

Puzzle Hunt Instructions

2022

The Fun Round is a nonstandard round that will be occupied by a Puzzle Hunt this year. The hunt consists of 10 puzzles, which will all be included in a puzzle packet. Each team will be given some copies of the packet to begin the round.

Each puzzle has an answer in the form of a flag (a text string in a special format). All flags will be “wrapped” by the string MBMT {}; examples could include MBMT {flag} or MBMT {123}.

The Fun Round is a team activity. After your team solves a puzzle, someone should submit the flag to a grader. The grader will then tell you whether your flag is correct. Each puzzle has a reward, the number of points gained for a correct flag. Each puzzle also has a penalty, the number of points lost for an incorrect flag. This discourages wild guessing.

A live scoreboard will be projected on the SAC. At the end of the round, the team(s) with the highest number of points wins.

Update

This year, the Guts Round ended very late, so we decided to not run grading. We've released the puzzle statements and solutions in two packets.