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2027 Contest Dates (USA and Anglophone Canada*)

Open Round: January 28, 2027 / Invitational Round: March 18, 2027

Site registration deadline: January 21, 2027

Student registration deadline: January 25, 2027

Contact nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com if you miss the deadline.

Walk-ins allowed with advance permission of the local site host.

*The dates for the 2027 Francophone contest in Canada will be announced later. Check the [OLCF](http://www.olcf.org) site.

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This is the NACLO Student Handbook. The NACLO Coordinator Handbook is available [here](#).

I. CONTEST OVERVIEW

NACLO (the North American Computational Linguistics Open competition) is a contest for US and Canadian pre-university students in which contestants solve compelling puzzles in linguistics and computational linguistics. Requiring no previous knowledge of linguistics, languages, or computing, these puzzles can be solved by analytical reasoning alone. They serve as a fun and educational introduction to a field many high school students are unfamiliar with. Winners of NACLO are eligible to compete in the International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL), one of about twelve International Science Olympiads aimed at high school students.

To participate in NACLO, you must participate in-person at a registered site. In 2026, we had over 200 NACLO sites in the US and Canada. (See section 3 for more information about sites.) Participation is free for all eligible students. NACLO is targeted at high school students, but many younger students enjoy participating. (See section 4 for eligibility criteria.)

Contest in Canada

Canada is represented by two teams at the IOL: an Anglophone team which is selected through NACLO, and a Francophone team which is selected through the Olympiade linguistique canadienne francophone (OLCF). Information about the OLCF can be found [here](#).

Open Round

The Open Round is open to all interested middle school and high school students. Its purpose is to introduce students to the fields of linguistics and computational linguistics, as well as to identify the contestants who will advance to the Invitational Round. The Open Round will be on **January 28, 2027**.

Invitational Round

The Invitational Round will be on **March 18, 2027**. The purpose of the Invitational Round is to provide an additional fun and educational challenge to those who scored highly in the Open Round (so, the problems are more difficult). NACLO also uses the Invitational Round, potentially along with additional assessments, to identify national winners to compete in the International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL) if they meet IOL eligibility requirements. (See section 4 below.) If your school is closed for Spring Break on this date, students may be able to participate at a nearby university site or a nearby secondary school; please contact nacloregistration@googlegroups.com if this is your situation.

2. HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN NACLO

We're very glad that you're interested in NACLO! To participate, please follow these steps:

1. Read this Handbook in its entirety.
2. Double check section 4 to make sure you are eligible to participate.
3. Find a site – a list of available sites is [here](#). For more information on sites, including what to do if no site is available near you, see section 3.
4. If you do not have a NACLO account from a previous year, [sign up](#) for a new account! Select “Create Account > Student account” and follow the instructions.
 - a. **Important Notes:**
 - i. While you are allowed to register without selecting a site, **you will eventually need to find one in order to participate**. NACLO does not assign you to a site, and you can only participate at a registered site.
 - ii. Using a school email address to register is strongly preferred.
 - iii. To make your “IOL Team Eligibility” selection, please read section 4 of this Handbook closely.
5. If you do have a NACLO account, [log in](#) and register for the new year.
 - a. **Note:** If you created a NACLO account before fall 2025 or were under 13 at the time of creation of your account, your account has been deleted and you will have to register again.
6. Prepare to attend your site for the Open Round on January 28. In the week before the contest, you will receive instructions from your site host about the exact location and any other important information. Read and follow those instructions.
7. Oh, and have fun during the contest!

Special Needs

If you have special needs, please notify the contest organizers at nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com **as soon as possible**. You should discuss all your special needs **well in advance of the contest**, and the NACLO organizing committee will respond to you with details and options specific to your needs.

Students who have testing accommodations, including extra time, at their schools (e.g., due to medical reasons) may be eligible for those accommodations during the contest. Please note that extra time accommodation is not available during the Invitational Round for students attempting to qualify for the International Linguistics Olympiad, as the IOL has no provisions for extra time. Additionally, we cannot

guarantee that hosts will be available beyond standard contest hours or able to fulfill other accommodation requests.

3. NACLO SITES

University Sites

NACLO is hosted by certain colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Available locations are listed [here](#). To participate at one of these NACLO sites, please choose the site when you register [online](#). The site host will contact registered students with directions and other important information about the day of the contest. Most university sites have a NACLO webpage with relevant details which you can access via the list of available sites.

