

2026 MATHCOUNTS State Competition (Southern California) Information Sheet

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026
Time: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Location: CBU **Van Dyne Gym**
California Baptist University
8432 Magnolia Ave.
Riverside, CA 92504

Directions and Free Parking: <https://calbaptist.edu/about/map-directions>
(Park in: Lot 2 by Van Dyne Gym or parking structure)

Coach Check-in

- ☐ Check-in will be at the CBU Van Dyne Gym (#17 on map below).
All coaches should check in for all their students (8:00-8:30am).
- ☐ Pick up lunch tickets for the team and one coach.
- ☐ Review student lists for certificates, please check for spelling errors, and make any corrections. Return to the State coordinator if corrections are needed.
- ☐ All students, guests and coaches must remain outside the venue until instructed.

Site Access

All students, guests and coaches are free to be on CBU campus throughout the day. All students, guests and coaches are welcome to observe the Countdown Round and Awards Ceremony inside the venue. Students, parents, and coaches are not allowed inside the Grading Room at any time. Once the Proctors dismiss the students, they may go outside the venue for their breaks.

Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:30 am to 8:00 am	Registration Volunteer Training	CBU Van Dyne Gym
8 am to 8:45 am	Registration (Coaches & Volunteers)	CBU Van Dyne Gym Lobby
8:30 am	Proctor Training	CBU Van Dyne Gym
9:00 am	Grader Training	CBU Van Dyne Gym
9:00 am	Student Seating	CBU Van Dyne Gym
9:15 am	Rules, Instructions, Announcements	CBU Van Dyne Gym
9:30 am to 10:10 am	Sprint Round (10-minute break)	CBU Van Dyne Gym
10:20 am to 10:50 am	Target Round (10-minute break)	CBU Van Dyne Gym
11:00 am to 11:20 am	Team Round	CBU Van Dyne Gym
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Lunch for students	Alumni Dining Commons
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Speakers	CBU Van Dyne Gym
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Countdown Round	CBU Van Dyne Gym
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Awards	CBU Van Dyne Gym

Testing Format

Competing students should meet outside the venue at 9:00 am to enter the venue for the Sprint Round. The procedures for each test will be presented by the coordinator. The individual competitors not taking the Team test will exit the venue after the Target Round. The Countdown Round is a fast-paced one-on-one competition. If guests can only be at one part of the event, this is it. The rules for the Countdown Round will be presented to the students and audience. Please refer to the Mathcounts Handbook for rules. The coordinator will make all decisions affecting the results of the competition.

Student Supplies

Students are expected to provide their own pencils, erasers, and calculators. Scratch paper will be provided at the event.

Food

Lunch will be provided for all registered students and one coach with a ticket to the Alumni Dining Commons. Alternately you are welcome to bring your own. No food or drinks except bottled water will be allowed in the testing rooms. Food and drinks are available for purchase at Alumni Dining Commons for Coaches, Volunteers and Guests From 10:30am-1:30pm at \$15.50 per person. Coaches and Guests that would like to purchase beverages, food or snacks throughout the day are encouraged to purchase it at Wandas after 8am, located near the Alumni Dining Commons. Please no food delivery to campus.

Restrooms

Restrooms are available in the building.

Countdown Round

The Countdown Round is a fun, unofficial part of the competition and will not be used to determine advancement to the state competition. The Countdown Round is the top 16 individual scorers; they will compete in a "Sweet 16" format. The students will be competing only for awards and prizes. If a student declines to compete, the next highest scorer will be allowed to compete. Please refer to the Mathcounts Handbook for rules. The coordinator will make all decisions affecting the results of the competition.

