



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 and a national competition, generally known as IrMO. Based on the results in this competition 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 the 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.

After the final round of IrMO, the top performers will be invited to represent Ireland at the IMO, provided they are eligible to do so. 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.