Schools that are sending several students to a university site may hire a school bus. If your school is not providing a school bus, you will need to arrange your own transportation with the help of your parents and teachers.

On the contest day, you should arrive at the university site at least 45 minutes before starting time so that you have time to find the room, check in, use the bathroom, etc. Typically, seating will be 20 minutes before the starting time, and the rules will be read at 15 minutes before the starting time. The contest booklets will be handed out at the designated starting time, and the facilitator at the university will tell you when to start working on the problems.

Some universities may use the contest as an opportunity to reach out to students who are interested in studying linguistics or computer science. They may provide information on careers in linguistics and language technologies and how you can study linguistics and language technologies in college.

High School Sites

Many high schools also host NACLO. For a list of high school site locations, visit the webpage [here](#). Please note that you may only register at your own high school's site or a site in the "Open to Any Students" list. You **may not** register at a site marked "Enrolled Students Only" unless you are enrolled at that school. If selecting a high school site that *does not* say "Enrolled Students Only", please email the host to verify that it's permissible for you to compete at their site. (Contact nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com to request the host's email address if it is not visible on the NACLO website.)

If your high school is not a registered site but wants to host NACLO 2027, your teacher, librarian or other school staff member needs to register your school as a site. First, please ask your teacher to read

the Coordinator Handbook available [here](#). Next, your teacher should register the school [here](#) (more information on how to register the site is available in the Coordinator Handbook). Then, once the site is registered, you and other students can register to participate [here](#).

On the contest day, make sure to be there before the starting time. Typically, seating will occur at 20 minutes before the starting time, and the rules will be read at 15 minutes before the starting time. The contest booklets will be handed out at the designated starting time, and your teacher will tell you when to start working on the problems.

Homeschooled Students

Homeschoolers can register for NACLO by competing at the available university or high school NACLO sites nearby, which are listed on the NACLO website. High school sites that say “Enrolled Students Only” do not accept students from outside their school, so do not attempt to register at these sites. If selecting a high school site that *does not* say “Enrolled Students Only”, please email the host to verify that it’s permissible for you to compete at their site. (Contact nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com to request the host’s email address if it is not visible on the NACLO website.)

Homeschooled students with no nearby university site or high school site (open to external students) *may* be permitted to compete under virtual proctoring. You will have to verify your enrollment at a registered homeschool. Please contact nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com for more information. This is an exception to NACLO’s policy about online participation (see below); we make this exception to ensure that all students have an opportunity to participate.

Virtual High Schools

If you attend or wish to set up a NACLO site at a 100% virtual high school, please contact nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com to discuss options.

Online Participation

Note that there are two very specific exceptions to the following paragraph. Please see the sections on Homeschooled Students (above) and Unforeseen Circumstances (below).

NACLO will **not** be offering an online option in 2027. If you are a student who wants to participate but does not have a site nearby, please consider asking a teacher (or other administrator, such as a librarian) at your high school to register your high school as a site and host the contest. If you are unable to find a willing host at your school, please contact nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com and we will do our best to help you find a site or host.

Participation from Abroad

US and Canadian students living abroad may participate in NACLO in 2027. They must find a staff member at their school to proctor them in person in one of the timezones we offer, which may mean taking the contest in the evening or at night. (This is required for security reasons and because the proctor needs to be in contact with the live jury.) To register a site outside of Canada and the U.S., please inquire about participation at nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com after checking the eligibility requirements below. If you are a student living abroad and are not able to participate in NACLO because of logistical issues, we encourage you to look into [linguistics contests](#) in your country of residence.

Unforeseen Circumstances

In the event of unforeseen circumstances that force the closure of a site (e.g., major weather event), the host should contact nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com as soon as possible so that other arrangements can be made. We will try to find alternative hosts or sites, depending on the situation. In rare cases, students registered prior to the closure event may be permitted to participate under virtual proctoring. These decisions are at the sole discretion of the NACLO organizing team and jury.

Unfortunately, in the event of unforeseen circumstances that prevent a student from participating at an open site (e.g., the student is sick on contest day), NACLO cannot make alternative arrangements.

4. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Please read this section closely and in its entirety.

