

Constitution
Of the
Mathletes
Club
J. Sterling Morton East High School

PREAMBLE

The students of J. Sterling Morton East High School do hereby establish the Morton Mathletes Club and ordain this constitution with the following objectives in mind:

- a) Mathletes is an organization that supports the J. Sterling Morton District 201 mission and vision.
- b) The purpose of Mathletes is to bring students who have an interest in math together, challenge ourselves to achieve their highest potential, to prepare ourselves for competitive environments, and to develop a sense of school-spirit and camaraderie.
- c) Through Mathletes, we learn important leadership and team values as we work to accomplish goals.
- d) Mathletes would like to continue helping to develop students who exceed standards, obtain enrollment in great post-secondary schools, and become productive members of the global community.

ARTICLE I. OBJECTIVE

Yearly goals of the Morton Mathletes Club:

- a) To break our team total point record in the following contests: Illinois Mathematics League, Lemont Invite, ICTM Regionals, ICTM State.
- b) To have at least twelve individual members earn all-conference honors and to receive at least five first-place awards in team events at the West Suburban Conference contest.
- c) To qualify at least seven students for the ICTM State competition.
- d) To have an average of at least 100 participants for the six IML contests.
- e) To sell at least 100 shirts to promote math at Morton East.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: Application for membership into the Morton Mathletes Club is open to all students who enjoy math, however students enrolled in honors classes typically perform better.
- Section 2: All members of the Morton Mathletes Club are welcome to attend practices, but must qualify to attend the competitions. Competition rosters will be selected by the coaches, with input from the team captains. Qualification traits include: attendance at practices, scores on practice competitions, previous Mathlete experience, and performance in the Mathlete's actual math class.
- Section 3: Any member who violates the Student Activities Code of Conduct may be dismissed from the Morton Mathletes Club.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

- Section 1: The Morton Mathletes Club will have 2-3 captains at each of the following grade levels: freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors.
- Section 2: Captains will be appointed by the coaches within the first few months of the school-year. Coaches will select captains based on who they believe can perform the captain duties to the fullest.
- Section 3: Qualities of a captain include: being a vocal leader and a leader by example, having extraordinary attendance, excel at solving math problems, dedication to the Mathletes program, having prior Mathlete experience, being a positive representative of Mathletes in the school and community.
- Section 4: Responsibilities of a captain include: attending additional meetings, being a communication liaison between mathletes and the coaches, assist coaches in planning and decision making, hold teammates accountable for attendance and meeting responsibilities, help teammates to better understand the math problems.
- Section 5: Captains serve a one-year term. Captains can be demoted by the coaches if they do not perform their responsibilities.

ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES

- Section I. Special Committees may be formed, as needed, by the coaches and captains. Members will be selected based on interest and commitment.
- Section II. Sample committees include: T-Shirt Design, Fundraising, Recruitment, Awards Banquet.

ARTICLE V. PRACTICES

- Section I. Practices will be held in order to prepare Mathlete members for the competitions.
- Section II. Practices will be held once per week per grade level. As competitions draw near, additional practices will be held for team events (8-person, 2-person, Calculator, Relay, Oral teams)
- Section III. Attendance is essential to perform well at the competitions. Mathlete members who have inconsistent attendance may not be selected to compete at the competitions.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

- Section I. The Morton Mathletes Club has two financial accounts. One account is through the mathematics department, and the other is a student activities account. The purpose of the Mathlete account is to have a safe place for monetary storage and a convenient way to make transactions which are necessary for the completion of important Mathlete events. The rationale for establishing the account was to prevent student members and sponsors from holding onto large amounts of

money, and also as an easier way to follow the proper Business Office procedures.

Section II. The math department account is used to pay for registration fees, transportation, ICTM lunch, and the awards banquet.

Section III. The student activities account (80257) is used to pay for the t-shirt order, food during the competitions, team-building events, and the U of I engineering open house field trip. Fundraisers will be held to replenish the account. Students will deposit money into the account to pay for t-shirts and field trip registration.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution shall be ratified by two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership of the Morton Mathletes Club.