

THE 15th PAMA GLOBAL ABACUS & MENTAL ARITHMETIC COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

1. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the competition is to allow for the observation of mental arithmetic skills from all countries, to promote abacus and mental arithmetic education, and to improve friendships among participants from around the world.

2. DATE

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

3. PLACE

Culture Center of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco - Milpitas
100 S. Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas CA 95035

4. HOST

PAMA Global Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Association -- United States

5. ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION

5-1 - Enrollment Period: June 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015

- Any late registrations will be not acceptable.

5-2 - Members of PAMA will collect all applications, photos and any related documents of respective regions and e-mail it to PAMA United States on or before **September 30, 2015**.

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6. REGISTRATION FEE

6-1 - US \$80.00 per contestant, this includes the registration fee US \$50 and lunch with all participants.

6-2 - Lunch for parents and teachers will be charged at US \$30.

7. COMPETITION CONTENT, DIVISION AND STANDARD

7-1 - All PAMA member countries are invited to appoint contestants to join the competition.

7-2 - All 2014 champions of champions must join other groups different from last year.

7-3 - Contestants register according to the following provisions (listed below).
Organizer reserves the right to disqualify contestants if cheating is observed.

Group		Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	# Questions per paper / Time / Total Score
Level		Grade 8	Grade 7	Grade 6	Grade 5	Grade 4	Grade 3	
Age		Born after 01/01/2008	2006/01/01 2007/12/31	2004/01/01 2005/12/31	2001/01/01 2003/12/31	Born during 2000/1999/1998	No Age Limit	
Abacus Calculation	+ - 1st	2 Digits 6 Rows No Decimal Points	2-3 Digits 10 Rows No Decimal Points	2-4 Digits 10 Rows With Decimal Points	3-4 Digits 10 Rows With Decimal Points	4-5 Digits 10 Rows With Decimal Points	3-6 Digits 10 Rows With Decimal Points	20 Qs 3 Mins 200 Marks
	× 2nd	3×1	2×2	2×3 3×2	2×4 4×2 3×3	2×5 3×4 4×3 5×2	2×5, 3×4, 4×3, 5×2 (with decimal)	30 Qs 3 Mins 150 Marks
	÷ 3rd	2÷1 3÷1	3÷1 4÷1	3÷2 4÷2	4÷2 5÷2 4÷3 5÷3	5÷2 5÷3 5÷4 6÷2 6÷3 6÷4	5÷2, 5÷3 5÷4, 6÷2, 6÷3, 6÷4 (with decimal)	30 Qs 3 Mins 150 Marks

7-4 – Prize tournament is new from this year and the division is called Group F.

7-5 – Competition subject, division and grade: (mock up test papers as attached)

Mental Calculation	+ -	1 Digit 6 Rows	1 Digit 7 Rows	2 Digit 4 Rows	2 Digit 6 Rows	2 Digit 8 Rows	2 Digit 10 Rows	20 Qs 1 Mins 200 Marks
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	4th							
	× 5th	1×1	1×1	2×1	2×1	2×1 3×1	3×1	30 Qs 1 Mins 150 Marks
	÷ 6th	1÷1 2÷1	1÷1 2÷1	2÷1 3÷1	2÷1 3÷1	2÷1 3÷1 4÷1	3÷1 4÷1	30 Qs 1 Mins 150 Marks
Abacus Calculation	7th	× : 10 Q ÷ : 10 Q + - : 10 Q	× : 10 Q ÷ : 10 Q + - : 10 Q	× : 10 Q ÷ : 10 Q + - : 10 Q	× : 10 Q ÷ : 10 Q + - : 10 Q	× : 10 Q ÷ : 10 Q + - : 10 Q	× : 10 Q ÷ : 10 Q + - : 10 Q	30 Qs 1 Mins 200 Marks

8. TROPHIES DISTRIBUTION

Ranking	champion of champions	Champion	1 st Runner-Up	2 nd Runner-Up	3 rd Runner- Up
No. of Contestant	1	20% -1	20%	30%	30%

8-1 - The rank of the contestants will be according to above list. In addition, the teacher for the "champion of champions" of each group will be awarded the "The Best Coach Award."

