

Contest Rules

1. The 2024 MCM/ICM contest period runs between 5:00 p.m. EST Thursday, February 1, 2024 and 8:00 p.m. EST on Monday, February 5, 2024.
2. Each team may consist of a maximum of three undergraduate (or below) students enrolled full- or part-time at the same school/institution at the time of the contest. Teams may consist of 1, 2, or 3 students and each student may only participate on one team.
3. Each team must have an advisor who is a staff member, a faculty member, or a student at the team members' institution. Advisors can serve more than one team. Advisors must register teams prior to 3p.m. EST on Thursday, February 1, 2024.
4. Teams must obtain and use the Control Number and password assigned to them at registration to participate in MCM/ICM.
5. Not later than the opening of the contest window, advisors must assign team members to a particular team, and cannot add or change student assignments for the duration of the contest. Teams may, however, remove a team member, if he or she decides not to participate.
6. Once the contest window opens (5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024), **team membership must be set and teams may not use any persons, other than their own team members, to discuss or obtain ideas for working on and solving their problem.** Teams **may** use any "inanimate" resource they find on their own such as: web pages, books, articles, research reports, databases, etc. Teams **may not** seek help in obtaining answers, ideas, or information, or in locating appropriate resources, from any persons outside of their team to include their advisor, other teachers, other students, and/or experts or professionals in a field relevant to the problem. This restriction includes personal or telephonic contact, as well as use of electronic social media such as, but not limited to: emails, texting, chat rooms, question-answer systems, interactive blogs, Twitter, Weibo, online help or support sites, etc. Additionally, posting or sharing any part or all of the problem statement, your team's solution process, or any partial or complete work in any form or medium during the contest is strictly prohibited. COMAP will disqualify or deem unsuccessful any team that violates this rule. The relevant issue is one of intent: each team of students is expected to develop all of its substantive analysis and solution without the help of others.
7. Teams must document any outside sources of information by using footnotes, endnotes, or in-line documentation, and include appropriate citations in a reference list or Bibliography of these sources.
8. Teams choose to work on one problem (MCM: A, MCM: B, MCM C, ICM D, ICM E or ICM: F) and submit one solution for the problem of their choice.
9. The names of the students, advisor, and/or institution must not appear on any page of the solution. The solution must not contain any identifying information other than the team Control Number.
10. Papers must be submitted as an Adobe PDF electronic file, and typed in English, with a readable font of at least 12-point type. Papers must be within the 25 page limit.
11. Upon closing of the contest window at 8:00 p.m. EST Monday, February 5, 2024, advisors must ensure each team makes no further changes to their solution paper. Advisors must then ensure all solution documents are properly prepared and sent via email to COMAP for judging no later than **9:00 p.m. EST Monday, February 5, 2024** .

12. COMAP follows all accommodations relative to learning conditions for individual students used as part of the local school/institution program in an affected student's daily learning. If specialized staff is required, the school bears the responsibility for providing any specialized assistance as required by law. If such accommodations are required for a student participating, the school should detail them and the extent to which they were utilized as part of the MCM/ICM activities.
13. COMAP reserves the right to disqualify or reduce the award level of teams found to have violated the contest rules.