To participate in NACLO, you must satisfy all of the following criteria:

- You have never been enrolled as a full-time college or university student.¹
- You will be younger than 20 years old on the first day of the IOL, whose dates are at <https://ioling.org/upcoming/>.
- You are a citizen of the US or Canada or are enrolled in a secondary school in the US or Canada.
- You are available to participate in the contest at one of the times when it is offered.
- You can either participate in the contest at a registered university site or find a teacher or librarian who can run a high school site as specified above.

(eligibility criteria continue on the next page)

¹ In some cases, a student may be dually enrolled at a high school and a college/university, or may be attending a college/university to earn their high school diploma. If you are in a situation like these, you may still be eligible for NACLO – please contact nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com for more information.

To be eligible for the Canada Anglophone IOL team, you must:

- Be eligible for and participate in NACLO.
- Be a citizen of Canada or a student in a Canadian secondary school, and provide proof if asked.
- Meet all IOL eligibility rules: <https://ioling.org/rules/rules.pdf>

To be eligible for the US IOL team, you must:

- Be eligible for and participate in NACLO.
- Be a citizen of the US or a student in a US secondary school, and provide proof if asked.
- Meet all IOL eligibility rules: <https://ioling.org/rules/rules.pdf>

IMPORTANT: Students must declare US or Canada

In the case of a multinational contest, like NACLO, all students must be considered as attempting to qualify for only one national IOL team, and must indicate which beforehand, per IOL Regulations. **Therefore**, if a student is eligible for both the Canada Anglophone and US IOL teams, according to the criteria above, they must choose one team that they wish to be considered for. The student will be considered ineligible for the team they do not choose. The student should declare their choice by selecting their desired “IOL Team Eligibility” option during NACLO registration. (In the case of late registrations, e.g. for walk-in participants where allowed, an email must be sent to nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com prior to participation, declaring the student’s choice.)

IMPORTANT: Students must declare NACLO or another contest

In a given year, a student may only attempt to qualify for one national IOL team, per IOL Regulations. A student may participate in more than one IOL-qualifying contest, but must declare before each one which national team they intend to qualify for. **Therefore**, if a student is participating in NACLO and an IOL-qualifying contest in any other country (e.g., UKLO in the United Kingdom) in the current year, they must declare their choice by emailing nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com prior to the NACLO Open Round (January 28, 2027). If no email is received before this date, the student will by default be considered **ineligible** for both NACLO-selected IOL teams (Canada Anglophone and U.S.).

IMPORTANT: Canada Anglophone and Francophone teams

If you are a Canadian student interested in participating, you should decide, based on the language you speak at home and your language of education, whether you are eligible for the Canada Anglophone (English-language) or Francophone (French-language) IOL Team, and participate in NACLO or [OLCE](#), respectively, according to your linguistic identity. If you are eligible to participate in both contests and

decide to do so, you must notify the organizers of both contests ahead of time and declare which is your intended IOL-qualifying contest (see previous paragraph), or you risk disqualification from both contests.

5. CONTEST START TIMES AND LENGTHS

Open Round

The Open Round (January 28, 2027) is three hours long. Note that the NACLO jury has the authority to lengthen it in the event of unforeseen circumstances. There are two start times for the Open Round: 9:00am Central and 9:00am Pacific. For alternative timing options, see the next section.

Sites in the Central, Eastern, and Atlantic time zones are expected to compete at the Central time zone starting time, which will be 10:00am in the Eastern time zone and 11:00am in the Atlantic time zone.

Sites in the Hawaiian, Alaskan, Pacific, and Mountain time zones are expected to compete at the Pacific time zone starting time, which will be 7:00am Hawaiian, 8:00am Alaskan, and 10:00am Mountain.

<i>Time zone for the Open Round</i>	<i>Start time (local)</i>	<i>End time (local)</i>
Hawaiian (UTC-10)	7:00am	10:00am
Alaskan (UTC-9)	8:00am	11:00am
Pacific (UTC-8)	9:00am	12:00noon
Mountain (UTC-7)	10:00am	1:00pm
Central (UTC-6)	9:00am	12:00noon
Eastern (UTC-5)	10:00am	1:00pm
Atlantic (UTC-4)	11:00am	2:00pm

Participants in Canada: Please be aware that some provinces have recently changed daylight saving time practices. **Please double check what time zone you will be in on the day of the Open Round.**

The start times shown here are when students can work on the problems. Registration and other administrative activities should be completed earlier. Hosts and participants should arrive at the site 30-45 minutes prior to the designated start time to set up for the contest.

