

## **Nubble! schools championship – win educational software for your school! Enter today!**

Nubble!, the exciting numbers game (previously called Number Quest) returns to the Mind Sports Olympiad (MSO) this year with a free-to-enter schools competition for pupils aged 7+.

Playing Nubble! involves throwing four dice and combining their scores to create numbers between 1 and 100. For example, if 2, 3, 4 and 6 are thrown, it is possible to create many numbers; adding them gives 15, but using the times tables enables  $2 + (3 \times 4 \times 6) = 74$ . The number is then covered with a counter on the board and a reward is gained. The higher numbers gain the greatest rewards. As the board fills up the counters touch and form linked chains. A Nubble! bonus is gained when a triangle of counters is formed. This is doubled if a Nubble! is formed on a prime number. When the numbers 1 and 100 are linked by a complete chain of counters, a bonus is gained and the game ends. The player with the most points wins. Nubble! is available as a board game and as a software version on CD-ROM.

To play a free demonstration game please visit: <http://www.virtualimage.co.uk> and look for Nubble! under downloads. Schools do not have to own the Nubble! game to enter, but previous practice using the game would be an advantage on the day.

Participants (and parents if necessary) need to be available to travel to the MSO in Manchester at their own cost during the period 26/27th August 2005. The championship starts at 0930 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August and ends at 5 30 pm same day.

Nubble! board games will be provided at MSO for the eliminating rounds and Nubble! software will be used for the finals. Virtual Image educational software and Nubble! board games will be awarded to prize winners.

To enter the schools competition, please select up to four pupils aged 7+ whose parents have given permission. Then e-mail: [jack.berkovi@btopenworld.com](mailto:jack.berkovi@btopenworld.com) giving:

- 1 School name, address and phone number
- 2 Latest date for contact before school closes for summer holidays
- 3 Name and home/mobile phone number of the competition contact,
- 4 Parents names and contact details for use by the organisers, since the arrangements will be made with parents during the summer holidays.
- 5 **Up to four entries per school are allowed and must be received by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2005.**

Good luck!