

## **MATHfactor EUROPE 2014**

### **General Terms & Conditions**

1. The 'MATHfactor 2014' Competition ('the Competition') is organised by the Le-MATH project. Owner of the annual event under EUROMATH is the Cyprus Mathematical Society and the THALES Foundation, ('the Organiser').
2. 'Participant' means a pupil or other persons within the age restrictions in clause 5 that intent to take part in the competition.
3. 'Traveling Companion' means an adult that is legally appointed by the parents or legal guardians of the Participants to accompany the Participants to the final live competition (PHASE 2).
4. 'Appointed Jury' means the committee of competition evaluators appointed by the organiser.
5. 'Jury Members' means the members of the evaluation committee.
6. ***Participation in the Competition, presupposes the full, unconditional and automatic acceptance of all parts of these final and approved Competition Terms & Conditions.***
7. Only Participants who by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2014 will be between the ages of 8,5 years(eight and a half years) old to 18,5 years(eighteen and a half years) old, may participate in the Competition.
8. Participation in the Competition also presupposes that all Participants have obtained written permission from their parents or legal guardians prior to participating in the competition in PHASE 1. The only accepted format of a written permission can be downloaded from the platform. The written permission will have to be submitted duly signed before the finalists are invited to the live final competition in Cyprus (PHASE 2).  
Excluded from the Competition are the first degree relatives of the partner Participants of the Le-Math project and the Organiser or jury members. The PHASE 1 Competition will be in force from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2013 until the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2014 and will be divided to two runs based on the age levels of 9 years old -13 years old and 14 years old -18 years old. Age group are inclusive of ages 8,5 - 13,5 (eight and a half- thirteen and a half) and 13,5-18,5 (thirteen and a half – eighteen and a half) by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2014.
  - 8.1. The Competition will be conducted in two phases; the 'Preliminary' PHASE 1 and the 'Final' PHASE 2.
    - 8.1.1. The PHASE 1 will be conducted through the use of video recording over the internet via the Le-math website (Le-MATH platform).
    - 8.1.2. The appointed jury will, through a confidential procedure, select at least 5 finalists for each age level, who will be invited to participate in PHASE 2.
    - 8.1.3. The appointed jury will also select 3 runner-ups who may be asked to participate in the Final, should one or more of the finalist is unable to do so.
    - 8.1.4. PHASE 2 will take place in Cyprus on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2014.
    - 8.1.5. Upon announcement of the Jury decision, the finalists and runner-ups will be asked to provide then a scanned copy of the written permission (as per clause 6) within 5 days of notice, and the original permission will be asked to be provided within 15 days by registered post. Participants who fail to submit the written permission (scanned and / or original) within the specified period will be disqualified.
    - 8.1.6. The Jury will announce the list of Participants to the final within 25 days from 1<sup>st</sup> result announcement.
    - 8.1.7. All finalists will have to undertake their own travel arrangements to Cyprus to attend the Competition through legal means to Cyprus (Larnaca International Airport, etc.).
    - 8.1.8. It is the sole responsibility of the finalists and his Traveling Companion to obtain any travel documents, including but not limited to entry Visa to Cyprus. The Organiser will provide an invitation letter to the Competition upon request.

- 8.1.9. The Organiser may offer a financial contribution to each of the finalists upon delivery of their boarding passes to Cyprus, the amount will be determined after the results and when the countries of the finalist are known.
  - 8.1.10. In addition the Organiser will offer free full board accommodation to each Participant for three nights in a double/twin/or triple room.
  - 8.1.11. The finalists will repeat their presentation in front of a live audience and Jury.
  - 8.1.12. The finalist may also be asked to produce an additional appropriate mathematical presentation to be assigned by the Jury.
  - 8.1.13. The Jury will at its discretion and based on a non-disclosed methodology evaluate all finalists and announce the winners.
9. Competition prizes:
    - 9.1. The First prize will be a laptop and related certificate.
    - 9.2. The Second prize will be an IPAD and related certificate.
    - 9.3. The Third prize will be a book and related certificate.

