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REGULATIONS FOR HSE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD – 2023

1. General Provisions

1.1. These Regulations for HSE International Olympiad – 2023 (hereafter the “Regulations”) shall set forth the organizational procedures of the HSE International Olympiad in 2023 (hereafter the “Competition”), its organizational and methodological provisions, as well as procedures for selecting winners and prize-winners.

1.2. The Competition’s key goals are as follows: provide young, talented international students with access to Bachelor’s and Specialist degree programmes offered by National Research University Higher School of Economics (hereafter “HSE University”, and “undergraduate and Specialist degree programmes”, respectively), provide guidance on their career and educational trajectories, as well as grant foreign citizens and stateless persons privileges when competing for admission to HSE University’s quota (tuition waiver) places as established by the Russian Government for foreign citizens and stateless persons, and to fee-paying places under agreements for the provision of paid educational services (hereafter “quota places” and “fee-paying places”, respectively).

1.3. The Competition events will be held in the following areas:

- 1.3.1. Biology;
- 1.3.2. Asian Studies;
- 1.3.3. Design;
- 1.3.4. Journalism;
- 1.3.5. Foreign Languages and Intercultural Communication;
- 1.3.6. Information Technologies;
- 1.3.7. History;
- 1.3.8. Mathematics;
- 1.3.9. Media Communications;
- 1.3.10. International Relations;
- 1.3.11. World Literature;
- 1.3.12. Law;
- 1.3.13. Psychology;
- 1.3.14. Advertising and Public Relations;
- 1.3.15. Social Sciences: Person. Society. State;
- 1.3.16. Philosophy and Logic.

1.4. The Competition’s events will be held in the following formats:

1.4.1. on-site (requiring personal presence) and off-site (online): for Biology; Asian Studies, History, Mathematics, World Literature, Law, Psychology, and the Social Sciences: Person. Society. State; Philosophy and Logic;

1.4.2. off-site (online): for Design, Journalism, Foreign Languages and Intercultural Communication, Information Technologies, Media Communications, International Relations, and Advertising and Public Relations.

1.5. The Competition's working languages are Russian, English, and French:

1.5.1. the following Competition events will be held in Russian: Biology, Asian Studies, Design, Journalism, Information Technologies, History, Mathematics, Media Communications, International Relations, World Literature, Law, Psychology, Advertising and Public Relations; The Social Sciences: Person. Society. State; Physics, Philology, and Philosophy and Logic;

1.5.2. the following Competition events will be held in English: Design, Foreign Languages and Intercultural Communication, Information Technologies, Mathematics, International Relations, the Social Sciences: Person. Society. State;

1.5.3. The Competition's events for Foreign Languages and Intercultural Communication can be held in English, as well as in French.

1.6. The following Competition events will include a single stage: Biology, Asian Studies, Foreign Languages and Intercultural Communication, Information Technologies, History, Mathematics, International Relations, World Literature, Law, Psychology, The Social Sciences: Person. Society. State; Philology, and Philosophy and Logic.

1.7. Competition events in Design, Journalism, Media Communications, and Advertising and Public Relations will be held in 2 (two) stages.

1.8. The list of countries, cities, and venues for on-site events; as well as the terms and rules for participating in on-site and online Competition events, must be established by the Competition Organizing Committee and published no later than 1 (one) week before the beginning of the Competition on the Competition website, located within the HSE University's corporate website (portal) at: <https://olymp.hse.ru/inter>, <https://olymp.hse.ru/en/inter/>.

2. Procedures for Holding and Organizing the Competition

2.1. An Organizing Committee, Methodological Committee, and Jury shall be formed to provide organizational and methodological support over the course of the Competition events (hereafter the "Organizing Committee", "Methodological Committee", and "Jury", respectively).

2.2. The Organizing Committee shall:

2.2.1. establish a list of countries, cities, and venues for on-site Competition events;

2.2.2. determine the terms and rules for participation in the Competition events in on-site and/or online formats;

2.2.3. directly engage in organizing and conducting the Competition;

2.2.4. prepare promotional materials about the Competition for the mass media;

2.2.5. organize a review of the Competition assignments by members of the Jury;

2.2.6. together with the Jury, approve the list of Competition winners and prize-winners;

2.2.7. award respective diplomas to the Competition winners and prize-winners;

2.2.8. prepare a summary with respect to the criteria for admission of Competition winners and prize-winners to undergraduate and Specialist degree programmes at HSE University;

2.2.9. perform other functions in accordance with these Regulations.

