

ROMAN NUMERALS RULES CHART

How symbols are added, subtracted, repeated, and ordered.

1. ADD

When a symbol is followed by one of equal or lower value, add the values.

- **III = 3**
- **VII = 7**
- **XIII = 13**
- **CLV = 155**

2. SUBTRACT

A smaller symbol before a larger symbol is subtracted in accepted pairs.

- **IV = 4**
- **IX = 9**
- **XL = 40**
- **XC = 90**
- **CD = 400**
- **CM = 900**

3. REPEAT

I, X, C, and M may normally repeat up to three times. V, L, and D do not repeat.

- **III = 3**
- **XXX = 30**
- **CCC = 300**
- **MMM = 3,000**

4. ORDER

Write groups from largest value to smallest value.

- **XVI = 16**
- **LXI = 61**
- **CVI = 106**
- **CMXLII = 942**

COMMON MISTAKES

49 = XLIX, not IL 99 = XCIX, not IC 999 = CMXCIX, not IM

Use IV, IX, XL, XC, CD, and CM as the six standard subtraction pairs.