

# MATHCOUNTS

## STATE COMPETITION

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Clinton Jr. High School

Clinton, MS

**LOCATION:** This year's competition will be held at Clinton Jr. High School in Clinton.

**COMPETITION DATE:** The state contest will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** The Schedule of Events is as follows:

9:00 a.m.	-	10:00 a.m.	Snack	Multipurpose Room
9:00 a.m.	-	10:00 a.m.	Registration	Lobby
10:00 a.m.	-	10:10 a.m.	Welcome/Opening Remarks	Multipurpose Room
10:10 a.m.	-	11:10 a.m.	SPRINT ROUND	Lecture Hall
11:10 a.m.	-	11:40 a.m.	TARGET ROUND	Lecture Hall
11:40 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.	Break	Lobby
12:00 p.m.	-	12:30 p.m.	TEAM ROUND	Multipurpose Room
12:30 p.m.	-	1:30 p.m.	Luncheon	Multipurpose Room
1:15 p.m.	-	1:45 p.m.	COUNTDOWN ROUND	Multipurpose Room
1:45 p.m.	-	2:15 p.m.	AWARDS PRESENTATION	Multipurpose Room

**RESTRICTIONS:** The competition room will not be open to coaches or parents. Only Mathletes and designated volunteers will be allowed in the competition room. Communication with coaches is only permitted during breaks. Coaches will have a separate area where they can relax or work on projects.

**LUNCHES:** Free lunches will only be provided to Mathletes, one school coach per team, one school coach for each individual if that coach is also NOT a team coach, and competition volunteers.

**Lunches will again be offered to parents/guests this year.** Copies of the lunch order are included in the packets for the students/parents. There will be a charge of \$8.00 for each meal. Forms, with checks enclosed, must be returned to MES as soon as possible but no later than Tuesday, March 20.

**NATIONAL TEAM COMPOSITION:** The Mississippi Team that will attend the national competition will be made up of the four (4) highest scorers in the state contest, not the highest scoring school team. However, the school teams do compete as teams at the state level and will be given team trophies on that basis. **The coach of the winning team from the state competition will lead the Mississippi Team to the national competition.** If this coach declines to participate in the national competition, the coach of the second place team will become the state team coach. **The MATHCOUNTS tests will be administered only to eligible contestants. No tests will be given to any alternates at the state level.**

**COUNTDOWN ROUND:** A Countdown Round will be held at all levels of the program. The Countdown Round results will be used to determine the final standing of the contestants.

**CALCULATORS:** As noted in the Local/State Coordinators Handbook, as well as the School Handbook, **calculators are not permitted in the Sprint or Countdown Rounds, but are permitted in the Target and Team Rounds.** Mississippi does not do the Masters Rounds. **Where calculators are permitted, students may use any calculator that does not contain a QWERTY (i.e., typewriter-like) keypad. Calculators that have the ability to enter letters of the alphabet, but do not have a keypad in a standard typewriter arrangement, are acceptable. Personal Digital Assistants (e.g. Palm Pilots®), are not considered to be calculators and may not be used during competitions. Students may not use calculators to exchange information with another person or device during the competition.** Coaches are responsible for ensuring that their students use acceptable calculators, and students are responsible for providing their own calculators. Coordinators are not responsible for providing Mathletes with calculators, AC outlets or batteries before or during MATHCOUNTS competitions. Coaches are strongly advised to bring backup calculators and spare batteries to the competition for their team members in case of a malfunctioning calculator or weak/dead batteries. Neither the MATHCOUNTS Foundation nor coordinators shall be responsible for the consequences of a calculator's malfunction.

**PROGRAM INFORMATION DUE DATE:** **MES has asked the coaches of the winning participants to fax or e-mail the TEAM and/or INDIVIDUAL Competitor Information Sheets as soon as possible (but no later than March 20, 2012) to the state office at 601-919-1818 or msengsoc@bellsouth.net so that the MATHCOUNTS programs may be printed.** Please double-check the spelling of all names and **type or print legibly** on the form. This will help ensure an accurate program.

**LODGING FOR CONTESTANTS AND COACHES:** MES will not be providing overnight rooms for students or coaches this year due to a drop in funding of this program.

**LODGING FOR PARENTS/GUESTS:** All parents/teachers desiring lodging will be responsible for making their own lodging reservations directly with the hotel. **Reserve your rooms early.**

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions concerning MATHCOUNTS, call Malinda Battey at the state office (601/919-1818).

**Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**