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To All AMC 8 Managers:

Welcome to the twentieth annual American Mathematics Competitions' AMC 8. A review of the upcoming contest assures me that your students will find the 2004 AMC 8 to be an excellent learning experience.

I am pleased to announce that, again this year, the Committee on the American Mathematics Competitions (CAMC) has approved a "window" which will enable schools to participate officially in case of a school closing or an academic conflict with the official scheduled date. The alternate "window" dates are November 17, 18, 19, 22 and 23. Further rules governing the use of the "window" are found on page 3 and 4 of this manual.

Last year, the Edyth May Sliffe Award, which recognizes distinguished mathematics teaching, was given regionally to fifty-three Sponsoring Teachers from high scoring AMC 8 schools. I am pleased to inform you that this program will be continued in 2004. Further details for nominating a teacher from your school can be found on page 9. If you nominated someone at the time you registered, it will not be necessary to complete this form again.

If this is the first year you have administered the AMC 8, please take a moment to thoroughly read this manual for the rules and regulations. For all schools, several days before the contest date fill out the School Identification Form and have the students complete the non-answer sections of the Answer Form (See Sections V. and VI., pages 2 and 3.)

We will make every effort to process your results rapidly. Please make one final check of the materials you send to me. I anticipate that most schools will receive their results before the holiday break.

On behalf of the Committee on the American Mathematics Competitions, I send my appreciation to you for all of your help with this contest.

Very sincerely,

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