

The South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO) 2019 Rules

Who are the organisers?

The SANGO is an initiative of the Society of South African Geographers (SSAG), with the Southern African Geography Teachers' Association (SAGTA) as implementing partner.

Eligibility

All learners enrolled in Grades 10, 11 and 12 in a high school in South Africa are eligible to enter this competition. Students must have their own individual email addresses to participate. All schools must provide students adequate internet facilities to access the Olympiad on the day. The Olympiad can be taken using a smart phone or tablet device.

School registration

Send an email expressing your school's wish to register to participate in this year's SANGO to: sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com. Your school will be sent a link to register the details of your school, and the number of students you will pay for to participate. Note: All contact details are confidential, and will only be used to communicate specifics about the Olympiad.

What are the costs?

Schools pay a registration fee of R50 per school and learners pay a registration fee of R30 each. This is a token fee to assist with covering running costs. SANGO is heavily subsidised by the Society of South African Geographers (SSAG) and the many unpaid volunteers working on the Olympiad.

What is the format of the examination?

Candidates are required to write an online Multiple Choice Quiz under examination conditions. The quiz is conducted in English only.

Entries open

Entries are open from the 18th of February 2019.

When and where?

The quiz is undertaken at your school on the 21st of May 2019 between 7am and 5pm. Only fully paid registered learners may participate. Schools are obliged to set up exam conditions in their computer lab. Only then may schools provide their students with the online link to the Olympiad (which will have been sent earlier that day). Only students with pre-registered and successfully activated profiles will be able to participate on the day. There will be username and password control per successfully activated student profile to participate in the Olympiad.

Certificates

All learners will be emailed a personalised certificate of successful participation in the 2018 SANGO. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum certificates will be given to the top 15%, 10%, 5%, and 1% respectively. Those candidates who did not complete the quiz will not receive a certificate.

Disqualifications

Learners (and their schools) who complete the quiz under false pretences, such as using someone else's entry or entering under false information, will be disqualified from the competition.

In terms of disqualification, and the awarding of certificates, the judge's decisions will be ratified by SSAG and all such ratified decisions will be considered final.

The themes of the competition are as follows:

1. Climate & climate change
2. Hazards & hazard management
3. Resources & resource management
4. Environmental geography & sustainable development
5. Landforms, landscapes & land use
6. Agricultural geography & food problems
7. Population & population change
8. Economic geography & globalisation
9. Development geography & spatial inequality
10. Urban geography, urban renewal & urban planning
11. Tourism & tourism management
12. Cultural geography & regional identities

Required skills:

13. Mapping skills
14. Inquiry skills
15. Graphicacy skills (read, analyse and interpret images, photos, statistics, and graphs)

A key regional focus for 2019 will be Asia

Warm Regards,

The SANGO Steering Committee

