

2018 National Chinese Math & Science Competition

Immersion Division

Rules for Contestants:

It is the participants' and parents' responsibility to read and understand these rules before the day of the competition.
It is important to be on time to your round or you will forfeit the round.

- Best dress is appropriate for this competition.
- All questions will come from a pool of questions that will be provided to contestants at least 30 days prior to the competition. Contestants will NOT answer all questions, but they are provided as a resource from which contestants will prepare.
- When you come to the front of the room for your competition, you must introduce yourself to the competition officials and to the audience in Chinese. Speak loudly and clearly, then take your seat.
- Each round will end when 20 questions have been read and responded to.
- The first contestant to buzz in gets to answer the question. If he or she answers correctly, as determined by the judges, a point will be awarded.
- The contestant who buzzes in will have 3 seconds to respond.
- If the first contestant cannot answer within three seconds or if he/she answers incorrectly, the emcee calls on the contestant who buzzed in second, then the contestant who buzzed in third. If no one responds correctly after three attempts, the emcee gives the answer and competition continues.
- In the Science portion of the competition, students can answer in as few words as possible in order to completely and correctly respond to the question. Complete sentences are not required in this area.
- In the Math portion of the competition, simple story problems will be used. Each student will be provided with a pencil and blank paper or marker and individual white board which may be used to do calculations before answering.
- During each round, an emcee, two judges and two scorekeepers will be present.
- The emcee starts the round by reading the first question. A player may attempt the question at any time by pressing the signal button (this prevents any other player from responding).
- As soon as the first contestant buzzes in, the emcee STOPS reading the question, and the contestant must answer regardless of how much information he or she has at that moment. If the first person doesn't respond correctly, the emcee will then continue reading the question. The other contestants can buzz in whenever they feel confident they can respond correctly.
- Contestants cannot respond until recognized, by name, by the emcee. After being acknowledged, the contestant has 3 seconds to answer the question.
- If no participant signals in within 5 seconds of the emcee reading the science question, or within 20 seconds of reading the math question, that question is discarded and we will proceed to the next one without providing the answer. This unanswered question is counted as one of the 20 questions students will hear.
- If the judges rule that an answer is incorrect, the participant who gave the incorrect response cannot try again.
- Science questions will be read ONLY ONE TIME. Math questions will be read twice, if needed.
- Prompting by audience members or parents is strictly forbidden. If the emcee, judges or scorekeepers suspect prompting, it is his or her right and responsibility to discard the question. Members of the audience who do not remain quiet will be asked to leave the room and contestants may be disqualified.
- If an emcee misreads a question, as determined by the judges, that question will be thrown out and another question will be used in its place. This question will NOT count as one of the 20 questions for the round.
- In the event of there being a tie at the end of 20 questions, the contestants who are tied, will be given additional questions, in increments of 3, until a winner is determined.

