



# MATHFactor EUROPE 2015

(with international participation)

## General Terms & Conditions

1. The 'MATHfactor 2015' Competition is organised by the Le-MATH project. Owner of the annual event under EUROMATH is the Cyprus Mathematical Society and the THALES Foundation, ('the organiser').
2. 'Participant' means a pupil, or other person within the age restrictions in clause 5 that intends to take part in the competition.
3. 'Traveling companion' means an adult that is legally appointed by the parent or legal guardian of the participant to accompany the participant to the final live competition (PHASE 2).
4. Participation in the Competition, presupposes the full, unconditional and automatic acceptance of all parts of these final and approved Competition Terms & Conditions.
5. Only participants who by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2015 will be between the ages of 8,5 years (eight and a half years) old to 18,5 years (eighteen and a half years) old, may participate in the Competition.
6. Participation in the Competition also presupposes that all participants have obtained written permission from their parent or legal guardian prior to participating in the competition in PHASE 1. The only accepted written permission can be downloaded from **HERE**. The written permission will have to be submitted duly signed before finalists are invited to the live final competition (PHASE 2).
7. First degree relatives of the partner participants of the Le-Math project and competition organizers or jury members are not permitted to participate in the competition.
8. The PHASE 1 Competition will be in force from 1 September 2014 until 7 February 2015 and will run at two age levels, 9-13 and 14-18. Age group are inclusive of ages 8,5-13,5 (eight and a half to thirteen and a half) and 13,5-18,5 (thirteen and a half to eighteen and a half) by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
  - 8.1. The competition will be conducted in two phases the 'Preliminary' PHASE 1 and the 'Final' PHASE 2.
    - 8.1.1. The PHASE 1 will be conducted through the use of video recording over the internet via the Le-MATH website (MATHFactor platform).
    - 8.1.2. The appointed jury will, through a confidential procedure select at least 5 finalists for each age level, who will be invited to participate in PHASE 2.
    - 8.1.3. The appointed jury will also select 3 runner-ups who may be asked to participate in the final, should one or more of the finalists is unable to do so.
    - 8.1.4. PHASE 2 will take place in the country and place where EUROMATH 2015 is organized. In the case of organization of National Competition, the winner will automatically be invited to the PHASE 2 finals of the MATHFactor Europe.
    - 8.1.5. Upon announcement of the jury decision, the finalists and runner-ups will be asked to provide a scanned copy of the written permission (as per clause 6) within 5 days of notice, and the original within 15 days by registered post. Participants who fail to submit the written notice (scanned and / or original) within the specified period will be disqualified.
    - 8.1.6. The jury will announce the list of participants to the final within 25 days from first result announcement

- 8.1.7. All finalists will have to undertake their own travel arrangements to the live finals to attend the competition.
- 8.1.8. It is the sole responsibility of the finalist and his traveling companion to obtain any travel documents, including but not limited to entry visa, if needed. The organiser will provide an invitation letter to the competition upon request.
- 8.1.9. The Organiser may offer a financial contribution. The amount will be known and will be determined after the results and when the countries of the finalists are known.
- 8.1.10. In addition, the organiser will offer free meals to each participant for at least two days, during the finals.
- 8.1.11. The finalists will repeat their presentation in front of a live audience and Jury.
- 8.1.12. The finalists may also be asked to produce an additional appropriate mathematical presentation to be assigned by the jury.
- 8.1.13. The jury will at its discursion and based on a non-disclosed methodology evaluate all finalists and announce the winners.

**9. Competition prizes:**

- 9.1. The First prize will be a Lap-Top and related certificate.
- 9.2. The Second prize will be a certificate and a gift to be determined.
- 9.3. The Third prize will be a certificate and a gift to be determined.

These prizes cannot be redeemed for cash or any other form.

