



Official Rules and Policies

American Mathematics Competitions

AMC 8, AMC 10, and AMC 12

2026-2027

Important Dates for AMC 10 and AMC 12

Date	AMC 10 and AMC 12
September 2, 2026	Registration opens
September 30, 2026	Early bird registration closes
October 15, 2026	Regular registration closes; deadline for new competition managers to register
October 28, 2026	Late registration closes
October 30, 2026	Deadline for CMs to request accommodations for AMC 10A and AMC 12A
November 4, 2026	Deadline to purchase additional bundles for AMC 10B and AMC12B
November 5, 2026	Competition day: AMC 10A and AMC 12A
November 6, 2026	Deadline for CMs to request accommodations for AMC 10B and AMC 12B
November 7, 2026	Participants are permitted to discuss the problems on AMC 10A and AMC 12A
November 12, 2026	Deadline to purchase additional bundles for AMC 10B and AMC12B
November 13, 2026	Competition day: AMC 10B and AMC 12B
November 17, 2026	Participants are permitted to discuss the problems on AMC 10B and AMC 12B
mid-December 2026	Scores finalized; AIME invitations sent to qualifying students

Important Dates for AMC 8

Date	AMC 10 and AMC 12
September 2, 2026	Registration opens
October 28, 2026	Early bird registration closes
January 5, 2027	Regular registration closes; deadline for new competition managers to register
January 14, 2027	Late registration closes
January 15, 2027	Deadline for CMs to request accommodations for AMC 8
January 26, 2027	Deadline to purchase additional bundles
January 21-27, 2027	AMC 8 Competition Week
early March 2027	Scores finalized

Overview of MAA Competitions

Founded in 1950, the MAA Competitions program consists of a series of math competitions for students K-12, bolstering their confidence and passion for math. Aligned with the MAA's vision of a society that values the power and beauty of mathematics, MAA Competitions challenge students with engaging problems and set the stage for lifelong mathematical exploration, discovery, and achievement.

The MAA Competitions program consists of the following:

- American Mathematics Competition 8 (AMC 8) - for students through grade 8
- American Mathematics Competition 10 (AMC 10) - for students through grade 10
- American Mathematics Competition 12 (AMC 12) - for students through grade 12
- American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME) - for eligible AMC 10 and AMC 12 participants
- USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad (USAJMO) and USA Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO) - for eligible AIME participants

Students who perform exceptionally well throughout the competitions may be invited to participate in MAA's Mathematical Olympiad Program, part of the process the MAA uses to select the teams that will represent the USA at the International Math Olympiad and other international competitions.

While the MAA does license its exams to be administered in other countries, the rules and policies in this document guide the administration of the MAA Competitions in the U.S. and Canada.

American Mathematics Competitions (AMCs)

The AMC 8, AMC 10, and AMC 12 represent the MAA's broadest efforts to inspire students through the joy of mathematical problem-solving. The MAA welcomes eligible middle and high school students to participate.

Overview of AMCs

AMC 8

The AMC 8 is a great way to introduce younger students to mathematical problem-solving beyond the standard school curriculum. It is a 25-question, 40-minute competition designed for students in grade 8 and below (age 15.5 years or younger). The competition focuses on middle school mathematics topics, including counting and probability, estimation, proportional reasoning, elementary geometry (including the

Pythagorean Theorem), spatial visualization, and interpreting graphs and tables. Some of the later questions may touch on beginning algebra topics, such as linear or quadratic functions and coordinate geometry.

AMC 10

The AMC 10 provides students with an opportunity to develop their problem-solving skills. It is a 25-question, 75-minute multiple-choice competition designed for students in grades 10 and below (age 17.5 years or younger). The content covers mathematical topics such as elementary algebra, basic geometry, area and volume formulas, elementary number theory, and elementary probability. Advanced topics like trigonometry, advanced algebra, and advanced geometry are excluded.

AMC 12

The AMC 12 helps students further develop their problem-solving skills. It is a 25-question, 75-minute multiple-choice competition designed for students in grades 12 and below (age 19.5 years or younger). It covers the full high school mathematics curriculum, including trigonometry, advanced algebra, and advanced geometry. Calculus is excluded.

How are AMCs administered?

Educators across the U.S. and Canada petition the MAA to become *Competition Managers (CMs)* who administer the AMC examinations. These CMs then support students in registering to take the MAA AMC at their *competition site* and agree to administer the AMC in person in accordance with these rules and policies.

The MAA charges fees to competition sites/competition managers who are then granted permission to administer the AMC. Some sites may charge students fees to cover the cost of administering the competition, while others may offer students the opportunity to participate free of charge as a service to their community¹.

