

What's New for the 2015 AMC 8 Contest?

If you are a veteran of past AMC 8 contests or a new contest manager, there are a few important changes this year that you should note:

- 1) Answer sheets must be returned to the MAA AMC office the day after contest administration. All answer sheets must be received no later than 12 days after contest administration.
- 2) The use of trackable parcel service to return answer sheets is now **required**.

IMPORTANT DATES
November 2, 2015 Final day to register/order additional contest materials.
By November 16, 2015 Have students pre-fill all name and demographic information on answer sheets.
November 17, 2015 Official contest administration date
November 18, 2015 Return answer sheets to the MAA AMC office the day after contest administration — don't forget to use a trackable method. All answer sheets must be received no later than 12 days after contest administration.

- 3) We are replacing awarding of pins and plaques to students with a special certificate for your high scorers. Please check your school report for information on how to purchase a plaque for your school.

- 4) A complimentary copy of the examination will be shared electronically with you after the scheduled contest window has closed.

- 5) The 'window' of alternate administration dates this year is November 18-24. If you cannot administer the contest on November 17, we will accept as official any administration during this window. Please be sure to ship us, by trackable shipping service, all answer sheets on the day after you administer the contest.

- 6) We cannot accept photocopies of our official answer sheets. Please make sure you have ample numbers of official answer sheets **before** you administer the competition.

- 7) New technologies present new challenges. The development of the 'smart watch' opens new opportunities for irregularities in administering our contests. Please make sure that you proctor vigilantly, so that students do not use any calculating or communication device during the contest—including those worn on the wrist.