

SCO INTERNATIONAL MENTAL ABILITY OLYMPIAD

OFFICIAL EXAM SCHEDULE

For schools, coordinators, parents and students

Designed for transparent cycle planning, school coordination, student readiness and official SCO exam governance.

- three-cycle model across the year with multiple configured exam date slots
- cycle-wise publication windows and official result planning
- PDF-ready schedule format for website display and school communication

Maths	Spring	Summer	Winter	Schools
Students	Results	Reports	Certificates	Global

1. Official Schedule Overview

SCO International Mental Ability Olympiad is planned under a cycle-based exam calendar. Each cycle supports official exam administration, learning readiness, reporting and publication planning. Schools and students should always follow the date visible in the SCO registration or student dashboard for their selected grade and exam plan.

Important use note

This schedule is prepared from the provided SCO cycle schedule and configured IMAO exam-plan data. Final live exam access is controlled by the official SCO platform window, school registration status and student account eligibility.

2. Cycle Governance Windows

Schedule ID	Exam Year	Cycle	International Window Start	International Window End	Publish Date	Status
1	2026	WINTER	01 Aug 2026	31 Dec 2026	28 Feb 2027	Active
2	2026	SPRING	01 Jan 2026	31 Mar 2026	30 Apr 2026	Active
3	2026	SUMMER	01 Apr 2026	31 Jul 2026	31 Aug 2026	Active
4	2027	WINTER	01 Aug 2027	31 Dec 2027	29 Feb 2028	Active
5	2027	SPRING	01 Jan 2027	31 Mar 2027	30 Apr 2027	Active
6	2027	SUMMER	01 Apr 2027	31 Jul 2027	31 Aug 2027	Active

3. Configured Official Exam Date Slots

Schedule ID	Exam Year	Cycle	First Date	Last Date	No. of Dates	Configured Dates
1	2026	WINTER	06 Sep 2025	27 Dec 2025	12	06 Sep 2025, 14 Sep 2025, 27 Sep 2025, 04 Oct 2025, 12 Oct 2025, 25 Oct 2025, 01 Nov 2025, 09 Nov 2025, 22 Nov 2025, 06 Dec 2025, 14 Dec 2025, 27 Dec 2025
2	2026	SPRING	03 Jan 2026	28 Mar 2026	9	03 Jan 2026, 11 Jan 2026, 24 Jan 2026, 07 Feb 2026, 08 Feb 2026, 28 Feb 2026, 07 Mar 2026, 08 Mar 2026, 28 Mar 2026
3	2026	SUMMER	04 Apr 2026	25 Jul 2026	12	04 Apr 2026, 12 Apr 2026, 25 Apr 2026, 02 May 2026, 10 May 2026, 23 May 2026, 06 Jun 2026, 14 Jun 2026, 27 Jun 2026, 04 Jul 2026, 12 Jul 2026, 25 Jul 2026
4	2027	WINTER	04 Sep 2026	20 Dec 2026	12	04 Sep 2026, 12 Sep 2026, 20 Sep 2026, 02 Oct 2026, 10 Oct 2026, 18 Oct 2026, 06 Nov 2026, 14 Nov 2026, 15 Nov 2026, 04 Dec 2026, 12 Dec 2026, 20 Dec 2026

4. Exam Format and Planning Guidance

Grade Band	Suggested Exam Focus	Time and Question Planning	School Readiness Guidance
Grades 1-2	Picture-based reasoning, patterns, shapes, odd-one-out and simple spatial understanding.	Shorter duration with simple MCQs and image-based questions.	Use warm-up examples, ensure students understand instructions and avoid over-timing.
Grades 3-6	Series, coding, ranking, direction sense, analogies, arithmetic reasoning and visual logic.	Moderate MCQ paper with mixed chapter order.	Provide weekly practice sets and review mistakes chapter-wise.
Grades 7-8	Puzzle test, data interpretation, syllogism, non-verbal series and critical thinking.	Longer timed paper with multi-step questions.	Practise accuracy, time management and elimination strategies.
Grades 9-12	Advanced reasoning, data sufficiency, statements, abstract logic, complex puzzles and quantitative reasoning.	Competitive exam-style paper with higher reasoning load.	Use mock practice, error analysis and performance reports before final attempt.

5. Rules for Date Selection and Communication

- Students should appear only for the date/slot assigned or selected through the SCO system.
- Schools should communicate the exam cycle, date, login process and proctoring expectations before the exam day.
- If a school uses a custom or institution-specific arrangement, the official platform access window remains the final authority.
- Result publication follows the cycle governance and SCO result publishing workflow.

Reference Basis for Global Alignment

Reference Area	How it supports SCO IMAO
OECD PISA Mathematics Framework	Supports mathematical reasoning, problem solving, real-world contexts, computational thinking, pattern recognition and interpretation.
OECD PISA Creative Thinking Framework	Supports flexible idea generation, evaluation, improvement, social problem solving and scientific problem solving.
Cambridge Thinking Skills	Supports transferable problem solving, critical thinking, evidence evaluation and reasoned decisions.
Future-skill readiness	Connects analytical thinking, creative thinking, attention to detail and resilience to future academic and work readiness.