These prizes cannot be redeemed for cash or any other form.
  10. By accepting to receive any of the Competition prizes, winners give their consent to the Organiser to publicize their names, age and town, Country of residence and video in promotional activity for the Competition on any media selected, either during the Competition or at any time in the future and on any media, for the purposes of promotion. This promotional activity is not limited the use of their name alone, but may include the use of their image, video by way of photography, film or digital media.
  11. The finalists and their selected Traveling Companion must have the capacity to travel, possess valid passports and all the necessary travel documents, as well as any necessary exit permits from their country of residence. The costs and time required to acquire said travel documents are not included in the prize and remain the exclusive responsibility of the winner and their Traveling Companion.. The Organiser will not bear any responsibility in case country exit or entry is forbidden, or flights missed due to delays caused by the above said documents. In such a case the Participant and his / her Traveling Companion may be disqualified from the Competition, their rights to the prize will be cancelled and other Participants to replace them will be found.
  12. The finalists and their Traveling Companion must be ready to travel on the date & time previously specified by the Organiser in these Competition Terms & Conditions.
  13. The finalists and their Traveling Companion must behave appropriately throughout the journey and will be exclusively responsible for their attitude and conduct.
  14. The Organiser will not bear any responsibility whatsoever for the causing of any malicious or other damage by the Participant and their Traveling Companion to either:
    - 14.1. the hotels;
    - 14.2. for causing of any damage otherwise inflicted upon the property of third parties, or generally against third parties during their participation;
    - 14.3. The Participant and their Traveling Companion will remain exclusively responsible for such damage and agree that they will fully indemnify the Organiser in case that the Organiser is obliged to pay any damages, fines or otherwise to third parties as a result of the actions or non-actions of the Participant and their Traveling Companion.
  15. The Organiser may provide a cameraman / photographer / journalist to make a recording on video and/or to photograph during PHASE 2 of the Competition. The Organiser can use this material in any way the Organiser deems appropriate, without any consideration to the Participant and their Traveling Companion and at any time now or in the future. For this purpose the Organiser will provide appropriate audio and video equipment.
  16. Refusal of consent by either the Participant and / or their Traveling Companion shall result in the disqualification from the Competition and forfeit of all and every prizes.

17. The Organiser has the right to extend, postpone or terminate the Competition at its exclusive discretion. This decision will be considered final and undisputed. In the event of Competition termination, all supplied videos and other materials will be purged.
18. The Organiser has the right to disqualify any Participant without providing justification at any stage of the Competition. The Organisers' decision to disqualify will be final and undisputed.
19. The presentation must not contain any material which will be defamatory, may insult, provoke or otherwise inflict harm to any other human being, or / and may include racist, inappropriate, unethical or unlawful content. The penalty for including such content is disqualification. The material used for the play must be free of any Intellectual Property Rights, and in case of using material with any Intellectual Property rights being protected then the necessary licenses to use/consents and approval need to be granted beforehand.
20. The Organiser bears no responsibility if such breach on behalf of the Participants takes place.
21. The Participant indemnifies the Organiser against all claims and expenses arising from uses of material for which the Participant does not have rights to, or the authority to use.
22. The Participant agrees that it shall not hold the Organiser, its agents or employees, liable for any incidental or consequential damages which may arise from any aspect of the Competition, regardless of whether such aspect was caused by intentional or negligent acts or omissions. Furthermore, the Organiser disclaims all implied warranties.
23. All presentations must be in the English language and of interesting and correct mathematical content that can be understood by non-mathematicians, its duration must be of a maximum of 3 minutes. Presentations in any other form will not be considered.
24. The use of audio visual tools during presentation such as PowerPoint, projectors , video, audio and other is strictly prohibited .Participants are allowed to use small items that they can hold in one hand, a small table (of up to one square metre), a microphone and microphone stand.
25. All Participants should arrange for their own travel insurance for the duration of their stay in Cyprus.
26. The Organiser shall have the exclusive right to modify or amend the current Terms & Conditions at any stage of the Competition and without prior notice. It is the sole responsibility of the Participant to be aware of all current and future published Terms & Conditions as these are published in the Le-math website ([www.le-math.eu](http://www.le-math.eu)) and in the EUROMATH site ([www.euromath.org](http://www.euromath.org)).
27. Any disputes arising out of this Terms & Conditions shall be submitted to the appointed Jury. The jury's decision shall be final and cannot be revoked in any way.
28. The participation of each Participant in the Competition and the disclosure of his Personal Data to the Organiser comprise an explicit consent to the collection and processing of such data by the Organiser for any purpose of the Competition. The management of these data will be conducted within the legal framework and under the warranties set out by the Cyprus Legislation, (Law 2472 /1997 on the Protection of Individuals and the Protection of Personal Data as supplemented by the decisions of the President of Personal Data , the PD 207/1998 and 79/2000 and Article 8 of Law 2819/2000 as Law 2774/1999 and Law 138 (I)/2001 and European law (Directives 95/46/EC and 97/66/EC )). The Organiser reserves the right to withdraw from the contest, to alter the terms and shorten or extend its duration by a notice which will be sent to the Participant /Traveling Companion /Applicant.
29. The Participants who are minors are being protected with the signed written permission that will be granted from their parents or legal guardians prior to applying for participation in the competition of Phase 1, indicating that the parents or legal guardians with a coordination with the Applicants, have both read and understood the terms and conditions of the competition, i.e. signed at the bottom of the terms and conditions, acknowledging and accepting all said Terms & Conditions.