



The South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO) 2020 Rules



The SANGO is an initiative of the Society of South African Geographers (SSAG) and is supported by the Southern African Geography Teachers' Association (SAGTA), the Department of Basic Education (DBE), Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR), as well as the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA), Esri, and the Royal Geographical Society (RSG).

COVID-19 postponement

Due to the global pandemic, the SANGO 2020 has had to be postponed from the original date of 19 May. Nevertheless we are still committed to bringing you this year's Olympiad later this year, likely in September.

Eligibility

All learners in Grades 10, 11 and 12 in a high school in South Africa are eligible to enter. Home schooled learners are also welcome¹. Learners must have their own email address to participate. Schools must provide adequate internet facilities to access the Olympiad on the day. The Olympiad can be taken using a PC, laptop, smart phone, or tablet device. Schools must run the competition under examination conditions.

Teachers express interest in their school's participation:

By visiting: <https://sango.org.za>. Upon completing the online *Expression of Interest* form, you will be sent a link to register your school and the number of learners you will pay for to participate. Note: All contact details are confidential and will only be used for SANGO communications.

The emphasis is on world geography covering these themes:

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| 1. Climate & climate change | 10. Urban geography, urban renewal & urban planning |
| 2. Hazards & hazard management | 11. Tourism & tourism management |
| 3. Resources & resource management | 12. Cultural geography & regional identities |
| 4. Environmental geography & sustainable development | Required skills: |
| 5. Landforms, landscapes & land use | 13. Mapping skills |
| 6. Agricultural geography & food problems | 14. Inquiry skills |
| 7. Population & population change | 15. Graphicacy skills (read, analyse and interpret images, photos, statistics, and graphs) |
| 8. Economic geography & globalisation | |
| 9. Development geography & spatial inequality | |

A key regional focus for 2020 is the **Eurasian Continental Divide**. SANGO 2020 will include the RGS' Bonus Section on the **Antarctic continent and the 2019 Weddell Sea Expedition**.

What are the costs?

There is a registration fee of R60 per school. Learners pay a registration fee of R40 each. All entry fees are collected and paid by schools. This is a token fee to assist with running costs. The SANGO is heavily subsidised by the Society of South African Geographers (SSAG), the RSG and numerous unpaid volunteers working on the Olympiad.

¹ Please contact us for more information if you want to enter as a home schooled learner.



What is the format of the examination?

Learners take an *online* Multiple-Choice Quiz **under strict examination conditions**. The Olympiad is conducted in English only. Teachers and invigilators are **not allowed** to assist their learners in any way other than for IT or admin related problems. Learners are not allowed to assist one another.

Entries

Entries open **1 March 2020** and close with the deadline for payment, still to be confirmed (likely September).

When and where?

Round 1: is undertaken *online* at your school on the day of the Olympiad between 7am and 5pm (at any time convenient to your school). Schools must set up exam conditions in their computer lab or designated venue. Only then may schools provide their students with the online link to the Olympiad (which will be sent at 6am that day). Only paid learners with pre-registered individual profiles will be able to log in and participate on the day. Learners have 2 hours to complete the Olympiad.

Round 2: Top participants from Round 1 will be invited to submit their school Geography research project, which will then be judged, and a national winner declared. Prizes will be awarded to top learners, as well as special Round 2 certificates.

Certificates

All Round 1 learners will be emailed a personalised certificate of successful participation in the 2020 SANGO. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum certificates will be given to the top 15%, 10%, 5%, and 1% respectively. Those candidates who did not successfully submit the MCQ will not receive a certificate. Results will only be released after moderation and verification.

Support

SANGO can readily assist schools with questions and troubleshooting during the registration process; please email sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com. 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 SANGO runs best on the updated version of the following browsers: **Chrome, Firefox, Edge, and on version 9 or higher of Internet Explorer**. The SANGO 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.

Judges' decisions

Learners (and their schools) who complete the Olympiad under false pretences, such as using someone else's entry details or entering under false information, will be disqualified from the competition. Learners who do not particulate under examination conditions will be disqualified. SANGO retains the right to verify all learner details and school exam conditions.

In terms of disqualification and the awarding of certificates, the SANGO committee and SSAG will ratify the judge's decisions. All such ratified decisions are final.

More information and past Olympiads

<https://sango.org.za/ssag>

<https://sagta.org.za/olympiad-19.php>

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We look forward your participation!

The SANGO Steering Committee



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