

Team Composition Rules

1. General Rules

- (1) A representative of the sponsoring institution of higher education, typically a faculty member, must serve as or designate the team coach. The coach certifies the eligibility of contestants and serves as the official point-of-contact with the team prior to and during contest activities. A team may only have one coach.
- (2) The coach must fully register teams in the ICPC Registration System within the time set by the regional rules which, for teams from China teams and other teams (foreign, Taiwan) are before September 15 and November 5, 2014, respectively. A team is not eligible to compete in the regional contest until the regional contest director has accepted the team in the web registration system. Teams failing to comply with any of these requirements will be ruled ineligible to compete. Only registered reserves may be substituted for contestants. Such substitutions must be decided and inform the regional contest director before November 7, 2014.
- (3) Each team consists of three contestants. Each contestant must be a student enrolled in a degree program at the sponsoring institution with at least a half-time load. This rule is not to be construed as disqualifying co-op students, exchange students, or students serving internships. A student may compete for only one institution during a contest year.
- (4) A student may compete in at most of five regional contests commencing with the first regional contest held after the student begins post-secondary studies at an institution of higher education. A student who has competed in two World Finals is no longer eligible to compete.
- (5) A student who meets the Basic Requirements and FIRST began post-secondary studies in 2010 or later is eligible to compete.
- (6) A student who meets the Basic Requirements and was born in 1991 or later is eligible to compete.
- (7) In addition to the general rules, a team must meet the 2014 regional contest Taichung Site eligibility requirements to be able to compete in the regional contest.

2. Regional Rules

These rules are written in U.S. English. Teams such as “baccalaureate degree” have different meanings in different countries. Team composition rules may vary at each contest site to accommodate these differences. The Steering Committee at each site will interpret such differences.

- (1)The Coach will be the team representative and point of contact during Regional Contest activities.
- (2)A team is not eligible to compete in the Regional Contest until the Registration Chair of the contest site has received all materials that certify eligibility from the coach.
- (3)Contestants are NOT required to be student members of ACM in order to be eligible to compete in a regional contest. Note, however, that all World Finals contestants are required to be student members of ACM one month before the World Finals.
- (4)Each University or colleges in Asia can organize teams to participate in the contests at any site or multiple sites. However, a contestant can participate, at most, in two (2) Asian contest sites during a contest year.
- (5)Each contestant is only allowed to enter contest venue in uniform T-shirt, with a badge and photo student ID card on Saturday, 11/22.
- (6)Each coach is only allowed to enter contest venue in uniform T-shirt and with a badge on Saturday, 11/22.

3. Restrictions of Contest Material

The restrictions on what materials you may bring for use during the contest:

- (1)Unannotated natural language printed dictionary is allowed.
- (2)Besides the printed dictionary, at most 25 pages of single-sided, letter or A4 size, hand-written notes or copy of your Team NOTES or REFERENCE Document will be allowed. We will provide blank A4 size blank pages in the contest.
- (3)It's not allowed to bring any machine and software that can read or write, including computers, books, manuals, terminals, computer, electronic dictionary, flash drives, PDA and mobile communications equipment, etc.

4. Miscellaneous Rules

- (1) No foods and Drinks. (Mineral water will be provided on the table by organizer.)
 - (2) Except the materials you may bring for use during the contest, please put all of your stuff at the Luggage Storage. We will arrange people to manage your belongings, yet please carry your personal valuables yourselves. We do not take the responsibility of protecting or compensating for your belongings.
 - (3) Keep your volume low.
 - (4) Each team is restricted to use only one computer.
 - (5) Please inform the contest staffs if there is any problem with hardware.
 - (6) The print-out documents will be delivered to each team by the contest staffs. Each team has printing quota of 30 pages.
 - (7) Contestants will be allowed substitution only if the team has made a request to the checking counter before competition starts (Nov.22 09:00 a.m.).
 - (8) Contestants will be allowed to enter the contest area within 30 minutes after the competition starts (Nov.22 10:00 a.m.).
 - (9) To Receive Your Certificate(s)
 - Certificates of Attendance will be distributed on contest (Nov.22 09:00~09:30 a.m.).
 - To be eligible for a Certificate of Attendance, your team must participate in the competition.
 - For each team, certificates will be only given to the primary coach and three team members who actually participated in the competition.
 - If your name is spelled incorrectly, please complete a “Certificate of Attendance Request Form” at the Registration Desk.
- ◆ For other rules and regulations, please refer to following links:
- <http://icpc.baylor.edu/regionals/rules>
 - <http://blog.sina.com.cn/cjhwang>

