



# Olympus Online Education 2023 Olympiad Rules



Olympus Online Education (OOE) hosts a variety of annual online Olympiads which are variously supported by the Royal Geographic Society (RGS), Society of South African Geographers (SSAG), the Department of Basic Education (DBE), and the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA).

## Eligibility

All learners in South African schools are eligible to enter. Each online Olympiad event is aligned to either:

- **Primary (Grades 6 & 7),**
- **Junior (Graded 8 & 9), or**
- **Senior (Grades 10, 11 & 12) learners.**

Learners can participate from either school or home. Learners must have their own email address to participate. Adequate internet facilities are required to access the Olympiad on the day. The Olympiad can be taken using a PC, laptop, smart phone, or tablet device. Schools must run the competition under examination conditions, and learners must be supervised if at home.

## Teachers express interest in their school's participation

Visit the following websites and complete the appropriate *Expression of Interest* web-form:

- <https://sango.org.za> – The South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO)
- <https://hoza.org.za> – The History Olympiad of South Africa (HOZA)
- <https://dankie.org.za> – Die Afrikaanse Nasionale Kompetisie: Tweede Taal (DANKie<sup>2</sup>)

Upon completing the *Expression of Interest* form, you will be sent a link to register your school and the number of learners you want to participate. Alternatively teachers with an existing Olympus profile can log into <https://app.olympus.org.za> and click 'Add to my Olympiads' to Note: All contact details are confidential, managed in accordance with the POPI Act, and will only be used for Olympus communications.

## What are the costs?

There is a registration fee of R70 per school. Learners pay an entrance fee of R50 each. All entry fees are collected and paid by schools. This is a token fee to assist with running costs. Olympus Online Education is a registered Not-Profit Company (NPC # 2020 / 886551 / 08) and is heavily subsidised by the Olympus Online Education (OOE), numerous volunteers, and sponsor organisations. There are no refunds for overpayments or paid-for learners that did not participate.

## What is the format of the examination?

Learners undertake an *online* Multiple-Choice Quiz **under strict examination conditions**. The Olympiad is **conducted in English (except for DANKie<sup>2</sup>)**. Please note: **DANKie<sup>2</sup> is for EAT learners, not TAT learners**. Teachers / invigilators are **not allowed** to assist their learners in any way other than for IT or admin related problems. Learners are not allowed to assist one another or search the internet.

## Entries

Entries open approximately two months before each Olympiad and the deadline for payments the Friday before the Olympiad. Early expressions of interest are welcome, and will be processed two months before the Olympiad date (see below for various Olympiad dates).

## When and where?

Olympus Online Education Olympiads are *online* tests held between 7am and 5pm on the day of the Olympiad (at any time convenient to your school).



The dates for 2023 Olympiad events are as follows:

- **16 May – SANGO Senior (Gr 10/11/12)**
- **23 May – HOZA Senior (Gr 10/11/12)**
- **30 May – DANKie<sup>2</sup> Senior (Gr 10/11/12)**
- **25 July – SANGO Primary (Gr 6/7)**
- **12 September – DANKie<sup>2</sup> Junior (Gr 8/9)**
- **19 September – SANGO Junior (Gr 8/9)**
- **17 October – HOZA Junior (Gr 8/9)**

Schools must set up exam conditions in their computer lab or designated venue. Only then may schools provide their students with the online link to the Olympiad (which will be sent at 6am that day). Only paid learners with pre-registered individual profiles will be able to log in and participate on the day. Learners have two (2) hours to complete the Olympiad.

### **Certificates**

All learners will be emailed a personalised certificate of successful participation in an Olympus Olympiad event. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum certificates will be given to the top 15%, 10%, 5%, and 1% respectively. Those candidates who did not successfully submit the MCQ will not receive a certificate. Results will only be released after moderation and verification.

### **Support**

Please first see our Frequently Asked Questions pages:

- <https://dankie.org.za/dankie/faq> – Die Afrikaanse Nasionale Kompetisie: Tweede Taal (DANKie<sup>2</sup>)
- <https://hoza.org.za/hoza/faq> – The History Olympiad of South Africa (HOZA)
- <https://sango.org.za/sango/faq> – The South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO)

We can readily assist schools with questions and troubleshooting during the registration process (see below for contact details). On the day of the Olympiad, a WhatsApp group will be created on for all participating schools to share progress and quickly identify and resolve any issues. The Olympus platform runs best on the updated version of the following browsers: **Chrome, Firefox, Edge, and preferably, not Safari or Internet Explorer**. Olympus Online Education is unable to assist with IT issues stemming from the school's IT infrastructure. We suggest you have your school's IT technician available on the day.

### **Judges' decisions**

Learners (and their schools) who complete the Olympiad under false pretences, such as using someone else's entry details or entering under false information, or cheat in anyway whatsoever, will be disqualified from the competition. Learners who do not particulate under examination conditions will be disqualified. Olympus Online Education retains the right to verify all learner details and exam/supervision conditions. In terms of disqualification and the awarding of certificates, Olympus Online Education and the examiners the judge's decisions. All such ratified decisions are final.

### **Contact**

- [dankie@olympus.org.za](mailto:dankie@olympus.org.za) – Die Afrikaanse Nasionale Kompetisie: Tweede Taal
- [hoza@olympus.org.za](mailto:hoza@olympus.org.za) – The History Olympiad of South Africa
- [sango@olympus.org.za](mailto:sango@olympus.org.za) – The South African National Geography Olympiad

We are very proud to bring you these exciting learning events!

We look forward your school's participation!

**The Olympus Online Education Team**