The MAA offers two avenues for administration of the exam:

- Competition managers print the exam questions and answer sheets and provide those to students, or
- Students take the exam online through the MAA's competition portal.

In both cases, **the AMC must be administered in a proctored, in-person setting at the physical location the MAA has on record for the competition site.** All forms of

¹The MAA is not involved in financial transactions between participants and competition sites/competition managers, and the MAA not responsible for any issues arising from such transactions.

remote/internet proctoring are strictly prohibited, and competition managers are not permitted to allow parents/other adults to proctor the exam at other sites.

Certificates and Awards

The MAA makes certificates available to competition managers who may provide them to participants. Top performing students will receive an invitation to participate in AIME; complete details on qualification appear in the Official Rules and Policies for AIME, which appear on the [policies webpage](#).

Eligibility

Competition managers petition the MAA to administer the AMC at their competition site by providing evidence that they are eligible per the eligibility guidelines below. Once a competition manager is approved to administer the exam at their site, they are responsible for verifying student eligibility, as described below, for each AMC.

AMC Competition Site Eligibility

The AMC may be hosted by math and educational organizations with physical premises for **proctored, on-site** test-taking. Examples include the following.

- Schools
- Universities
- Learning Centers
- Math Circles

Home schools are not eligible to be AMC Competition sites.

The MAA requires competition sites to provide documentation to become a competition site. Required documents vary based on the type of organization.

Schools and Colleges/Universities

Schools and colleges/universities are eligible to administer the AMC and should register under the appropriate institution categories (Elementary, Middle School, HS/JR, High School, College/University). The MAA AMC must be administered at the registered school or college/institution unless (a) the MAA grants permission to administer the test at a different location, or (b) inclement weather and school cancellation necessitates a change of location (see the AMC inclement weather policy).

Math Circles

Math Circles are communities focused on the enjoyment of mathematical problem solving. Math Student Circles and Math Teachers' Circles that are registered with the American Institute of Mathematics (AIM) and appear on the AIM website are eligible to administer the AMC. Math Circles may administer the AMC only at a school, university,

library, or community center. In particular, the AMC may not be administered at a personal residence.

Learning Centers

Learning/Tutoring/Enrichment Centers are eligible to administer the AMC. If such a center has multiple physical locations, each must register separately for the AMC. The AMC must be administered in person at the address provided when the site was registered.

AMC Competition Manager Eligibility

The AMC is registered and administered by a Competition Manager (CM). A CM must be an adult, must not be related to, or be a legal guardian of, any of the students competing at their site, and must be affiliated with the competition site.

AMC Student Eligibility

In order to participate in the AMC in the U.S. or Canada, a student must meet **all** of the following criteria from the time they register to the time they participate.

- Enrolled full-time in a school, located in the U.S. or Canada, that is authorized to provide primary or secondary education by the relevant governmental or educational authority in the jurisdiction where the school is located.
- Physically attending school in the U.S. (including U.S. territories and DoDEA schools) or Canada
- Grade and age requirements
 - For AMC 8, a student must be both
 - in grade 8 or below, and
 - 15.5 years of age or younger on the day of the competition.
 - For AMC 10, a student must be both
 - in grade 10 or below, and
 - 17.5 years of age or younger on the day of the competition.
 - For AMC 12, a student must be both
 - in grade 12 or below, and
 - 19.5 years of age or younger on the day of the competition.

International and exchange students who meet the eligibility requirements may participate in the AMC provided they meet all of the criteria above.

Children, grandchildren, and siblings of employees, officers, directors, or trustees of the MAA are not eligible to participate. Students who have received a lifetime ban on participating in MAA competitions should not register to participate (unless an appeal is still in progress and the MAA has granted permission to participate while a decision is pending).

Registration and Registration Policies

How do students register for the AMC?

Competition managers provide students and/or parents a link to register for the competition at their competition site. Parents/guardians of participants under the age of 18 should follow the link to register their students. Registration requires a valid email address and other student data.

Students seeking to take the AMC should ask a teacher/local organization to consider registering. If they are unable to find a local site, the MAA may be able to assist in finding a competition site nearby.