5. Contest Notes

- (1) Reference Materials: “PC2 Team Guide”, “JDK JavaDocs” and “C++ STL docs” are on the desktop of your computer.
- (2) Source programs submitted to the Judges will be compiled using the following
 - C: `gcc -g -O2 -std=gnu99 -static $* -lm`
 - C++: `g++ -g -O2 -std=gnu++0x -static $*`

Java: `javac -encoding UTF-8 -sourcepath . -d . $*`

(3) For C/C++, the resulting executable will be executed to generate the output of the submission. For Java, the compiled code will be executed using the following command:

`java -client -Xss8m -Xmx2048m $*`

(4) List of possible judging results:

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No, Compilation Error
- ✓ No, Run-time Error
- ✓ No, Time-limit Exceeded
- ✓ No, Wrong Answer
- ✓ No, Excessive Output
- ✓ No, Output Format Error
- ✓ No, Other – Contact Staff

(5) Before you submit your program, please make sure the “Problem Name” and the “Language” option you selected are correct. If you want to test your answer, please choose the INPUT file(ex. PA.in) after you click the “Test” button, Not choose the source file.

(6) The print-out documents will be delivered to each team by the contest staffs.

(7) Please inform the contest staffs if there is any problem with hardware.

6. Conduct of the Contest

(1) Solutions to problems submitted for judging are called runs. Each run is judged as accepted or rejected by a judge, and the team is notified of the results.

(2) Notification of accepted runs may be suspended at an appropriate time to keep the final results secret. A general announcement to that effect will be made during the contest. Notification of rejected runs will continue until the end of the contest.

(3) A contestant may submit a claim of ambiguity or error in a problem statement by submitting a clarification request to a judge. If the judges agree that an ambiguity or error exists, a clarification will be issued to all contestants.

(4) Contestants are not to converse with anyone except members of their team and personnel designated by the regional contest director. Systems support staff may advise contestants on system-related problems such as explaining system error messages.

(5) While the contest is scheduled for a particular time length (typically five

hours), the regional contest director has the authority to alter the length of the contest in the event of unforeseen difficulties. Should the contest duration be altered, every attempt will be made to notify contestants in a timely and uniform manner.

- (6) A team may be disqualified by the regional contest director for any activity that jeopardizes the contest such as dislodging extension cords, unauthorized modification of contest materials, or distracting behavior.

7. Contest Scoring

- (1) A problem is solved when it is accepted by the judges. The judges are solely responsible for accepting or rejecting submitted runs. In consultation with the judges, the Regional Contest Director determines the winners of the regional contest. The regional contest director and judges are empowered to adjust for or adjudicate unforeseen events and conditions. Their decisions are final.
- (2) Teams are ranked according to the most problems solved. For the purposes of awards, or in determining qualifier(s) for the World Finals, teams who solve the same number of problems are ranked by least total time. The total time is the sum of the time consumed for each problem solved. The time consumed for a solved problem is the time elapsed from the beginning of the contest to the submittal of the accepted run plus 20 penalty minutes for every rejected run for that problem regardless of submittal time. There is no time consumed for a problem that is not solved.
- (3) Breaking ties in ranking, if necessary, is according to the following order:
- (a) the less total number of submissions of the solved problems;
 - (b) the shorter elapsed time of the first solved problem;
 - (c) the shorter elapsed time of the second solved problem, and so on.