

## Mechanics for the Regional Elimination Round of the 8th 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 8th Philippine Sudoku Super Challenge (PSSC). 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 135 minutes or 2 hours and 15 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 60 % 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.

<b>Rounds</b>	<b>Sudoku Puzzle</b>	<b>Points per Puzzle</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Bonus Points</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Warm-up	6×6 Sudoku, Standard Sudoku, Standard Sudoku, Irregular sudoku	5	15	No Bonus	No Elimination
First	Mini Killer Sudoku, Standard Sudoku, Renban Group Sudoku, Arrow Sudoku, Outside Sudoku	10	25	5 points × remaining time	-Any puzzler in any category who finishes answering correctly all the puzzles before the allotted time get corresponding bonus points.
Second	6×6 Sudoku, Standard Sudoku, Addoku, Sudoku Deficit Rectangles, Odd Sudoku	15	50	10 points × 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, Extra Boxes Sudoku, Thermometer Sudoku, Wordoku	20	45	15 points × 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.
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 February 1, 2014. The other participants will be presented with certificates of participation. Please log on to [www.pinoysudoku.ph](http://www.pinoysudoku.ph) on the first week of December for the complete list of the National Finalist.
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.