



# Important informations for contestants

- We are hosted in a Youth Hostel and you must respect the local regulations. In particular, **you must be quiet after 10pm**. It is also forbidden to smoke.
- It is forbidden to drink alcohol unless allowed by the Organiser, Staff members or (Deputy) Leaders. It is also forbidden to leave the contest site except for organised activities.
- The contest is scheduled to start at 8:00 on Saturday and lasts 4 hours 30 minutes. There are 2 contest rooms, one (Schirrmann) for students with code 1-3 (BEL 1-3, LUX 1-3 and NLD 1-3) and the other (Lafontaine) for students with code 4-10. The organiser might modify this repartition.
- Contestants may bring their personal writing and drawing instruments such as pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers and compasses into the examination room. Not permitted are calculators (including watches with built-in calculators or connected watches), mobile phones, electronic devices, protractors, briefcases, backpacks, toys, books, notes, tables, papers or any other written material.
- Each contestant has an individual desk marked by a contest folder with their contestant code and name. Find your workplace and remain seated quietly. Remain seated until after the exam. If you want to leave your seat because you need to go to the toilet, or because you want to finish the contest early, you must first consult a member of the staff. In case you finish your work, after leaving the examination room you will not be allowed to return to it.
- Do not open the folder before you are instructed to do so. Your folder will contain the following:
  - A summary of these instructions
  - The contest problems in different languages as previously requested
  - 2 sheets of paper with your code and name for asking a question to the jury
  - 30 sheets of paper with your code and name to do your work
- You need to write the problem number on each sheet of paper you use (so only one problem on a sheet of paper), as well as the page number and the total number of pages for that problem. If you need more paper, please ask a member of the staff. You will need to write your name and your code on each extra sheet of paper.
- Write your solutions and rough work on the answer forms. Do not write on the back of the paper. Only elements written on the recto side will be considered for coordination, the rest will be discarded. You must work on your own and submit your solutions in your own language among English, Dutch or French. Your work will be scanned and copied in black and white, so please use blue or black ink or a very dark black pencil.
- During the first 30 minutes of the contest, you may submit written questions to the jury. These should be written in your own language among English, Dutch or French and on the form provided. Once your question is ready, raise your hand and a member of the staff will collect it and send it to the jury. The jury will decide whether, and how, the question will be answered, and afterwards the answer will be communicated back to you. Depending on the number of questions, this may take some time.
- Once the end of the examination is announced, stop writing immediately. Put your solution sheets into the folder, sorted by problem in the order 1 to 4. Only solution sheets present inside the folder will be considered for coordination, the rest will be discarded.
- If you have no answer or draft for a specific problem, put a blank sheet inside the problem folder with the number of the question and the indication page 1/1. Except on this specific case, do not put any blank sheet inside the problem folder. Leave the remaining blank sheets on your desk.
- Please remain seated and silent until you are requested to leave the room. You are allowed to take the contest problems with you. Apart from this, you are allowed to take out of the room only the materials that you brought with you. Specifically, do not take any blank or written answer sheet.
- In the interest of a successful BxMO 2025, contestants are expected to work quietly without disturbing others, and of course respecting the obligation to work on their own. They need to follow these instructions and rules. In case of violations, the Chief Coordinator may issue a warning, report incidents to the Leaders for further action, or take other suitable action to maintain the integrity of the competition.