



United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust

## Team Maths Challenge 2020 - FAQs

### Q. Which age groups are eligible for the Team Maths Challenge (TMC)?

A. The TMC is designed for pupils in Year 8 and Year 9 (England and Wales), S1 and S2 (Scotland) and Year 9 and Year 10 (Northern Ireland). **Teams should include no more than two pupils from the upper age group.** You may include younger students in your team if you wish, but please be aware that the questions are aimed at the age groups stated. There is also a Senior Team Maths Challenge for pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13 (see <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/competitions/team/senior-team-maths-challenge> for further details).

### Q. Our school finishes at Year 8 or starts at Year 9 (in England). Can we pair up with another school to field a joint team of Year 8 and Year 9 pupils?

A. Yes you can, subject to the usual rule that there can be no more than two Year 9 pupils in a team. Once you have selected the venue and clicked 'proceed with order' on the website, you will be able to complete a box to indicate which other school you will be pairing up with. It will help us if you have their centre number ready.

### Q. How many pupils are in a team? Can I bring additional pupils to act as reserves?

A. Teams should comprise no more than four students. Reserves and substitutions are not permitted.

### Q. How many teams can I enter?

A. Due to the popularity of the competition and the fact that many venues reach capacity, there is a limit of **one team per school** to allow as many schools and colleges as possible to participate.

### Q. When is the deadline for entries?

A. Please try to enter by the start of December (so we can plan numbers for materials and catering). However, several heats fill up earlier than that, so we recommend you enter as soon as possible, after checking dates, venues and availability at <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/competitions/team/team-maths-challenge>.

### Q. What are my payment options?

A. You can either pay with a credit card online, or download an invoice to be paid within 30 days by cheque or BACS.

### Q. I have entered the Team Maths Challenge. What happens next?

A. We will send you:

- 1) **Within a fortnight of receipt of entry:** Your venue-specific risk assessment.
- 2) **At least a month before your Regional Final:** Full instructions and event details (including timings, maps and directions) and a template letter for requesting parental permission. **This information is sent by email to the person who entered the competition.**
- 3) **1-2 weeks before your Regional Final:** Reminder postcard (by post).

**If any of the above information does not reach you within the timescales indicated, please contact us (preferably via email) and we will resend it.** If you are not the person who will be accompanying your school's team on the day, please pass on the instructions and event details to the relevant colleague in a timely manner.

### Q. I have misplaced my copy of the event details/risk assessment etc. How can I get another copy?

A. Please contact us via email to request another copy ([enquiry@ukmt.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@ukmt.org.uk)).

**Q. When will the Regional Finals take place?**

A. The Regional Finals will take place between mid/late February and the end of April at venues across the UK. A full list of dates and venues is available at <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/competitions/team/team-maths-challenge>. The National Final will be held on Monday 15 June 2020 at the Royal Horticultural Halls in London.

**Q. At what time will the event start and finish?**

A. Regional Finals take place during the school day and typically run from 10.00/10.15am to around 3.00pm, although some will start and finish slightly earlier depending on local circumstances. The start and finish times of your Regional Final will be confirmed in the event details emailed to you after you enter your team.

**Q. Do pupils have to wear school uniform?**

A. Many do come in uniform, but we leave this entirely up to you. Your pupils may wish to bring trainers to wear during the Relay round and for some venues this is compulsory (this will be indicated in the email giving full event details if so).

**Q. Will lunch be provided?**

A. A sandwich lunch will be provided for one supervising teacher per team. As the competition is heavily subsidised and we want to keep the entry fee as low as possible, we are unable to also provide lunch for pupils (except at the National Final), who should therefore bring their own lunch and refreshments.

**Q. Can I bring an additional teacher?**

A. We appreciate that some institutions require that a minimum of two adults accompany their team. As we can only cater for one teacher per team, any additional teachers should bring their own lunch and refreshments.

**Q. Can a colleague take over from me at lunchtime if I need to go back to school?**

A. We start the morning with an important briefing session explaining in detail what teachers will be required to do for the delivery and marking of each round, which someone arriving at lunchtime would miss. We therefore ask that the teacher who attends the briefing is available to stay for the whole event.

**Q. Can I send a sixth form student with my team rather than a teacher**

A. No, the member of staff accompanying the team must be a DBS-checked member of staff from your school. They do not have to be a teacher (although this is recommended due to the fact that they will be required to mark another team's answers), but they cannot be an older student or a parent/guardian.

**Q. Can parents come along to watch our Regional Final?**

A. Due to safeguarding and space restrictions at venues we cannot accommodate spectators.

**Q. Can I change my original choice of venue?**

A. Yes, provided there is still a place available at the venue to which you wish to change. Please check venue availability on the website and then contact us, giving as much advance notice as possible.

**Q. I would like to withdraw my team from the competition. What should I do?**

A. Please let us know, giving as much notice as possible. If you are forced to withdraw on the day of the event, please telephone the UKMT rather than contacting the venue directly - we will then pass on the message to the relevant person at the venue. With advance withdrawals, we can issue a full refund of the £37 entry fee provided you are able to give us notice of at least one calendar month prior to the date of the Regional Final you were due to attend. **If you withdraw after this time (or fail to show up on the day) and your payment is still outstanding, you will still be required to pay for the place to cover costs already incurred (e.g. administration, materials and catering).**