

The South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO) 2018 Rules

Who are the organisers?

The SANGO is an initiative of the Society of South African Geographers (SSAG), with the Southern African Geography Teachers' Association (SAGTA) as implementing partner.

Eligibility

All learners aged between 16 and 18 enrolled at a High (Secondary) School in South Africa. You must, be or turn, either 16, 17 or 18 in 2018. Students must have their own individual email addresses to participate. All schools must provide students adequate internet facilities to access the Olympiad on the day.

School registration:

Send an email expressing your school's wish to register to participate in this year's SANGO to: sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com. Your school will be sent a link to register the details of your school, and the number of students you will pay for to participate. Note: All contact details are confidential, and will only be used to communicate specifics about the Olympiad.

What are the costs?

Schools pay a registration fee of R50 per school, and learners pay a registration fee of R30 each. This must take the form of a once-off payment made by the school to SANGO.

How does payment & student profiles work?

Schools must initially register their participation, and the number of students (n -students) they wish to pay for. Schools will be invoiced a total amount ($R50 + R30 \times n$ -students), which must be paid before the deadline of 7 September. NB: the deposit reference must state: "SANGO + Your School's Exam Centre Number", and proof of payment must be emailed to: sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com and SAGTA Secretariat: secretary@sagta.org.za

Upon payment for the final n -number participating students, you will be required to send a participating student list (with email, name, surname, ID number) to sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com.

NB: This participating student list will be used to pre-generate n -student profiles on the SANGO system. On the 13 September, students will ONLY be able to log on to the Olympiad with the email addresses on this list, and a password provided on the day.

There will be no refunds for unutilised student profiles. Each school will have a maximum of n -student profiles as paid for. Additional 'late' students may require re-invoicing and should be avoided.

What is the format of the Olympiad?

Candidates are required to write an online Multiple Choice Quiz under examination conditions. The quiz is conducted in English only. Students should be allowed a maximum of 2 hours to complete the Olympiad.

Entries open

School registration entries open from the 8th August 2018. Payment for entries should be effected by 7th September 2018.

When and where?

The quiz is undertaken online at your school on the 13th September 2018, any time between 7am and 5pm. Schools are obliged to set up exam conditions in their computer lab. Only then may schools provide their students with the online link to the Olympiad (which will have been sent earlier that day). Only students with pre-registered and successfully activated profiles will be able to participate on the day. There will be username and password control per successfully activated student profile to participate in the Olympiad.

Certificates

All learners will be emailed a personalised certificate of successful participation in the 2018 SANGO. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum certificates will be given to the top 15%, 10%, 5%, and 1% respectively. Candidates who do not complete/submit the quiz will not receive a certificate. It may take up to 5 weeks to administer and finalise the results.

Disqualifications

Learners (and any representative associated with their schools) who complete the quiz under false pretences, such as using someone else's entry or using false information, will be disqualified from the competition. This may also result in automatic disqualification of the school as well. In terms of disqualification, the judge's decisions will be ratified by the SSAG and all such ratified decisions will be considered final.

The themes of the competition are as follows:

1. Climate & climate change
2. Hazards & hazard management
3. Resources & resource management
4. Environmental geography & sustainable development
5. Landforms, landscapes & land use
6. Agricultural geography & food problems
7. Population & population change
8. Economic geography & globalisation
9. Development geography & spatial inequality
10. Urban geography, urban renewal & urban planning
11. Tourism & tourism management
12. Cultural geography & regional identities

Required skills:

13. Mapping skills
14. Inquiry skills
15. Graphicacy skills (read, analyse and interpret images, photos, statistics, and graphs)

A key regional focus will be Africa.

Warm Regards,
The SANGO Steering Committee

