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THINK BEYOND NUMBERS

Which Primary School Math Olympiad *fits my child*?

Eligibility does most of the deciding. Find the child's level, then start with the blue paper — the others are worth adding only once there is real training behind them.

☐ Good first contest ☐ Add after a year of training ☐ One shot only — no second chance

P1–P3
Lower primary

- **SASMO** START — Own paper for each grade. The only contest open at this age.
- **Nothing else yet** — NMOS, APMOPS and RMO all begin at P4 or later.

P4
First year with a second option

- **SASMO** START — Still the natural entry point at P4.
- **RMO Junior** — Only with prior olympiad training — hardest primary paper.

P5
Every contest open — the busiest year

- **SASMO** START — If this is the child's first contest, sit only this one.
- **NMOS** P5 ONLY — Never offered again. Sit it in P5 or not at all.
- **APMOPS Round 1** — P5 may sit, but the Invitation round is P6 only.
- **RMO Junior** — For a child already training a year or more.

P6
Last year — and a PSLE year

- **SASMO** START — One paper, no second round to plan around.
- **APMOPS + Invitation** — Only P6 can reach the Invitation round: top 50 nationally.
- **RMO Open** — Two rounds. Heavy load beside PSLE preparation.

START WITH ONE
A child sitting a first olympiad should sit **one** paper. Three contests in eight weeks teaches time pressure, not mathematics.

WHO REGISTERS
NMOS, APMOPS and RMO go **through the school**. SASMO is the one a parent can enter directly as a private candidate.

THE P5 DECISION
NMOS is the only entry on this chart that **cannot be deferred**. Everything else comes round again next year.

Eligibility follows the 2025–2026 cycles — confirm with the organiser before registering.

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