

# MML CONTEST RULES 2024-2025

## GENERAL

1. Each school sends a team of ten members subject to the following restrictions:
  - a. The number of seniors is not to exceed four.
  - b. The combined number of juniors and seniors is not to exceed eight.
2. MML follows the guidelines set forth by MIAA/MSSAA.
3. Upon receipt of the contest materials, sufficient copies are to be made and kept in a secure location until the date of the contest.
4. Start time for each meet is 3:30. If a school expects to be delayed, a courtesy call should be made to the host school. The other schools in that division *may* wait to begin the meet (at their discretion). If the host school begins the contest prior to the arrival of the delayed school, that school will be secluded until all schools are competing in a round at the same time.
5. NO CELL PHONES or SMART WATCHES are allowed in the testing area.

## CATEGORY PARTICIPATION

1. Each team member participates in three of the six categories. If a student participates in more than three rounds, the three lowest scores are used in determining the individual score.
2. Five team members compete in each round. If more than five compete, the five lowest scores are used for the team score in that round.

## CONTEST PROCEDURE

1. The host school assigns the tasks of proctoring, correcting, checking and scoring to the visiting schools. **The Division Coordinators/Host School Advisors** will check each team's lineup to avoid having a team participate with too many juniors and seniors.
2. The scorer should be given a scoresheet by each team's coach on which the names of the students are spelled correctly and *legibly* printed or typed with grade level included. A coach may have a second scoresheet for his/her own use. **List names by grade, seniors first, alphabetical by last name within each grade level.**
3. Coaches are responsible for making sure that students know the following rules:
  - a. Rounds 1 through 6 are 10 minutes with a two minute and a 15 second warning. The Team Round is 12 minutes with two minute and a 30 second warnings. **When time is called all writing must stop and the student's paper must be held up until collected.**
  - b. Before the start of each round, each competitor must write his/her complete name, grade and school on the back of the contest paper. No other writing (such as formulas) may be written on a paper before the starting time for the category is announced. New scrap paper will be required for each round.
  - c. Answers must be legible and placed on the designated lines for credit.

- d. When necessary, units will be specified in the answer column.  
To receive credit, a student must use the specified units.
4. A scoreboard should be available at each contest site to keep students abreast of the progress of the contest. Answers should be posted after ALL student answer sheets have been collected.
  5. All students' contest papers are to be held by the Division Coordinators and returned to the school's coach at the next meet.
  6. Team summary sheets and the division summary sheet are collected by the **Division Coordinators** (or Host School Advisor) who will *scan and email them* to the Chief Statistician (currymath@gmail.com) for tabulation. The Chief Statistician will then make available the results of the current meet (all divisions) and the cumulative results on the MML website ([www.mmleague.net](http://www.mmleague.net)), available by the middle of the week after the meet.

## APPEALS/CLARIFICATIONS/CHALLENGES

**DIVISION COORDINATORS WILL BRING THEIR OWN CELL PHONES TO EACH MEET. PLEASE KEEP CELL PHONES TURNED ON SO THE CONTEST DIRECTOR MAY REACH YOU, IF NECESSARY. IF QUESTIONS ARISE DURING THE MEET, THE HOST SCHOOLS CAN CONTACT THE CONTEST DIRECTOR, MIKE CURRY, AT 1- 917-688-9941 TO CLARIFY ANY ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE ABOUT THE CONTEST QUESTIONS/ANSWERS. DESPITE BEST EFFORT, SOMETIMES RECEPTION MAKES COMMUNICATION IMPOSSIBLE. IF CONTACT CANNOT BE MADE WITH THE CONTEST DIRECTOR, FOLLOW THE USUAL APPEALS PROCESS AS OUTLINED BELOW:**

1. Though every effort is made to write clear questions and answers there are times at contests when clarifications or appeals need to be made. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THESE SITUATIONS ARE HANDLED CONSISTENTLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL STUDENTS.
2. If the coaches at a meet decide a question or answer has an error, ambiguity, or has some other mistake they may agree to correct it. IF ANY CHANGES ARE MADE TO THE QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS ON ANY ROUND AN APPEAL NEEDS TO BE MADE AS OUTLINED BELOW.

### *Procedure:*

- a) The Division Coordinators will either
  - phone the contest director during the meet and advise him of the appeal or
  - email the appeal to the contest director Mike Curry ([currymath@gmail.com](mailto:currymath@gmail.com)) and the MML president Marybeth McGinn ([mmcginn@tewksbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:mmcginn@tewksbury.k12.ma.us)) within 24 hours along with an attachment, if necessary.
- b) The Division Coordinators will hold onto the student contest papers as usual in the event further changes become necessary.
- c) The Contest Director will email a summary of the appeal and his decision within 24 hours of receiving the appeal to each Division Coordinator.

- d) The Division Coordinators will then make corrections to the students' contest papers and will inform the Chief Statistician and the Contest Director of any changes in students' scores.

## SCORING

1. Each question in Rounds 1 - 6 is worth 2 points.  
Each question in the Team Round is worth 3 points.
2. Each student's yearly score is the **best five** out of six scores in league competitions.
3. The team's score is the sum of the six competitions.

## PENALTIES

1. If more than four 12<sup>th</sup> graders and/or more than eight 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders combined are entered in a contest, the top scores will be omitted in the team calculations until the maximum of four seniors and eight juniors and seniors combined is reached.
2. If any cell phone(s) ring during an individual round, the students' team will receive a zero for the round, unless the offending student(s) acknowledge the infraction; in this case only those students receive a zero for the round.
3. If any cell phone ring(s) during the team round, the offending school will receive a zero in the team round.

## PLAYOFF MEET

The final meet of the year is a playoff meet in which schools from all divisions are reassigned based on their team's average score for meets 1–5. Alignment of schools for the final meet is done by the league President with input from the Executive Board after the 5<sup>th</sup> contest.

## HOME SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

If a school is **NOT** hosting a meet during the contest season, a maximum of **THREE** HSA's are permitted.

## SNOW and EMERGENCY POLICY

If the host school has cancelled classes for the day, that Division's contest will be held the following Thursday at the same site. If any school in a Division has no school because of snow (or other emergency), but a majority of the schools in the Division are in session, the meet *may* still take place. The school(s) unable to compete will be given the contest that was missed, and it may be administered by the Coach at the *home* school. The Home School Administration Form must be requested, filled out, signed by the coach and all students who participated in the meet, and returned with the team score sheet to the Contest Director within 7 days of the missed meet.

If any meet is canceled for *two consecutive* weeks, **March 6<sup>th</sup>**, would be the "make-up meet", consisting of rounds from the missed contest, and **March 13<sup>th</sup>** would be the playoff meet.

If a school cannot host on the assigned Thursday, the President and other schools in the Division must be notified as soon as said determination is made with arrangements for makeup.