



Frequently Asked Questions about the IMC

1. Is the International Math Contest only for RSM students?

No. The International Math Contest is open to all. Share and invite as many people as you want.

2. What is the Online Challenge?

The Online Challenge is a 30-minute online test based on leading math curricula across the world. This challenge is designed to help you find out how your child's math knowledge ranks globally.

3. What age group the IMC is created for?

Students starting from grades 3 - 10 are welcome to participate in this challenge.

4. Will I get to see my score?

You will receive an email with the participant's score and ranking within a week of taking the test.

5. What is a performance report? How is it different from the initial score report?

You can opt to receive a paid performance report for \$20 which provides the student's score, placement, percentile, knowledge strengths, gaps, and illuminates parents with as much detail as possible on their child's grasp of mathematical concepts mastered by their international peers. Additionally, if your child has taken the test last year and the year before, the performance report offers a percentile comparison over the years.

6. When will I receive the paid performance report?

Paid performance reports will be emailed to parents about 3 to 4 weeks after the contest has ended.

7. Is the Online Challenge and Round 1 the same thing?

Yes.

8. Where can I see the answers for the Online Challenge?

The paid performance report contains the answers of the Online Challenge along with the answers provided by your child.

9. How are you going to compare my child's math skills to the global math skills?

We collect and analyze problems from international math textbooks and expectations of a child's knowledge in the respective grade. Our report will be based on sampling of these problems and will also highlight the concepts that your child did particularly well on or those that might need more of his attention.

10. What device can I take the Online Challenge on?

The Online Challenge can be taken only on desktop computers, laptops, and tablets.

11. When can I take the contest?

The Online Challenge will remain open for two weeks. Your child can take the test at any point during those two weeks. Any changes to the timeline will be posted on the website.

12. Are there practice problems from previous years?

Yes, you can find all problems and answers from previous years in your dashboard as soon as you register or log in.

13. What happens if we have technical difficulties/internet problems during the online test?

In case you lose connectivity, your test will be paused and once your connection is restored, you can continue the test.

14. What if my child gets a high score?

Qualifying students will be invited to the IMC Round 2: a challenging Olympiad in the tradition of European Mathematical Olympiads with complex problems that promote a deeper level of thinking for even the most advanced students. Invitations to the IMC Round 2 will be emailed to you in mid-March.

15. Is the IMC Round 2 also an Online round?

The second round of IMC is usually a pen/pencil and paper. This year we are going to host the contest both in-person and online.

16. When is the second round of IMC?

The IMC Round 2 will be held during the second week of April. All qualified participants will receive an email with more details about the date and time for participation.

17. What if I cannot make it to the IMC Round 2? Can I take the test on another day?

Unfortunately, you will not be able to take the test on another day. We hope that you can plan in advance.

18. Can I find math problems from previous years to practice for the IMC Round 2?

Yes, you can find all problems and answers from previous years in your dashboard as soon as you register or log in.

19. When will I get the results of the IMC Round 2?

The results of the second round of IMC will be announced 2 or 3 weeks after the Final Round. Any changes to the timeline will be posted on the website.

20. Do the students receive certificates?

The results of the second round of IMC will be based on percentile and students will be awarded certificates and Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals accordingly.

21. What is the RSM Foundation?

The RSM Foundation is an independent non-profit organization and its main aim is to promote STEM activities for K-12 students. Visit <http://rsmfoundation.org> for more info or write to info@rsmfoundation.org for queries.

If you have other questions, please write to us at contest@rsmfoundation.org.