AMC Registration Policies

- **AMC 10 and AMC 12**
 - The MAA offers two opportunities for competition managers to offer the AMC 10. The first offering is referred to as the AMC 10A, and the second is referred to as the AMC 10B. Similarly, there are two opportunities for competition managers to offer the AMC 12. The first offering is referred to as the AMC 12A, and the second is referred to as the AMC 12B.
 - Eligible students may participate in both AMC 10A and AMC 10B. Similarly, eligible students may participate in AMC 12A and AMC 12B, but are not permitted to take both AMC 10 and AMC 12 on the same day. For example, an eligible student can take the AMC 10A and AMC 12B, or the AMC 10A and AMC 10B.
- **AMC 8:** Eligible students may participate in the competition only once during Competition Week.
- Students are not permitted to create/maintain multiple accounts in the competition portal.
 - If a student has multiple accounts in the competition portal, they should reach out to the MAA at amchq@maa.org to have the accounts merged.
 - The MAA reserves the right to cancel and/or disqualify scores for a student who maintains multiple accounts.
- When a student registers to take an AMC, they agree to abide by all of the policies in this document. Students registering also agree that while MAA will take reasonable steps to administer a fair competition, they are participating voluntarily and are not entitled to any particular score, recognition, or process.

To participate in MAA competitions, students must meet all eligibility criteria and register by the specified deadline through MAA's official registration channels. The MAA is not responsible for local weather conditions, power or internet outages, pandemic or disease spread, local transportation disruptions, traffic, late arrivals, delinquent testing

center fees (if applicable), domestic terrorism, illness, or any other situation or circumstance that would prevent a competition manager or student from registering or fully participating in an AMC competition (including, for example, by preventing digital administration or upload of competition answer sheets) or that prevents normal MAA competitions processes or procedures from occurring. No accommodation can be made for competition managers and students if such unfortunate circumstances were to occur during registration or at any time during any of the competitions.

MAA Data and Communication Policies

Participants registering for an AMC are subject to MAA [Data and Privacy and Security Policies](#). Minors who wish to participate in MAA Competitions must have a parent/guardian complete their registration.

Students whose AMC score makes them eligible to take AIME will receive an invitation link via the email the MAA has on record in the competition portal. It is the participant/parent/guardian's responsibility to keep that email address up to date. The MAA is not responsible if a participant is not able to participate in an MAA Competition for which they are eligible because the participant's email address is not capable of receiving communications from the MAA or if the email address is not being monitored.

Competition Administration Policies

By participating in MAA Competitions, participants and competition managers agree to adhere to the rules and policies in this document.

Exam Rules

- Participants should read the instructions provided at the time of the exam. Participation constitutes an implicit agreement to abide by these competition policies.
- Participants must agree to adhere to MAA [Academic Integrity policies](#).

- The lists below indicate which items are permitted and prohibited during the AMC.

Permitted items

- Writing utensils
- Erasers
- Blank scratch paper (NOT graph paper) provided by a competition manager
- Rulers (triangular rulers are permitted)
- Translation dictionaries: Students learning English as a second language may use a hard-copy, nontechnical dictionary to translate between their native language and English. The dictionary must be given to the competition manager to examine and retain for the 24-hour period preceding the competition. No additional time will be given to students using a translation dictionary.
- AMC 10/12 only: compasses
- *Digital administration only*: Computer or tablet with exactly one browser window, with only one tab open to the competition. All other applications must remain closed during the exam.

Prohibited items

- Formula sheets
- Calculators
- Electronic devices that can be used to transmit or receive information from another device, including but not limited to:
 - Phones and similar electronic devices
 - Smartwatches
 - Headphones
 - Smart eyewear (e.g., Meta glasses or other eyewear that function as cameras, headphones, or VR displays, or have any ability to transmit/receive information from other devices)
- Participants must work independently during the exam, and should not look at the work or answers of other participants.
- Participants are not permitted to discuss questions with other individuals during the exam, either verbally or through other means.
- The reproduction or dissemination of problems and/or solutions, electronically or otherwise, is strictly prohibited during the dates the exam is administered. The instructions for each exam will name the date and time after which students are permitted to discuss exam problems.
- If a participant needs to use the restroom during the AMC:
 - All exam materials should remain with the competition manager.
 - The participant should not communicate with others about the exam while they are outside of the exam room.

- Participants shall not use phones or other electronic communication devices while they are outside of the exam room, even to communicate about something other than the exam.
- No extra time is allotted for participants who leave the exam to use the restroom.

Accommodations

MAA allows reasonable testing accommodations for eligible students with documented disabilities or other qualifying needs, consistent with applicable requirements and the nature of the competition.

The Competition Manager must submit an accommodation request to MAA by the deadline for submission of competition registrations. Requests submitted after the deadline may not be able to be accommodated.

The request must include:

- The accommodation being requested;
- Documentation supporting the need for the accommodation; and
- Any other information reasonably necessary for MAA to determine whether the requested accommodation is appropriate.

Acceptable documentation may include, as applicable, a current individualized education program (IEP), 504 plan, accommodation plan, evaluation or report from a qualified professional, or documentation from the student's school or other appropriate educational institution. Documentation should identify the student's need for the requested accommodation. MAA may request additional information if the documentation provided is insufficient to establish the need for the accommodation.

