

Help for New Sponsors

GETTING READY TO COMPETE

- Download the sponsor's guide at <http://floridamao.org/PublicPages/Downloads.aspx>. Familiarize yourself with its contents.
- If you are taking over an existing school and do not know how to log into the website, OR if you are sponsoring a new school, OR if you are not sure, then email floridamao@gmail.com with the following information:
 - Your school name
 - Your school addressYou will receive a response email within a week with your login information.
- Login to the site and fill in your school and sponsor information.
- You can then enroll your students.
- After all students are enrolled, you can print your registration summary and mail your check. Registration payment must be postmarked by November 1 !
- Join the listserv (the sponsor discussion forum) – see p/8 of the sponsor's guide.
- Get your school registered for the season in October.
- Register for competitions early (typically more than 2 weeks ahead of time).
- Get NCS 19641(or equivalent, but not scantron) bubble-in forms.
- Have two or more sharp pencils for each student.

OVERALL

- FAMAT has divided Florida into 5 Regions to minimize drivingtime/distance for Regional Competitions. All 5 Regional competitions are held simultaneously. Regional competitions are typically 1½ hours or less from your school.
- The first competition is the Fall Interschool test held in November. It will be available to download from www.floridamao.org under the downloads link.
- The first Individual competition of the season is called the Hiller/Nunn/Dostal Test. It is held in December. All FAMAT students take it on the same day at their school and the sponsor mails-in the NCS bubble-in forms.
- In winter, expect a monthly Regional and State-wide competition. Everyone is invited to attend these competitions which are held at schools. Whereas Regionals are held nearby, Statewide Competitions are held at one location anywhere in Florida.
- In April, the Florida state convention is held at the Doubletree Hotel in Orlando. All FAMAT High Schools are invited to attend.

STRONG MATH TEAMS

- Over 150 Florida schools have math teams competing in various FAMAT competitions across the state.
- Florida has very active and strong competitions.
- Many students practice previous tests that are located on www.floridamao.org and then click on test bank.
- Many schools offer year long courses that incorporate competition questions throughout.

AT THE COMPETITIONS

- You'll have a lot of fun. Other sponsors are very helpful. Food is provided for sponsors.
- Your students will have a lot of fun. They'll meet lots of other kids that are nice and smart just like them.

- **Most schools come in buses**
- **You'll go out to lunch at a mall or fast-food restaurant. Maps and directions are usually provided.**
- **Regional competitions have 20 or more schools competing across 6 divisions (400 to 1000 students). Get there by 8:00 a.m. and expect to leave at about 3:00 p.m.**
- **Statewide competitions have 30 or more schools competing across 6 divisions (1000 or more students). Get there by 8:00 a.m. and expect to leave at about 3:30 p.m.**

AFTER A COMPETITION

- **Expect to be challenged by some of the competition questions**
- **Sponsors will receive a folder that includes both team and individual standings in the competition, at the discretion of the host school. Sponsors may also bring a flash drive with them and ask that the results be copied to the flash drive.**
- **Results will be posted at the FAMAT website shortly after the competition.**
- **Many times students will access this on the trip home via laptops or smart phones that can read PDF files.**