Math Problem Solvers Challenge Problem FAQ

Can I post my answer to a challenge problem and then later delete my post and re-submit a new answer?

Answer: You can, but you will miss being the first person to have answered in case you posted the answer first. Please try to avoid multiple posts. Delete your previous answer before posting a new answer in case you have to re-post the answer.

> I accidentally posted the complete solution to a challenge problem. What should I do now?

Answer: You are supposed to only post final answer (numerical) to a challenge problem. In case you inadvertently posted the complete solution in the group, please delete that post as soon as possible. You are supposed to send the complete solution only to the challenge owner who posted the challenge problem in the group.

Who will keep track of my points?

Answer: After every challenge problem, the student who posted the challenge will summarize the points scored by all students who responded to that challenge. That post will stay in the group and the Group admin will consolidate all such scores and periodically post the total scores of all group members. You shall also access your total points accrued at www.matholympiadonline.com. There may be some delay in updating the score online so give it some time to see the up to date score.

What gifts will I get once I reach the 200 point milestone?

Answer: You will be emailed a gift-card. You may be given some options as to what gift card you would like to receive however it may not be guaranteed. The final decision on the nature of gift sent to you is up to the Group Admin's discretion.

> Is the Challenge problem the same for all students from Grade 4 to Grade 10?

Answer: No. Since the group is for students from Grade 4 to Grade 10, if you are a student in the Grade 4- Grade 6, you shall post a challenge problem for students of that grade level. IF you are a student in the Grade 7- Grade 10, you shall post a challenge problem for students of that grade level only. A student in the grade Category 4-6 is eligible to answer any Challenge problem but a student in grade Category 7-10 is eligible to answer challenge problem posted for that Category only.

> If I post the correct answer, should I also immediately send the solution to the student who posted the challenge problem?

Answer: It is preferable you send the solution (complete step by step work out) at the earliest. However, you have time until Thursday midnight to provide your complete solution. If you fail to submit the solution, your answer will not be considered and you will not be eligible for any points for that challenge problem.

> I posted an incorrect answer, but later realized that my answer is wrong and I then figured out the correct answer and the solution.
What should I do now?

Answer: You shall delete your previous post to the group and send the new answer to the group. You should also send your correct solution privately to the student who posed the Challenge problem to be eligible for points. Since you had to delete your previous post, you may lose the bonus points if anyone else posted the answer already.

The Challenge problem posted by a student is also found online with complete solution. Can I learn from that to solve the problem and post the answer in the group?

Answer: As per the honour code, you are not supposed to search online for the Challenge problem solution. We expect all students in this group to participate in a fair and just manner and not resort to external help either from parents, friends or from online resources to seek answers to the challenge problem. Learning any concept in general is still permitted, but searching for the specific challenge problem is against the fair play policy.

> The Challenge problem posted is not clear and there is ambiguity in the problem statement. What am I supposed to do?

Answer: You shall bring this to the Admin's attention privately via WhatsApp and seek clarification. Do not post messages asking for more clarity or give any hints to others in the group as to how to solve that problem. You shall also contact the student who posted the challenge problem to get some clarity on the question.

Why is it that sometimes, there are two challenge problems allowed in a week?

Answer: If more than 5 students requested a chance to be the challenge creator for the week, then, two students are selected by spinning

the wheel twice. In such a case, the points given to all students is cut by half since they now have two problems to work with.

> I have a question that is not covered in this FAQ or in the Rules pdf. How do I get my question answered?

Answer: Please send your question to the Group Admin and if that is a question that may arise for more students, this FAQ will be updated with your question and its response.