For timed competitions, approved additional-time accommodations will be limited to time-and-a-half (1.5× the standard testing time) or double time (2× the standard testing time). The applicable accommodation will be determined based on the documentation provided and the nature of the student's approved accommodation.

MAA will review accommodation requests and grant additional time as needed. Competition Managers are responsible for administering the competition in accordance with the accommodation approved by MAA and for maintaining the confidentiality of documentation relating to the student's accommodation.

Responsibilities of Competition Managers

CMs are responsible for administering the exam in accordance with these MAA Competitions Policies. The MAA reserves the right to exclude those competition

managers/competition sites who fail to administer the exam in accordance with all rules and policies.

- The AMC must be administered between 8:00 AM and 11:59 PM Eastern Time (GMT +5) on the competition dates listed above.
- **CMs must administer the AMC in a proctored, in-person setting at the physical location the MAA has on record for the competition site. Remote proctoring is not permitted under any circumstances**, and competition managers are not permitted to allow parents/other adults to proctor the exam at other sites. Students found to have taken the AMC remotely will have their scores canceled.
- CMs may choose to administer the competition to different groups of students at different times on the competition date; however, for competition integrity and security, the MAA strongly encourages competition managers to administer the competition to all participating students at the same time.
- CMs should reserve a space that is sufficient to accommodate participants in such a way that they are not likely to be able to observe the work and answers of other participants.
- CMs should submit the appropriate documentation for participants who need accommodations. Instructions for how to request accommodations will be provided to CMs via email.
- The CM should continually monitor students to ensure compliance with the competition rules and policies, and in particular to ensure that no participant has the opportunity to communicate by any means with any other individual while the competition is in progress.
- The CM must not answer any questions about the problems during the competition.
- If a CM observes or learns of a violation of rules or policies, they must report the violation to the MAA.
- If a CM administers an AMC on paper:
 - The CM must scan the participant score sheets and upload them to the competition portal.
 - The CM is responsible for ensuring that the scans are legible and all score sheets are recognized in the exam portal.
- The MAA will notify CMs to notify them if a participant at their site had a score cancelled or disqualified. CMs are responsible for conveying the determination to the participant.
- CMs may access certificates of participation through the competition portal and may choose to complete the certificates and distribute them to participants at their site.

School Cancellation Policy

AMC8: If school is canceled on the day the AMC 8 was scheduled, the competition manager can administer the AMC 8 on a different day if it falls within the AMC 8

competition period noted online. The AMC 8 cannot be administered after the final day of the competition.

AMC 10 A and/or AMC 12 A: If school is canceled on the day of the AMC 10A and AMC 12A, the competition manager should move the licenses for the exam to the AMC 10B and/or AMC 12B and notify students that the exam will be administered on that date.

AMC 10 B and/or AMC 12 B: If school is canceled on the day of the AMC 10B and AMC 12B, the competition manager may, with prior approval from their school/institutional administration, administer the competition at an alternative location such as a local place of worship, a different school, university, or library. Additional competition dates are not offered for the AMC 10B and AMC 12B if school is canceled on these dates.

Refund/Credit Policy

If a competition site or competition manager is unable to administer the competition in accordance with the policies in this document, whether because of weather or other circumstances, the competition manager may, after the exam period, use the exam materials as supplemental classroom materials or as practice sets to prepare for next year's competition. The MAA is not able to provide refunds or credits after registration.

Scores

The MAA will notify competition managers via email when AMC scores are finalized. At that time, students will be able to view their scores in the competition portal. Typically, this happens in mid-December for AMC 10 and 12, and in early March for AMC 8.

Competition managers will also be able to view the scores of students to whom they administered exams. If a student's score is disqualified or cancelled, the MAA will notify the competition manager about the decision. More details are available in the [Academic Integrity Policy](#).

Acknowledgment of Voluntary Participation

MAA Competitions are private, non-profit math competitions that are not run in part or in whole by public funds. While high achieving students may achieve recognition for their mathematical acumen, competitions do not result in any tangible property or liberty interest. Student competitors understand that while MAA will take reasonable steps to administer a fair competition, they are participating voluntarily and are not entitled to any particular score, recognition, or process.

Entire Policy

This Policy for the MAA American Mathematics Competitions is official MAA Policy. If you learn any additional information regarding AMC 8, AMC 10, or AMC 12 that stands in contradiction to this Policy, whether oral or written, this Policy shall govern. This Policy supersedes any prior policies, oral or written. MAA reserves the right to change this Policy at any time, with or without notice to competition participants. It is incumbent upon competition participants to stay apprised of any changes to MAA policies or competition rules through MAA's official website.