8-2 - When the total scores for two contestants are the same, the two will be competed based on 7th test. If the total score of 7th test are still the same,
 ◦ then compare score of each subject by sequence of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th to determine the winner.

8-3 – Champions of each group are limited to max. 10 contestants.

9. ATTENTION

- The hosting country appoints judges of the competition.
- The judge's decisions are final, once decisions have been made, there will be no changes.
- All contestants should attend the Awards Ceremony. Final score will be announced at that time.
- The hosting country and its honored guests will present the award.
- Certificates will be distributed to member countries during the meeting after competition.

10. PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 29 - Culture Center of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco - Milpitas - 100 S. Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035

<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
09:00 - 09:30	Contestants check-in and be seated (During the time, contestants find their seats and do final practice before competition; Competition Host will make the final confirmation of all preparation for the competition)
09:30 - 10:15	15 th PAMA Global Competition Opening Ceremony (Competition arena entering: All members' national flag, chairmen, contestants representatives and PAMA Global flag; PAMA Global USA address, guests address)
10:15 – 11:15	15 th PAMA Global Competition begin (Chief judge announce all related rules; subjects include: abacus addition/subtraction, multiplication, division, mental addition/subtraction, mental multiplication, mental division; total scores of above 6 subjects: 1000; scores of same score additional competition (200 in total) is not included in the 6 subjects)

11:15 – 12:15	1 st PAMA Global Prize Tournament Awards ceremony right after the competition. Prize includes scholarship, medal, and certificate. Gold medal 30% (prize US \$200), Silver medal 30% (prize US \$150), Bronze medal 40% (prize US \$100).
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch organized by host (Contestants Talent Show) (All participants have lunch together, all contestants give their talent shows, chairmen exchange souvenirs', contestants exchange gifts and cards, etc.
14:00 – 14:30	Award Ceremony / contestants entrance (All contestants and their parents seated by the seats plan provided and organized by host)
14:30 – 16:30	15 th PAMA Global competition and Awards Ceremony (Host address, guests address, contribution medals to all member countries and medals to contestants by group)
16:30 – 17:00	Closing Ceremony (Turn over host) (Turn over PAMA Global flag to 2016 host – PAMA Global Korea – Mr. Kim addresses and invites all contestants and parents to participate 2016 competition again; members exchange and take photos for all.)
17:00 – 19:00	Meeting after competition (Review competition flows and if there are failures need to be modify for future. All chairmen vote for 2018 host country. Extempore motion if any.)
19:00 – 21:00	Celebration Dinner (PAMA USA be the host and invites all chairmen for dinner. Please notify in advance, if you will be bringing a companion.)

11. ANNUAL JOURNAL

All attending countries submit 5 pages of information along with its applications to PAMA USA on or before ***September 30, 2015***. PAMA USA collects these and has a booklet made to be given out on the day of the competition. Please include the following:

- Congratulatory Remarks - 1 Page
- Pictures of Activities within your country - 2 pages
- Successful Abacus and Mental Arithmetic teaching experiences and comments - 2 pages

12. PRIZE TOURNAMENT

12-1 – Each member country recommends an outstanding contestant to participate.

12-2 - The total number of Gold Medal winners will be 30% of the contestants, prize US \$200. The total number of Silver Medal winners will be 30% of the contestants, prize US \$150. The total number of Bronze Medal winners will be 40% of the contestants, prize US \$100.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

13-1 - Please submit any changes to contest groups by ***October 9, 2015***.

After deadline, no change will be accepted.

13-2 - Each country is limited to 2 representatives to take photos for individual awards or group awards of the member country at the Awards Ceremony.

13-3 - PAMA USA will provide each attending country with a DVD with the pictures taken during the competition and the Awards Ceremony.

13-4 - We will only provide 2 contribution medals to all attending countries.

If you need or want to have more plaques made, there is an extra charge for it.

13-5 – All chairmen could be either a Time Judge or a Score Judge for the Prize Tournament. Host country will assign the judge for each contest item.

14. If there are any changes to the guidelines listed above, will advise all attending countries.