



ASSA SOUTH AFRICAN MATHEMATICS
TEAM COMPETITION 2025
REGULATIONS



REGULATIONS FOR ORGANISERS

1. Each region/centre must enter at least two teams of ten: one Junior (Grades 8 and 9) and one Senior (Grades 10, 11 and 12), and may also enter B, C, D ... teams at each level. The score of teams with fewer than 10 members will be aggregated and **not** pro-rated.
2. Each regional/centre organiser selects the teams with the aid of appropriate transparent selection criteria. The 2nd round results of the South African Mathematics Olympiad may be used and can be obtained from the Project Manager - Herman Bosman, tel. 072 613 5562 or e-mail herman@samf.ac.za .
3. At least 3 of the members of a team had to have participated in the 2nd Round of the SAMO. Teams must be made up of learners from two or more schools, but all participating schools had to have participated in the SAMO 1st Round.
4. Team managers must select and announce the members of each team before the Team paper part of the competition starts. Therefore, you may not decide after the team papers have been written that you want to exchange learner x (team A) with learner y (team B), because learner y has obtained a better individual result.
5. It is reasonable to expect that a team should represent a regional /centre formation and that efforts should be made to be inclusive – in the sense that children in the same geographical area should have had an opportunity to make the team. Individual schools are discouraged to participate as a single team. Organisers should liaise with other schools in their area and enter a team on behalf of their region/area/district.
6. **A region/centre may run the examination anytime between 09:00 and 14:00 (not before 09:00 and should not finish later than 16:00).** Regions/centres that write should collect all question papers and scrap paper immediately after each paper is written, and not announce correct answers or discuss any of the problems in any way.

7. An organiser must be registered as a user on the SAMF website and has to be activated as a Team Competition organiser. Contact David Ramaboka in this regard, ramabokad@samf.ac.za.
8. The first test is a one-hour individual problem paper, consisting of 15 problems in multiple-choice format.
 - The question papers and answer sheets will be provided to the Organiser on Thursday 11 September.

MARKING

- The individual test is marked at once by the Team Manager.
 - Marks are registered on-line on the SAMF online scoreboard within 1 hour of completing the tests.
 - Organisers will receive the link and logon details 2 days before the competition.
 - All individual answer sheets are to be kept by the Organiser until 30 September.
 - A request will be made to random centres to submit their individual answer sheets for quality control by the SAMF office.
9. After a break for refreshments and a discussion of team strategy, the second part of the Competition takes place. The second one-hour paper consists of 10 challenging problems.
 - Teams work together and must submit just one set of answers for marking.

MARKING

- Team papers will be marked at a centralised venue by independent markers.
- Team answer sheet(s) are scanned / photographed and e-mailed to SAMF. All answer sheets to David Ramaboka, e-mail ramabokad@samf.ac.za.
- Please note: team papers are not marked by the Organiser.

The results of the top 5 teams will be moderated by the Academic Coordinator. The answers to the Team papers and a preliminary ranking of the teams will be sent to all team managers by 16h00 on the day of the contest after submission of the answer sheets. Organisers have time until 17:00 to appeal the results, after which the final rankings will be announced at about 6 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

10. R 1 100 is available for each of the first two teams and R800 for subsequent teams up to a maximum allocation of R 5 500 per centre. You can claim for printing of question papers, refreshments, branded T-shirts and transport expenses only. The completed claim form with all supporting documents (e.g. Invoice + proof of payments etc.) should be sent to the SAMF office.

NB: invoices without proof of payment will not be reimbursed.

See below the maximum amount to be claimed vs number of teams participated.

Total # of Teams (Senior + Junior)	Maximum amount to claim (with proof of payment)
1	R 1 100
2	R 2 200
3	R 3 000
4	R 3 800
5	R 4 600
6	R 5 400
7 + more	R 5 500

11. After the Competition you must submit the name list of the participants per team (if you haven't done so already).
12. The coordinators of all participating teams will be able to download the certificates.
13. **The closing date for entries is on the 5th of September 2025. The exam papers are sent to the Organisers of the registered teams two days before the competition to allow for local printing.**
14. Papers and solutions will be published on the SAMF webpage_ <http://www.samf.ac.za/assa-sa-team-competition> after the competition.

Prizes and Awards:

1. A crossbody bag and a brochure for each learner will be sent this year. It can be handed out the day of the competition and is intended only for learners who wrote both papers.

2. Awards:

Category	Criteria	Type of prize/Value
Top performing teams	Best Junior Team and Best Senior Team	Floating trophy for teams Casio watch for each team member
Top senior & junior per centre	Learner with highest individual mark, minimum mark 50%	Takealot Voucher
Certificate of participation	Learner has to write both papers.	Electronic certificate to be downloaded from SAMF website.
New team	Centre that entered for the first time	Centre Manager will receive a bag pack

