



Policy on Eligibility to represent Ireland at the IMO

The aim of the Irish Mathematical Trust is the enhancement of mathematics in schools in the Republic of Ireland. To achieve this aim, among other things, it organises mathematical enrichment classes, a national competition, generally known as IrMO, and team selection tests. Based on the results in these it selects the Irish team for the annual International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO).

IrMO Round 1 is a competition that takes place in schools, supervised and marked by teachers who register their school for participation. Everybody who attends a school in Ireland where a teacher organises the IrMO Round 1 contest is eligible to participate in Round 1. The top scorers receive an invitation to enrichment classes offered at an enrichment centre by the Irish Mathematical Trust.

The final round of IrMO takes place simultaneously at enrichment centres. Participation in Round 1 is not a prerequisite for participation in the final round. Some enrichment centres may require to pass a selection test in order to be eligible for participation in the final round at their centre.

Based on the results of the final round of IrMO, an IRL Olympiad Squad will be formed. Only those who are eligible to represent Ireland at the IMO can become members of the Squad. The Irish IMO team will be selected with the aid of team selection tests that will be offered to the members of the Squad.

Eligible candidates normally satisfy the following criteria. Unforeseen exceptions will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis in line with the aims of the IMT to enhance mathematics within the Irish post-primary educational system.

- The candidate is enrolled in full-time education in Ireland, but has not formally started third level education.
- The candidate has spent at least two years in full-time education at a school in Ireland.
- Their nationality or residency allows the candidate to stay in Ireland for at least 3 months after the end of the IMO.
- The candidate satisfies all of the IMO participation criteria laid out in the regulations of the IMO.