Rocket City Math League

2004-2005 Welcome Letter

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Dear Coaches and Sponsors,

The entire Rocket City Math League staff would like to thank all of you for your interest in our math competition. We could not be more delighted in such a high number of registrations! So far, we have received registrations of over 8,500 students from 43 US states plus Washington D.C., Germany, Belgium, Poland, Japan, and Puerto Rico.

There is some important information we need to pass on to you:

Information Packets

Information Packets will be mailed in mid-November. Each packet will contain:

1. The tests for all three rounds at each level,
2. Answer keys with written solutions,
3. an Information sheet,
4. an Administering guidelines sheet,
5. and a Score sheet (This score sheet is for the teacher's own records).

In addition to the information packet, you will receive an e-mail the week before each contest date with an additional copy of the tests for the round, a score sheet to be returned (see explanation below), and an instruction sheet attached.

Contest Dates

Round 1	December 6-10, results due December 15
Round 2	January 24-28, results due February 1
Round 3	March 7-11, results due March 16

We have been notified that some schools have Spring Break scheduled for the week of the Round 3 contest. Schools on Spring Break that week are permitted to administer the test(s) on Monday, March 14 only. The results are still due March 16.

In order for a school's results to be counted for the round, the results must be returned by the dates listed above.

Results

A score sheet will be provided in the information packet. This score sheet is solely for the sponsor's own convenience and is entirely optional. In addition to the teacher's own score sheet, each school will receive an Excel spreadsheet attached in an email with the tests the week before the contest dates. If you do not have access to a computer with the Excel software, please let us know via email (rcml@rocketcitymath.org). The sponsor should indicate the school's name on the spreadsheet, record the participants' names, scores, and divisions, and return the sheet prior to the results deadline. Any results

received after the deadline will not be accepted. Specific instructions will be contained in the information packet.

Awards

Twenty (20) individual awards will be awarded at four levels: Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. An individual's total score will be determined by summing the scores from all three rounds. At the Mercury and Apollo levels, ten (10) team awards will be issued. A team's score will be determined by adding the top 5 individual scores from the school. Each team score is the sum of the top five individual scores.

We anticipate awarding a limited number of TI-89 graphing calculators in addition to the individual and team awards. Each student in approximately the top 10 percent of individual scores will be entered into a random drawing for the calculators. Winners will be notified through their sponsors when the third round results are released.

If you do not receive an information packet before December 1, please let us know by emailing us immediately.

Practice Material

Our website, www.rocketcitymath.org, contains past RCML tests and other information about the contest. Feel free to encourage your students to visit the website to practice with some sample problems and meet or consult with other highly-motivated math students from across the world at the RCML Forums. We encourage each school as well as their students to create accounts on our forums.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please visit our website or email us at rcml@rocketcitymath.org.

We hope you enjoy the tests!

Sincerely,

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