Alternative timing options (Open Round only)

To allow as many students as possible to participate in NACLO, we offer two alternative timing options for the Open Round. These alternative timings are offered to **entire sites, not individual students**. To access alternative timing, the site host should contact nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com, stating which alternative contest time is being requested and briefly explaining the reason.

1. Participating in another NACLO time zone: Site hosts with conflicts during their local contest time may request to run their site in another time zone. For example, a site in the Pacific time zone may be allowed to start the contest at 7am (local) in order to participate with the Central, Eastern, and Atlantic time zones. The entire site must participate at this time; a single site is not permitted to run in multiple time zones.

2. (NEW as of 2026-2027) After School timing (only for high school sites set to “Enrolled Students Only”): Site hosts who are not able to run their site during a NACLO time zone may opt to run their site in the “After School” time slot. This time slot is **any three hour period between 2pm and 7pm local time**. As above, the entire site must participate at this time. This option is only available for High School sites with the “Enrolled Students Only” setting. **Please be aware** that students participating After School may not have access to the live NACLO Jury to answer their questions, which is a disadvantage. We therefore recommend using this option only if the above two options are impossible.

Alternative timing for the Open Round (option 1 or 2 above) is available upon request only from nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com.

Invitational Round

The Invitational Round (March 18, 2027) will be four hours long. Note that the NACLO jury has the authority to lengthen it in the event of unforeseen circumstances. There are two start times for the Invitational Round: 10:00am Central and 9:00am Pacific. No alternative timing options are available.

(NEW as of 2026-2027) Please note that the timing of the Invitational Round has changed in some time zones. Please verify your start time below:

<i>Time zone for the Invitational Round</i>	<i>Start time (local)</i>	<i>End time (local)</i>
Hawaiian (UTC-9)	7:00am	11:00am
Alaskan (UTC-8)	8:00am	12:00pm
Pacific (UTC-7)	9:00am	1:00pm
Mountain (UTC-6)	10:00am	2:00pm
Central (UTC-5)	10:00am	2:00pm
Eastern (UTC-4)	11:00am	3:00pm
Atlantic (UTC-3)	12:00pm	4:00pm

6. PREPARATION

A great way to get a feel for the kinds of problems that appear on NACLO is by trying some of the [practice problems](#) on the NACLO website.

Some universities or high schools may provide training sessions for students in their area. These are not required for participation in NACLO and not all participating sites provide them. The training sessions may include problem solving practices, an overview of linguistics and computational linguistics, and ideas about careers in linguistics and computational linguistics. Training sessions may be done in the evening at a university or during the school day at your school. Be sure to check the NACLO website or contact site hosts near you to find out whether the site is hosting a training session.

In addition, NACLO is creating and uploading training videos at its [YouTube Channel](#). NACLO also hosted a Math Jam at the Art of Problem Solving ([session transcript](#)) and plans to offer more sessions in the future. Finally, besides the [practice problems](#), the NACLO website includes some [additional resources](#).

7. GENERAL CONTEST RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

You should write your solutions in black ink or dark pencil. **It is essential that you write darkly enough that your scanned answers are legible**; if in doubt, we recommend using a black pen. You may use blank paper for scratch work; however, you should copy your final solutions into the spaces provided in the problem booklet, and you may enclose additional sheets only if the space in the booklet is insufficient. Scratch paper is to be handed in with the answer booklet but kept separate from it.

PENS AND PENCILS: You must submit all your solutions in writing, using only a **black pen** or **dark pencil**. You should bring your own pens and pencils. You may also bring other writing utensils like highlighters, if you wish.

PAPER: You are **not** allowed to bring your own paper or use any written or printed materials such as books or your own notes produced before the contest.

The facilitators will provide extra blank paper. **You may not take any booklets or scratch paper with you when you leave the site.**

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: You may not use any electronic devices except basic wristwatches. In particular, you may not use calculators, computers, tablets, cell phones, pagers, or wristwatches with internet access or built-in calculators. Attempts to use electronic devices will normally lead to disqualification. If you have any medical electronic devices, required for health reasons, you should let the facilitators know before the contest.

TALKING: You may not talk with anyone except facilitators, and you may not collaborate with other contestants. Attempts to communicate with other contestants will normally lead to disqualification.

