

# Pointers for Your 1<sup>st</sup> Trip to a National Mathematics Pentathlon<sup>®</sup> Academic Tournament

1. All students are known as Pentathletes. To be a Pentathlete your child must compete in ALL 5 games, and remain at the closing ceremony until the last child receives their award. This is a full day event so please do not schedule other events for this day.
2. Pentathlete check-in begins at 7:45 AM. (Arrival after 8:15 may result in forfeiture of first game.) Pentathletes “Check-In” by picking up the star with their name on it at the check-in table. Then the Pentathlete joins their school group in the stands. Their star identifies the order of the five games that each Pentathlete will play. **NOTE: Do not** pick up any other Pentathletes’ star.
3. Each school/club **MUST ASSIGN AT LEAST 1** adult volunteer Game Monitor for every 2 students participating. Adult Game Monitors learn one game and watch that game being played during the tournament. Game Monitors should be onsite at 7:30 AM and report directly to the assigned game area to check in with the Game Leader.
4. After ALL students have checked in, announcements and directions will be made as to how the event will be run.
5. Parents not volunteering as a Game Monitor may view the tournament from the stands (like a basketball game) and will not be allowed in the game playing areas at any time.
6. Remember, Pentathletes must play all 5 games. There may be short periods between games to get a snack or practice for the next game.
7. Pentathletes are encouraged to check in with their school’s contact person after each game for words of encouragement, praise, and to record scores.
8. Pentathletes are expected to use sportsmanship and be polite to adults and other Pentathletes – shake hands before and after each game.
9. Running in the building and playing in the stands is not allowed. Always be VERY quiet during tournament play.
10. LUNCH – Div I & II (K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades) do not have an official lunch break but they should have ample time to eat between games. Divisions III and IV tournaments (4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade) will have a half hour lunch break. There will be no time to leave the facility to get food. Concessions will be available at the tournament. Although students may bring sack lunches, we appreciate your support of the service group that provides concessions at the tournament. No food or drink is allowed on the gym floor. However, Game Monitors may take a drink with a lid to their tables.
11. All Pentathletes will be recognized and will receive an award and certificate.
12. **Everyone is expected to stay until the last child receives his or her award.**
13. Depending on the size of the tournament the event has been known to last:  
Div I (K-1) 2:30, Div II(2-3) 4:00, Div III (4-5) 4:30 Div IV (6-7) – 4:30

## Answers to FAQs

- Where do I find information and maps to tournaments? [www.mathpentath.org](http://www.mathpentath.org)
- How do I know my child is officially registered? *Online registrations will receive an email confirmation. School Contact Designee will receive all mailed in confirmations. To verify your child’s registration you may always check with your school’s coach.*
- Who may register for a tournament? *“Any child” who is well versed in all five divisional games and has an adult willing to monitor a game may participate.*
- Can our school send more Game Monitors? **YES!** *We encourage schools and clubs to send MORE than the required number of supervisors.*