

Challenge 24 Tournament Organization Overview

Prince William County Tournament will be held Saturday, April 13, 2024

Step 1 Determine the number of 24® games that you have at your school. Typically, **several** teachers can share one deck. Division Level Tournament Guidelines tell which decks to use at each grade level in the Division tournament.

Step 2 If your school or Parent Organization wants to purchase additional games, the following store carries the 24® games: School and Office Annex in Lake Ridge. They can also be ordered from several vendors and purchased at most School Supply stores.

Step 3 Appoint a School Coordinator (lead teacher, or anyone who would like to take on the challenge), who will be available to answer teacher questions and organize the school level competition. Coordinators solicit two additional teacher or school staff to volunteer to serve as a "Proctor" at the Division Finals of the Challenge 24 Tournament to be held on **April 13, 2024, at Benton Middle School**. One adult is needed for every 4 students participating in the division tournament.

Step 4 Classroom Practices: 24® games (or portions of the 24® Games) are distributed to participating classrooms or after-school clubs. Students usually are allowed to play the game for a specified time in math class and are encouraged to practice on their own. Some may play as part of Core Extension or as a before/after-school club.

Step 5 Classroom Teams or Playoffs: Schools **must** conduct a school-wide playoff to determine who will represent the school at the division tournament. Schools may do mini-practices, competitions, and playoffs during the year to select representatives to the school-wide tournament. **For the Playoff**, divide a deck into equal stacks of 12 cards. Since the cards have different difficulty levels, be certain to evenly distribute the 1, 2, and 3 point cards in both stacks. Split your class or club into groups of 4 or 5. Place a stack of 12 cards, all red sides up, in center of table. Students play for the cards as described in game rules. This process takes approximately 10 - 15 minutes from beginning to end. The student with the most points after all cards are claimed wins that round. Identify the four students who won the most points. These 4 *semi-finalists* will now play a round of 12 cards to determine the *Class or Club Winners*. In case of a tie, more than four students can participate in the final round. You may do this for each group associated with the grade level.

Step 6 School Playoffs: Each school may use the same format as the Division Playoff to select school winners from each grade level. **School teams should be selected by April 5, 2024.**

Step 7 School winners' names must be submitted using this [online form](https://forms.office.com/r/DC8QDJXJ1V) (<https://forms.office.com/r/DC8QDJXJ1V>) by April 5, 2024. Each school may send two students per grade level in Grades 3-5 to the Division tournament. No alternates need to attend. Email any questions to Treniese Brown at brownT@pwcs.edu

Step 8 Send information home to parents about their child's participation and the date and time of the Division Championship. Inform them if they must arrange for transportation to and from the tournament site.

Step 9 Meet with the students representing your school at the Division's Challenge 24 Competition. Review tournament rules and procedures with the school team.

Step 10 Have participants arrive by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the tournament and "sign in" or register with the coordinator and/or volunteers. The school coach or other staff member must be present to supervise each school team. Each child will be given a name tag and their "score card" which shows their name and grade.

Step 11 The Division Challenge 24 Competition will be conducted according to the official *24 Challenge* rules (see Division Level Tournament Guidelines). After welcoming everyone, students will proceed to grade level areas to compete. Parents, coaches, and coordinators may wait in the designated area of the school. The awards and trophies will be presented that day (10:40 - 11:00 a.m.). This day will be the culmination of months and weeks of fun and learning for students and educators alike. The students will amaze you with their skill.

Step 12 Celebrate! ☺

Types of Cards Used for Each Grade Level



3rd Grade



3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade



4th Grade

5th Grade