BAGS: Bags should be placed under the seats before the contest, and they may not be used during the contest. If you have brought snacks, these should be placed on the desk before the contest begins.

CELL PHONES: If you have a cell phone, pager, or any other sound-emitting device in your bag, you should turn it off before the contest. Just switching it to vibrate or silent mode is not sufficient.

RESTROOM: You may take bathroom breaks during the contest; however, you may not take your bags, any electronic devices, problem booklets, or your notes with you when temporarily leaving the room. Also, two contestants may not take a bathroom break at the same time.

EATING: Unless the local facilitator overrides this rule, students may bring snacks into the contest site to eat during the contest, but they should be considerate of others. In particular, they should avoid "noisy" foods, such as foods with noisy wrappers, and foods with a strong odor. The facilitators have the authority to remove any types of food from the contest site if they feel that these types of food may distract other contestants. Noisy wrappers should be opened before the contest begins.

TARDINESS: If you arrive late, you may still participate in the contest; however, you may not ask facilitators to repeat any instructions. If the facilitators are able, they *may* stay beyond the normal end time to give late students the full 3 or 4 hours of contest-writing time (for the Open and Invitational Rounds, respectively). However, they are not required to do this, so if you arrive late, you may have less time to complete the contest.

QUESTIONS: If you have a question, raise your hand, and one of the facilitators will talk with you. When talking with a facilitator, you should keep your voice low, to make sure that you do not distract other contestants and do not accidentally provide a hint for solving the problem.

If you need a clarification for a specific problem, the facilitator will need to contact the jury online for an answer, which means that an immediate answer may not be available. Please note that local facilitators are unable to answer student questions without contacting the jury, to ensure fairness to all participants. If the jury agrees that the problem requires a clarification or correction, they will normally announce it to all site facilitators.

If the jury feels that an answer is already contained in the booklet, or that attempting to give you an answer may give someone an extra hint, they may respond "No comment," meaning that they are unable to answer the question.

GENERAL PROBLEM-SOLVING ADVICE: You may solve the given problems in any order, and you should try to solve as many problems as possible. You are not penalized for incorrect answers. You may receive partial credit for providing an incomplete solution to a problem, and/or partial credit for specific

ideas for solving it. Thus, if you have ideas for solving a problem, you should write them even if you have not been able to develop a complete solution.

Given the large number of expected participants in the Open Round, most or all of the problems will be automatically gradable. “Blue,” “17,” “1A, 2D, 3D, 4E, 5C,” “nihuetzi,” and “A>C>G>F>B>E>D” are fine answers. The problem booklets will be designed to include an answer sheet.

SCORING: Every problem will be worth a specified number of points; harder problems are generally worth more points. The jury determines the overall score as the sum of solution scores. The jury will complete the scoring and announce the results (within five to seven weeks after the competition).

The jury is solely responsible for scoring the solutions, ruling on unforeseen situations, and selecting the winners. Their decisions are final.

CONTEST INTEGRITY: NACLO is meant to be a fun experience, but it is also a competition, so we take fairness seriously. Therefore, we reserve the right to disqualify participants if the procedures in this Handbook are not followed. We also reserve the right to disqualify participants if the NACLO jury finds sufficient evidence that the participant has cheated. Such decisions are up to the discretion of the NACLO jury.

We will not disqualify participants for minor issues such as using a pencil instead of a pen or forgetting to put a NACLO ID on a page (though these issues might negatively affect your score because they might make it harder for graders to score your answers). We will, however, disqualify participants who have disrupted the integrity of the contest, such as by obtaining answers illicitly, taking extra time to complete the contest, or taking the contest at an unauthorized time.

8. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can younger students (e.g., middle school students) participate?

The competition is intended primarily for students in the 13–18 age group. Students younger than 13 are welcome to participate too, but they may participate only with parental permission, and should be aware that NACLO is a challenging contest intended primarily for older students. If you are under 13 and interested in NACLO, please register online (see section 2) and enter a parent/guardian’s email address when prompted. We will then reach out to the parent in accordance with FERPA regulations.

How many problems should I expect?

Participants should expect anywhere from 6 to 10 problems in each Round (Open and Invitational). The problems are generally harder in the Invitational Round.

What problem types should I expect?

Students may encounter the following problem types; however, this list is not exhaustive, and they may also get problems of other types. The problems will contain all information required for solving them, and no specialized linguistic knowledge will be needed.

