scores will be used to determine the top ten for the Countdown Round. The Countdown Round will be used to determine the top team(s) and individual(s) to see who will go to the State competition. The determination of the Chapter winners and State competition teams will be calculated as follows:

Countdown Round: Individual - one point/correct problem
Team - one point/correct problem

From this competition, the top two teams and the top two individuals (if they are not a member of the top two teams), will advance to the State level.

7. Samples of past years tests will be distributed to any coach that would be interested in having them. Please contact Kelli Bristol at 734/222-9951.
8. If the weather is questionable, the coaches should call Glenn Keates at home (734/429-3063) at work (734/222-9951) or his cell phone (734/730-2855) to determine if it will be held. If it is canceled, an alternate date will be decided with the Conference Center.
9. *MathCounts* "Sling Bags" will be a part of this year's competition! Each student will receive one on the day of testing.
10. The State *MathCounts* competition and National *MathCounts* competition will be announced soon.

A copy of the "Schedule of Events" is attached for your use. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 pm. If there should be any questions or concerns with regard to this competition, or if these minutes appear to be in error or incomplete, please contact the undersigned by calling 734/222-9951.

Respectfully submitted:



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Attachments (Schedule of Events)

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FOR THE

2013-2014 *MATHCOUNTS* COMPETITION

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN CHAPTER MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Date: February 11, 2013

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Weber's Inn
3050 Jackson Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734/769-2500

- 9:00 a.m. Introduction/Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 a.m. Sprint Round Competition/Individual
- 10:30 a.m. Target Round Competition/Individual
- 11:30 a.m. Team Round Competition/Team
- 12:00 noon Lunch - *Cheese Pizza!!!*
- 1:00 p.m. Countdown Round Competition
- 1:40 p.m. Presentation of Awards

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kelli Bristol or Justin Weinberg by calling 734/222-9951 for details!!!