- 10.** By accepting to receive any of the Competition prizes, winners give full permission to the Organiser to publicize their names, age and town, Country of residence in promotional activity for the Competition on any media selected, either during the Competition or at any time in the future and on any media, for the purposes of promotion. This promotional activity is not limited to the use of their name alone, but may include the use of their image, video by way of photography, film or digital media.
- 11.** The finalists and his selected travel companion must have the capacity to travel, possess valid passports and all the necessary travel documents, as well as any necessary exit permits from their country of residence. The costs and time required to acquire travel documents are not included in the prize and remain the exclusive responsibility of the winner and their travel companion. The organiser will not bear any responsibility in case country exit or entry is forbidden, or flights missed due to delays caused by the above said documents. In such a case the participant and his / her companion may be disqualified from the Competition, their rights to the prize cancelled and replacements found.
- 12.** The finalists and their companion must be ready to travel on the date & time announced by the organiser.
- 13.** The finalists and their traveling companion must behave appropriately throughout their stay for the finals and will be exclusively responsible for their attitude and conduct.
- 14.** The organiser will not bear any responsibility whatsoever for the causing of any malicious or other damage by the participant and their companion to either:
  - 14.1. the hotels;
  - 14.2. and / or for the commission of any damage otherwise inflicted upon the property of third parties, or generally against third parties during their participation.
  - 14.3. The participant and their companion will remain exclusively responsible for such damage and agree that they will fully indemnify the organiser in case that the organiser is obliged to pay any damages, fines or otherwise to third parties as a result of the actions or non-actions of the participant and their companion .
  - 14.4. The organiser may provide a cameraman / photographer / journalist to make a recording on video and/or to photograph during phase two of the competition. The organizer can use this material in any way.

- 15.** Organiser deems appropriate, without any consideration to the participant and their companion and at any time now or in the future. For this purpose, the organiser will provide appropriate audio and video equipment.
- 16.** Refusal of consent by either the participant and / or their companion shall result in the disqualification from the competition and forfeit of all and every prizes.
- 17.** The organiser has the right to extend, postpone or terminate the competition at its exclusive discursion. This decision will be considered final and undisputed. In the event of competition termination, all supplied videos and other materials will be purged.
- 18.** The organiser has the right to disqualify any participant without providing justification at any stage of the competition. The organiser's decision to disqualify will be final and undisputed.
- 19.** The presentation must not contain any material which may insult, provoke or otherwise inflict harm to any other human being, or / and may include racist, inappropriate, unethical or unlawful content. The penalty for including such content is disqualification.
- 20.** All presentations must be in the English language and of interesting and correct mathematical content, that can be understood by non-mathematicians, of maximum three minutes duration. Presentations in any other form will not be considered.
- 21.** The use of audio visual tools during presentation such as power point, projectors, video, audio and other is strictly prohibited. Participants are allowed to use small items that they can hold in one hand, a small table (of up to 1 square meter), a microphone and microphone stand or a hands free microphone.
- 22.** The participant indemnifies the organiser against all claims and expenses arising from uses of material for which the participant does not have rights to or authority to use.
- 23.** The participant agrees that it shall not hold the organiser its agents or employees liable for any incidental or consequential damages which may arise from any aspect of the competition, regardless of whether such aspect was caused by intentional or negligent acts or omissions. Furthermore, the organiser disclaims all implied warranties.
- 24.** All participants should arrange for their own travel insurance for the duration of their stay during the finals.
- 25.** The organiser shall have the exclusive right to modify or amend the current Terms & conditions at any stage of the competition and without prior notice. It is the sole responsibility of the participant to be aware of all current and future published terms & conditions as these are published in the Le-MATH website ([www.le-math.eu](http://www.le-math.eu)) and in the EUROMATH site ([www.euromath.org](http://www.euromath.org)).
- 26.** Any disputes arising out of this terms & conditions shall be submitted to the organizer. The organizer's decision shall be final, and judgment may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. All claims, disputes or disagreements which may arise out of the interpretation, performance or in any way relating to this agreement, shall be submitted exclusively to the jurisdiction of the courts located in the republic of Cyprus.