

## Mechanics for the Regional Elimination Round of the 7th PSSC

1. Only the participants who submitted the required number of cut-outs of Sudoku Puzzle published in the Philippine Star are entitled to join the Elimination Round of the 7th Philippine Sudoku Super Challenge (7PSSC). They can only participate in the category they are qualified in: Sudoku Grand Master (tertiary students/professionals), Sudoku Wizard (high school students) and Sudoku Whiz Kid (elementary pupils).
2. The elimination round is composed of three (3) rounds and a warm-up round. The warm-up, a conditioning period, enables the participants to earn points. The participants are given 125 minutes or 2 hours and 5 minutes to answer all the given puzzles which come in ascending difficulty. The participants who have answered correctly at least 25% of the puzzles in the 1st round can proceed to the 2nd round. The participants who have answered correctly at least 50 % of the puzzles in the 2nd round can proceed to the 3rd or final round. Thus, a participant is considered eliminated if he/she fails to answer correctly the required percent of the puzzles in every round.

Rounds	Sudoku Puzzles	Points per Puzzle	Minutes	Bonus Points	Remarks
Warm-up	Standard Sudoku, Standard Sudoku, Killer Sudoku	5	15	No Bonus	No Elimination
First	Sudoku 6x6, Even Sudoku, Diagonal Sudoku, Standard Sudoku	10	25	5 points x remaining time	-Any puzzler in any category who finishes answering correctly all the puzzles before the allotted time get corresponding bonus points.
Second	Sudoku 8x8, Standard Sudoku, Frame Sudoku, Consecutive Sudoku, Futoshiki	15	40	10 points x remaining time	-Any puzzler in any category who finishes answering correctly all the puzzles before the allotted time get corresponding bonus points.
Third	Standard Sudoku, Same Digit Sudoku, Sudoku 3 Mixed, Windoku, Irregular Sudoku, Extra-Region Sudoku	20	45	15 points x remaining time	-Any puzzler in any category who finishes answering correctly all the puzzles before the allotted time get corresponding bonus points.

3. In determining the 1st placer of each category, the sum of scores in every round and warm-up round of each qualifier shall be added and ranked accordingly. Only the 1st placer shall represent the region in the National Finals. Other participants may be **considered** as national finalists on a case to case basis, that is, if scores are equally impressive. Please log on to [www.pinoysudoku.ph](http://www.pinoysudoku.ph) in the first week of December for the complete list of the National Finalist.
4. In case of a tie, the technical committee will provide a fair and just scheme to break it.
5. The technical committee reserves the right to change or improve any part of the mechanics of the contest without prior notice to the participants for as long as the change/s will not affect the purpose or objective of the contest.
6. The first placer in every category shall receive Certificate of High Distinction and is qualified for the **National Finals** which will be held in **SM North EDSA on January 27, 2013**. The other participants will be presented with certificates of participation.
7. In the event a situation arises not covered by any rules or mechanics of this contest, the members of the Technical Committee shall determine the final judgment and pronouncement.
8. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.