



PAMA Global Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Association—USA

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THE 15th PAN PACIFIC ABACUS & MENTAL ARITHMETIC COMPETITION INVITATION

Dear Chairmen,

It is my honor to extend this invitation to your respective countries for the 15th PAMA Competition.

The last time the United States hosted the PAMA competition was in December of 2007. I would like to take this time to thank you all for your continued support. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to ensure that your stay in the United States is an enjoyable one.

I have been teaching abacus in the Bay Area since 1986, and it is a privilege to be able to work with so many bright, talented, young students. In this day and age of constant technological innovations, I am honored to be a part of preserving the traditional skill of mental arithmetic.

In addition, there is one change to the competition this year. There will be a Prize Tournament in which each attending country can have one student represent them with the possibility of winning a (cash) scholarship. The details will be explained during the competition.

It is my hope that everlasting friendships are made through this competition and I encourage you all to take the time to do a bit of sightseeing while you are in the area. The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco is one of the United State's most notable landmarks, and welcomes over 9 million visitors a year. It is an excellent place to take in some beautiful scenery.

If you are interested in sightseeing and would like more information regarding areas of interest, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me and I will try to point you in the right direction depending on what you would like to experience. I sincerely hope that your stay in California is a memorable one!

Again, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the United States! I am grateful for the opportunity to spend this time with you over the holidays.

Warmest Regards,
Jin-Hwei Chen
PAMA United States President

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 with the support of Cupertino Chinese School

5. ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION

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

- Unfortunately, I will not be able to accept any late registrations.

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 of US \$50 and lunch with all participants.

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

6-3 - Wire fees to **Cathay Bank - 1040 S De Anza Blvd Cupertino CA 950104**
Jinhwei Chen // Account # **001240193** // SWIFT Code: **CATHUS6L**

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.

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	2007/01/01 2006/12/31	2005/01/01 2004/12/31	2003/01/01 2001/12/31	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

7-3 - Contestants register according to the following provisions (listed below). Organizer reserves the right to disqualify contestants if cheating is observed.
7-4 - Prize tournament is new this year and the division is called Group F.

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
	4th							200 Marks
Mental Calculation	×	1×1	1×1	2×1	2×1	2×1	3×1	30 Qs
	5th							1 Mins
Mental Calculation	÷	1÷1	1÷1	2÷1	2÷1	2÷1	3÷1	30 Qs
	6th							1 Mins
Abacus Calculation	7th	×	×	×	×	×	×	30 Qs
		÷	÷	÷	÷	÷	÷	1 Mins
Abacus Calculation	7th	+	+	+	+	+	+	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 the list above. 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 totals to be the same, the winner will be determined by whomever scored higher on the 7th Paper. If the scores the 7th Paper are also the same, then the winner is determined by the higher score in the following order: 3rd Paper, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 4th, and the 5th.

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. The 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

Monday, December 28 - Location: 1135 S. De Anza Blvd, San Jose, CA 95129

<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Teacher's Training Seminar – Organized by secretariat; all members are welcome to join; Topics for this year: Level 3 of Multiplication and Division, and calculation of a file of slips
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	15 th PAMA meeting before competition (Host by Mrs. Jinhwei, Chen, PAMA USA chairman. Announce matters related to competition and what members should pay attention to, contestants ID, annual journal, staffs ID, registration fee payment settlement, annual fee payment settlement with secretariat, draw lots to decide the sequence of prize tournament contestants and judge seats, etc.
6:00 - 8:30 PM	Welcome Dinner – All chairmen and teachers are invited; charge: \$50/person. (If you will be attending, please let me know by e-mailing jinhweichen@hotmail.com)

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

TIME	EVENT
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Contestants check-in and be seated (During this time, contestants find their seats and students can practice on their own)
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	15 th PAMA Global Competition Opening Ceremony (All members' national flag will be displayed, chairmen and contestants enter, and the PAMA Global flag will be displayed, PAMA Global USA welcome speech, guests speeches)
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	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 AM - 12:15 PM	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 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch organized by host (Contestants Talent Show) (All participants have lunch together, talent show, chairmen exchange souvenirs', contestants exchange gifts and cards, etc.)
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Award Ceremony / Contestants reenter (All contestants and their parents will be seated by the seats plan provided and organized by host)

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	15 th PAMA Global competition and Awards Ceremony (Host address, guests address, contribution medals to all member countries and medals to contestants by group)
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	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 in the 2016 competition; photo taking opportunity.)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Meeting after competition (Review the flow of the competition and if there are areas of improvement that need to be made for future competitions. All chairmen vote for 2018 host country.)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Celebration Dinner (PAMA invites all chairmen for dinner. Please notify me if you will be bringing a companion.)

11. ANNUAL JOURNAL

I would like each attending country 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*** or I will be unable to accept them.

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 will be an extra charge.

13-5 – All chairmen can 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, I will advise all attending countries.