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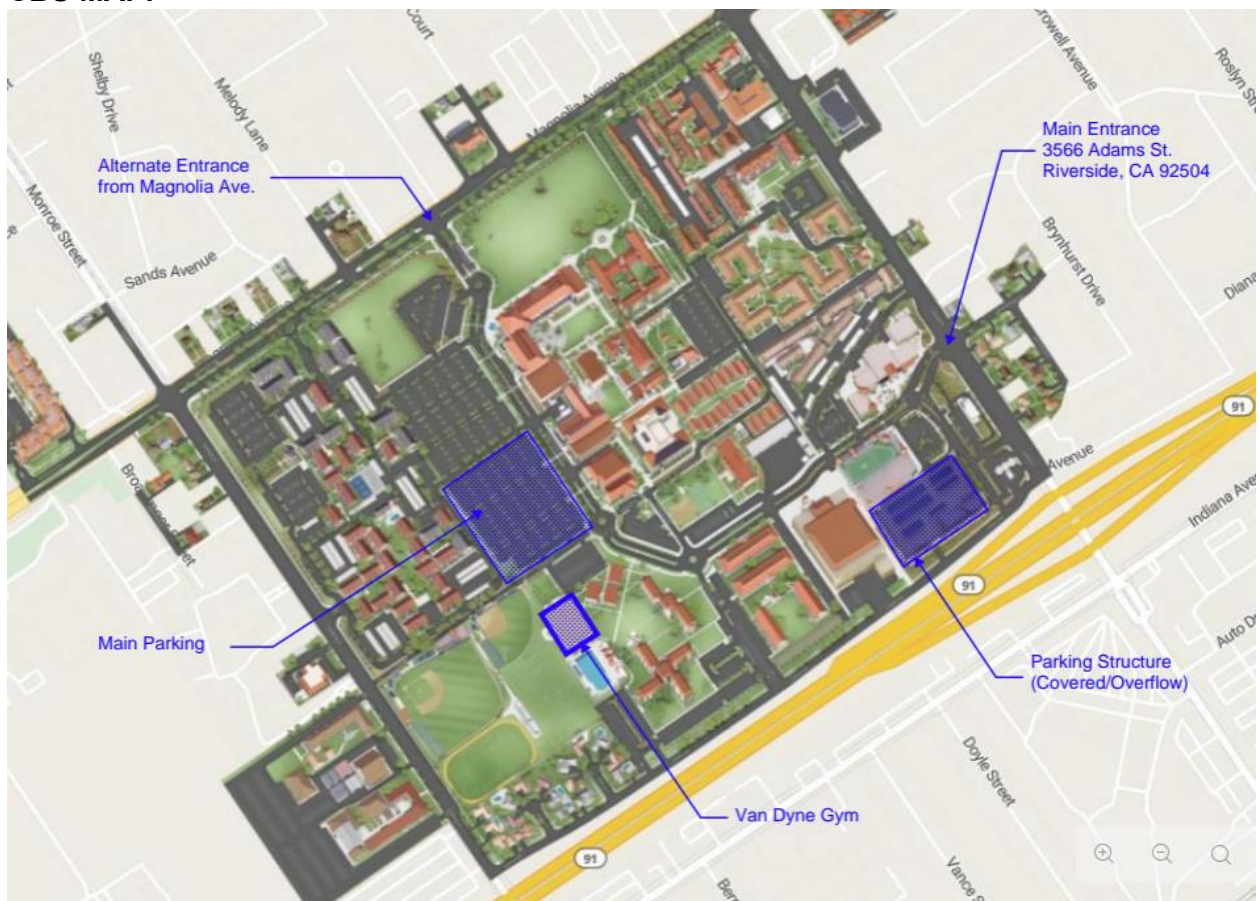
What Coaches need to do prior to the competition?

1. Provide students and guests the directions to CBU.
2. Complete and sign the photo-video release form (CSPEEF.org) for each coach and student and turn in when checking-in on competition day.

What coaches need to do on the day of the competition?

1. Make sure all students are registered and get student lunch tickets
2. Help make sure students get back into the testing area promptly after breaks
3. Stress that students are not to verbalize answers during the Countdown Round
4. Pick up your Tally Sheets after the awards ceremony

CBU MAP:





Awards

Team

Individual

Countdown Round

Advancement to National

The individuals that will advance to the national competition will be contacted later after comparing with Northern California Competition results.

2026 National MATHCOUNTS Competition Date and location

Orlando, FL on May 9 -12, 2026

CBU College of Engineering Scholarship

The College of Engineering is offering \$10,000 scholarships (4x2500\$/year) to the members of the top two teams and the top 10 individual winners of the Southern California State competition who attend CBU's College of Engineering full time upon graduating from high school. To receive additional information about the College of Engineering, arrange for a tour and meeting with the Dean etc... Please contact The College of Engineering at (951) 343-4972.

Competition Seating Plan (to be provided week of the competition)

Sponsorship Acknowledgement

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