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## **REGULATIONS FOR HSE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD – 2024**

### **1. General Provisions**

1.1. These Regulations for HSE International Olympiad – 2024 (hereafter the “Regulations”) shall set forth the organizational procedures of the HSE International Olympiad in 2024 (hereafter the “Competition”), its organizational and methodological provisions, as well as the 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 academic 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. 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 Cross-cultural 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. Competition 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 Social Sciences: Person. Society. State; Philosophy and Logic;

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

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

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; 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 Cross-cultural Communication, Information Technologies, Mathematics, International Relations, Social Sciences: Person. Society. State.

1.6. The following Competition events will include a single stage: Biology, Asian Studies, Foreign Languages and Cross-cultural Communication, Information Technologies, History, Mathematics, International Relations, World Literature, Law, Psychology, 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. A 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 start of the Competition on the Competition website, which can be found on 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 during 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 Competition events in on-site and/or online formats;

2.2.3. directly engage in organizing and holding the Competition;

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

2.2.5. organize Jury members' reviews of Competition assignments;

2.2.6. together with the Jury, approve the list of Competition winners and prize-winners; then, a joint decision of the Jury and the Organizing Committee shall be recorded in the minutes on e-ballots;

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

2.2.8. prepare a summary on 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 for 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 in order to prepare 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 on HSE University’s online portal;
- 2.3.5. develop Competition assignments for all subject areas as per respective lists of syllabus topics, the timeframe for Competition events and the criteria for assessing the results of Competition assignments as 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 for the Competition to the Organizing Committee;
- 2.3.8. carry out 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; then, a joint decision of the Jury and the Organizing Committee shall be recorded in the minutes on e-ballots;
  - 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 Competition events are established in the Competition Procedures—2024 (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 are pursuing a secondary general or secondary professional education abroad, which is recognized at the same educational level in the Russian Federation, and who are ready to complete Competition assignments at the Grade 10 and 11 secondary school levels (according to the Russian system of a general education);
  - 3.1.2 foreign citizens and stateless persons, who are pursuing a secondary general and secondary professional education in Russia, and who are ready to complete Competition assignments at the Grade 10 and 11 level (according to the Russian system of a general education);
  - 3.1.3 foreign citizens and stateless persons up to 25 years of age, who have completed an education, which is recognized at a level of secondary (full) general education in Russia, or have completed a secondary (full) general education in the Russian Federation, and who are ready to complete Competition assignments at the Grade 11 level (according to the Russian system of a general education).
- 3.2. Participation in the Competition is voluntary and free of charge.
- 3.3. All those interested in participating in the Competition are required to complete the registration process as set forth by the Procedures.

3.4. In order to complete the registration process, applicants must submit a motivation letter as per 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.

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 first, second, and third class honours diplomas.

3.8. Competition participants who have been awarded first class honours diplomas shall be deemed the winners of the Competition. Competition participants who are awarded second and third 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 and approved via e-ballots 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 respective Competition fields.

3.10. 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 under 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 their 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 HSE University's online portal at: <https://olymp.hse.ru/inter>, <https://olymp.hse.ru/en/inter/>.