



# Mathletics

## Tips for Coaching

### REMEMBER . . .

Primary communication with Coaches and Sponsors is done through e-mail provided with the School/Group Registration done online. If a coach or sponsor is not receiving e-mail information about the contest, he or she should check Spam/Junk folders on the computer and contact Academic Rodeo for assistance with getting the current information.

Deadlines exist for a reason. Please be aware of them and follow them. The **Academic Rodeo Calendar** in a true calendar format can be found on the Getting Started and General Info pages. The **Mathletics Timeline** is on the Mathletics page and gives all deadlines. If you have a problem with a date or deadline, please contact Academic Rodeo, realizing that usually it is not possible to make a change or give “grace” for deadlines. To be sure your students get to participate, follow the deadlines.

Please read the General Info for All Coaches and Sponsors.

The following tips and suggestions may be helpful to you in working with your students.

- Work with your team(s) to be sure they understand the rules and how each round of the contest works.
- Be sure that your teams are **evenly represented by boys and girls, as well as by 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.**
- Review the resources available for preparing your students. These are available in the documents section of the Mathletics page.
- Practice problems are available on the Mathletics page.
- Practice problems from other Math competitions can be helpful.
- Some problems in the contest will be above level for the students and involve methods and concepts not included in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> curriculum.
- Students do not bring any supplies to the contest.
- Remember that only the top 4 scoring students on a team represent any team in the Finals. However, if the team places, ALL team members receive the appropriate award.