- *Translation problems:* A problem includes a set of sentences in a foreign language and their translations into English, which may be in order or out of order. The task is to learn as much as possible from these translations and then translate other given sentences to or from English. Note that the foreign language may have “tricky” structure and grammar. For example, German sentences often end in verbs. Japanese speakers use different terms for their own family than for someone else’s family. Some languages do not use any equivalent of “the” or any equivalent of “to be”. Others treat animate and inanimate objects differently. Be prepared to figure out these unfamiliar features from the text.
- *Number problems:* A problem includes foreign sentences that describe basic arithmetic facts, such as “six times four is twenty-four,” and the task is to figure out how to translate different numbers and expressions. Some languages use bases other than ten; others use different words for the same number depending on the objects being counted, etc.
- *Writing systems:* The task is to figure out how a particular writing system works and then use it to write out a given text, such as an ancient inscription. Some languages are written right to left or top to bottom, others do not use vowels, etc.
- *Calendar systems:* The task is to figure out what calendar was used by a particular civilization based on sentences that refer to it.
- *Phonological problems:* The task is to figure out the patterns in the sound system of a language.
- *Computational problems:* The task is to develop a procedure to perform a particular linguistic task in a way that can be carried out by a computer.
- *Other types:* Deciphering kinship systems, transcribing spoken dialogue, associating sentences with images, translating unknown languages from scratch, and many other types of problems.

Where can I find example problems and related reading materials?

You can find more than 300 past problems on the main website under “[Practice Problems](#)”. You can find even more problems by searching for the “International Linguistics Olympiad” online.

By searching for NACLO on YouTube, you will find some videos that give an overview of NACLO and a few videos that walk through how to solve a NACLO problem.

What knowledge and skills do I need?

You mostly need logical thinking, as well as basic general knowledge, such as about arithmetic. You do not need prior knowledge of linguistics, computer science, programming, or foreign languages.

How many people participate in NACLO?

In 2026, 1,800+ students participated at over 200 sites.

What happens if I do well?

If you earn a high score at the Open Round, you will advance to the Invitational Round. You will be notified if you are invited to participate in the Invitational Round. Student scores on the Invitational Round, potentially along with additional assessments, will be used to select four or eight US students and four Canadian students to represent the United States and Canada Anglophone at the International Linguistics Olympiad, provided they meet IOL eligibility requirements (see "IOL eligibility" section). Team members will be expected to participate in weekly online practices from early May to mid-July.

If I advance to the International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL), will I have to pay for my trip?

NACLO always tries to raise funds to cover travel expenses so that IOL team members do not need to pay. In most recent years, grants and donations, including by the US National Science Foundation (NSF), have paid all the expenses for the two US teams. We also actively engage in fundraising to cover the Canada Anglophone team. However, we may not always succeed in our fundraising efforts. Therefore, if a student is selected for the team (US or Canada), we will inform them about the funding situation and let them know whether they will need to find additional sources of funding.

How well did the United States teams do at the IOL from 2007 to 2026?

The United States first participated in the IOL in 2007. From 2007 to 2026, the U.S.A won 103 Individual Contest medals (30 gold – the most of any country, 40 silver, 33 bronze); 14 Team Contest trophies (8 gold, 5 silver, 1 bronze); and numerous other awards.

You can find more information about the results at <https://ioling.org/results/USA> and the press releases on the NACLO website.

How well did Canada and Canada Anglophone do at the IOL?

Canada participated in the IOL as a single team ("Canada," selected by NACLO) from 2011 to 2016. Starting in 2017, Canada has sent two separate teams to the IOL ("Canada Anglophone," selected by NACLO, and "Canada Francophone", selected by [OLCF](#)). From 2011 to 2026, the two NACLO-selected Canadian teams won 26 Individual Contest medals (7 gold, 7 silver, 12 bronze); 2 Team Contest trophies (1 silver, 1 bronze); and numerous other awards. Canada Anglophone won the award for the highest

average score on the individual contest during the 2026 IOL, including the 2nd and 3rd place medalists and the highest average score of any team since USA Red in 2019.

You can find more information about the results at <https://ioling.org/results/CAN> and <https://ioling.org/results/CEN>.

What if my question was not answered above?

If you have further questions, please contact nacloinquiries@googlegroups.com.