

## VERY IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR MARCH 15, 2008

1. Some of the rules have changed slightly, please read them carefully.
2. It is the contestant's responsibility to make sure that judges can load your entry or read your printout. Remember that the judges cannot judge what they cannot see.
3. The decision of the judges is final.
4. *EQUIPMENT MAY NOT BE REMOVED BEFORE 2:45 PM unless completely necessary. Otherwise, it will need to be left up for the walk around after the awards ceremony.*

### SPECIFIC RULES FOR LEVEL III - GRADES 6-8

1. At the start of the contest, teams will be given their contest problems. Read the instructions carefully to determine how many problems must be completed in your category. **Follow directions!** Failure to do so can disqualify your entry.
2. Contestants will have **two hours** to work on their problems.
3. Be sure to save your work. Remember to save each solution with a **different name**.
4. Leave the completed judging form by your computer.
- 5a. **GRAPHIC ARTS:** Note that the problem choices **may** allow animation and clip art. Some problems **may** allow the use of scanners or digital cameras. At the end of the contest time, the solution that is to be judged must be left up on the computer screen. At the end of the contest time, contestants must leave a completed judging form and a **printed** copy by the computer. They should also leave their work up on their computer screen and have it saved. Printer is needed.
- 5b. **DESKTOP PUBLISHING:** Dictionaries and/or spell check programs **may** be used. Additional clip art packages and scanners **can** be used, but will not be graded any higher than simple clip art. At the end of the contest time, contestants must leave a completed judging form and a **printed** copy by the computer. They should also leave their work up on their computer screen and have it saved. Printer is needed.
- 5c. **VISUAL BASIC:** Each problem has a different point value, and the winner is chosen based on the total number of points earned. At the end of the contest time, contestants must leave **one** of their programs up and running, or ready to run. Any other programs must be saved. At the end of the contest, contestants must put a **printed** program listing of the final solutions, output, and a judging form by the computer. The judging form must have complete written instructions for loading each program. Partial solutions will be judged. Editors are allowed. Printer is needed.
- 5d. **MUSIC:** Your problem solutions may be in the form of printed sheet music or aural compositions that the judges will load and listen to. If you leave aural solutions, the judging form must have complete written instructions for loading each program. Each team is required to have earphones. No external speakers are allowed. Printer is needed if you plan to turn in the solution in as printed sheet music.
- 5e. **INTEGRATED APPLICATIONS:** So that students do not have to type in data, an ASCII delimited file will be provided. All information used in the database, spreadsheet, and word processor should be saved in separate files. At the end of the contest, students must provide **printed** copies of the database, spreadsheet, and word processing files, the output, and a completed judging form. Printer is needed.
- 5f. **WEB DESIGN:** Contestants will create a web page using the tools and browsers that each contestant has provided. No Internet connection will be used for this part of the competition. Remember to leave the completed judging form by your computer. Teams may use an editor or raw HTML. Teams will be disqualified if they use existing web pages. No printer is needed.
- 5g. **DESKTOP PRESENTATIONS:** Dictionaries and/or spell check programs **may** be used. Additional clip art packages, prepared animation, and scanners **can** be used, but will not be graded any higher than simple clip art. At the end of the contest time, contestants must leave a completed judging form by the computer. They should leave their work up on their computer screen and have it saved. It is recommended that each participant has earphones, but it is not required. No printer is needed.
6. In general, remember that the judges cannot judge what they cannot see! If the judges cannot load your solution or read your printout, it will not be judged!
7. **The decision of the judges is final.**
8. Medals will be awarded to each contestant on the First, Second, and Third Place teams. Plaques will be awarded to the First, Second, and Third Place schools. Ribbons will be awarded to each contestant on teams awarded Honorable Mention. All contestants will receive a certificate of participation and a t-shirt. Note: All places, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention may not all be awarded based on the discretion of the judges.