

Questions and Answers on the Regional Olympiad

Who can go to the Regional Olympiad? In order to be selected, students must enter the 2014 Jamaican Mathematical Olympiad. This starts with the Qualifying Round Examination published on November 12. After the fourth round, when the National Champions are determined, the best performers who meet the age requirements will be invited to the selection examination. This will be used to determine the 2014 Jamaican Mathematical Olympiad Team.

What are the age requirements? According to the rules of the competition, a student must be a Jamaican national born in 1998 or thereafter. This means that any Jamaican student who is no more than 15 years old on December 31, 2013, is eligible. Any student who is 16 or older on that day is not eligible.

When and where is the Regional Olympiad? The XVI Regional Olympiad will be held in San Jose, Costa Rica, in June, 2014.

What will happen when I get there? The Olympiad begins with an Orientation day. Then there are two days of tests, and each day features a 4½ hour exam with three questions. After the exams, students will be treated to a day of cultural events in Costa Rica while the papers are being judged. Then they will learn of the results and participate in an awards ceremony.

How do I enter for this? Take the Qualifying Examination for the 2014 Olympiad and send your answers to the University of the West Indies by the deadline.

How much will it cost? Team members will have their airfare covered by the Jamaican Mathematical Olympiad. While they are in Costa Rica, their hotel, food, and other local expenses will be covered by their local hosts.

Will I need a US Visa? The team will travel through Miami, USA, on the way to Costa Rica. This means that all team members will need a US Visa to travel with the team.