2.3. The Methodological Committee shall:

2.3.1. determine the timeframe of the Competition's events for all subject areas;

2.3.2. compile a roster and determine the content of syllabus topics, as well as lists of recommended reading and online resources aimed at preparing participants for the Competition;

2.3.3. determine the criteria for assessing the results of Competition assignments completed by participants;

2.3.4. prepare demo versions of Competition assignments and methodological materials for publication on the Competition website located on the HSE University's online portal;

2.3.5. develop Competition assignments for all subject areas as per corresponding rosters of syllabus topics, the timeframe for Competition events and the criteria for assessing the results of Competition assignments completed by the participants;

2.3.6. conduct online educational activities (i.e., lectures, online seminars, consultations) aimed at preparing participants for competitions;

2.3.7. propose possible improvements in the Competition to the Organizing Committee;

2.3.8. perform other functions in accordance with these Regulations.

2.4. The Jury shall:

2.4.1. review and assess the results of the Competition assignments submitted by participants;

2.4.2. together with the Organizing Committee, approve a list of Competition winners and prize-winners;

2.4.3. propose possible improvements to the Competition to the Organizing Committee;

2.4.4. perform other functions as per these Regulations.

2.5. The terms and procedures for holding and taking part in the Competition's events are established in the Competition Procedures—2023 (hereinafter the "Procedures").

2.6. A website will be created on the HSE University's corporate site (portal) to offer a coherent information space for participants and organizers of the Competition:

2.6.1. in Russian at: <https://olymp.hse.ru/inter>;

2.6.2. in English at: <https://olymp.hse.ru/en/inter/>.

3. Procedures for Taking Part in the Competition and Determining Winners and Prize-Winners

3.1. The following persons are eligible to take part in the Competition:

3.1.1 foreign citizens and stateless persons, who have completed a secondary (full) general education abroad, recognized as such in the Russian Federation, and who are ready to complete the Competition assignments for Grades 10 and 11 of secondary school (as per the Russian system of a secondary (full) general education);

3.1.2 foreign citizens and stateless persons, who have completed a secondary (full) general education in Russia, and who are ready to complete the Competition assignments for Grades 10 and 11 of secondary school (as per the Russian system of a secondary (full) general education);

3.2. Participation in the Competition is voluntary and free of charge.

3.3. All those who are interested in participating in the Competition are required to complete the registration process set forth by the Procedures.

3.4. In order to complete the registration process, applicants must submit a motivation letter as per the established requirements and procedures. If a motivation letter is not sent, applicants shall not be admitted to the Competition.

3.5. Participants may not appeal against the contents, structure, criteria and methods used to assess their Competition assignments or results thereof, as well as any measures applied to Competition participants for violation of the Competition rules, except for subparagraph 3.5.1 of p. 3.5 hereof.

3.5.1. Competition participants in Psychology may appeal against their results if they dispute the grade, as pursuant to the Regulations on Appeals against the results of a completed Competition assignment in the field of Psychology at HSE International Olympiad-2023.

3.6. Competition (first-place) winners and prize-winners shall be determined on the basis of a rating of participants' results for each Competition subject/field.

3.7. Winners and prize-winners shall be awarded 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-class honours diplomas.

3.8. Competition participants who have been awarded 1st-class honours diplomas shall be deemed the winners of the Competition. Competition participants who are awarded 2nd- and 3rd-class honours diplomas shall be declared prize-winners of the Competition.

3.9. The total number of Competition winners and prize-winners shall be determined at a joint meeting of the Organizing Committee and the Jury, with due consideration of the opinions of representatives of HSE University's Bachelor's/Specialist degree programmes in the respective Competition fields.

3.10. The Competition results shall remain valid for 2 (two) years from the date when the lists of Competition winners and prize-winners are approved. Winners and prize-winners of the Competition can use their Competition privileges when applying to quota places for HSE University's Bachelor's/Specialists degree programmes in accordance with the University's bylaws regulating the selection of foreign citizens and stateless persons for admission to quota places, as established by the Russian Government for foreign citizens and stateless persons, as well as receive tuition discounts for admission to fee-paying places.

3.11. Participation procedures, Competition dates, venues for on-site events, the terms and conditions for participation in online events, as well as the lists of winners and prize-winners, are published on the Competition website on the HSE University's online portal at: <https://olymp.hse.ru/inter>, <https://olymp.hse.ru/en/inter/>.