Olympus Online Education
Terms & Conditions
and Olympiad Rules 2026

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 at school or home. Learners need 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, smartphone, or tablet device with an up-to-date web-browser. Schools must run the competition under examination conditions, learners at home must be supervised.

Teachers express interest in their school's participation

By visiting the following websites and completing 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^2)**

Upon completing the Expression of Interest form, you will be sent a link to register your school and the number of learners who 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 participate. 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 R90 per school per Olympiad. Learners pay an entrance fee of R70 each. 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 who do 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^2)**. **Please note: DANKie^2 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 cannot assist one another or use the internet or AI to search for answers. At this stage, past papers are not published, nor provided to schools and teachers before the Olympiad

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 and held between 7am and 5pm on the day of the Olympiad (at any time convenient to your school).

The dates for 2026 Olympiad events are as follows:

- **12 May - SANGO Senior (Gr 10/11/12)**
- **14 May - HOZA Senior (Gr 10/11/12)**
- **01 Jul - SANGO Senior (Gr 10/11/12)**
- **28 Jul - SANGO Primary (Gr 6/7)**
- **04 Aug - DANKie² Senior (Gr 10/11/12)**
- **08 Sep - DANKie² Junior (Gr 8/9)**
- **15 Sep - SANGO Junior (Gr 8/9)**
- **13 Oct - HOZA Junior (Gr 8/9)**

Schools must set up exam conditions in their computer lab or designated venue. Only then should learners be provided with the online link and password to the Olympiad (which is sent only to teachers at 6am on the day). Only paid learners with pre-registered individual profiles will be able to log in and participate. Learners have two (2) hours to complete the Olympiad. Please encourage them to not rush though 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. Candidates who do 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^2)**
- **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, Edge or Safari and NOT 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. Please also plan according to your load shedding schedule.

Judges' decisions

Learners (and their schools) who complete the Olympiad under false pretenses, such as using someone else's entry details, entering under false information or cheating in any way whatsoever, will be disqualified. 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 /judge's decisions are final.

Contact

- **dankie@olympus.org.za - Die Afrikaanse Nasionale Kompetisie: Tweede Taal**
- **hoza@olympus.org.za - The History Olympiad of South Africa**
- **sango@olympus.org.za - The South African National Geography Olympiad**

Privacy Statement:

Olympus Online Education takes privacy very seriously and will never use any personal information other than for the purposes of administering Olympiads. Our services comply with the South African Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act 4 of 2013. This includes all school, teacher, and learner details needed to administer the Olympiad being stored in an encrypted database. We do not have access to your passwords. The names and photo and testimonials of winning learners and schools may be used for marketing purposes.

You can **reset your password by clicking 'forgot password' here**.
You can **unsubscribe from some, or all, Olympus emails by clicking here**.

By participating in an Olympus Online Education Olympiad the school, teachers and learners agree to these terms and conditions.

We are very proud to bring you these exciting learning events!
We look forward your school's participation!

The Olympus Online Education Team

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