

REGULATIONS OF THE “MGIMO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OLYMPIAD” COMPETITION

1. General Provisions

1.1. These Regulations governing the “MGIMO International School Olympiad” Competition (hereinafter referred to as the “Competition”) establish the procedure for organizing and conducting the Competition, its organizational and methodological support, as well as the procedure for determining the winners and prize-winners of the Competition and their rights.

1.2. The principal aims and objectives of the Competition are to identify the most talented and academically accomplished citizens of foreign states specified in Clause 1.4 of these Regulations who are studying in their final years of secondary education; to create the necessary conditions to support talented young people abroad; to promote academic knowledge; and to select talented and capable secondary school graduates for admission to the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as “MGIMO University”).

1.3. The Competition assesses participants’ level of competency in one or more of the following subjects: Russian language, English language, fundamentals of geography, world history, and international relations.

1.4. Participation in the Competition is voluntary and individual. The Competition is open to students enrolled in secondary education programmes who are citizens of the following states:

- Islamic Republic of Iran;

- People's Republic of China¹;
- Kyrgyz Republic;
- Mongolia;
- Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Republic of Armenia;
- Republic of Belarus;
- Republic of India;
- Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Republic of Tajikistan;
- Republic of Uzbekistan;
- Serbia;
- African countries;
- Latin American countries;
- ASEAN countries (Brunei Darussalam, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Timor-Leste);
- Turkmenistan.

1.5. No participation fee is charged for the Competition.

1.6. The working languages of the Competition are Russian and English.

2. Stages of the Competition

2.1. The Competition consists of two stages:

- Qualifying Stage, comprising participant registration and completion of the qualifying competition tasks;
- Final Stage, comprising a final written assignment.

¹ The procedure for conducting the Olympiad for citizens of the People's Republic of China is set out in Appendix 3 to the Order "On the Organization of the 'MGIMO International School Olympiad' Competition."

2.2. The Qualifying Stage is conducted remotely using the services available on the official Competition website: <http://int-olymp-mgimo.com>.

2.3. The Final Stage is conducted either in person or remotely, separately for each country whose citizens participate in the Competition. The venue and format of the Final Stage are determined by the Competition Organizing Committee.

2.4. The Competition schedule is established by the Competition Organizing Committee.

3. Comprehensive Organization and Support of the Competition

3.1. The organizational, methodological, human resources, and logistical support of the Competition is provided by the Competition Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Organizing Committee”), which is established by order of the Rector of MGIMO University upon the recommendation of the Vice-Rector for International Ties, Youth and Social Policy.

3.2. The Organizing Committee consists of representatives of MGIMO University. The Organizing Committee is headed by a Chairperson appointed by order of the Rector of MGIMO University.

3.3. The Organizing Committee:

- determines the rules and schedule of the Competition;
- establishes the composition of the Methodological Commission and the Competition Jury;
- approves the nominees for the titles of winners and prize-winners of the Competition;
- considers disputes and other contentious matters arising in the course of the Competition;
- provides organizational, informational, and technical support for the Competition.

3.4. The Methodological Commission, composed of representatives of MGIMO University, develops the Competition materials and assessment criteria for the competition tasks, participant instructions, and methodological recommendations for conducting the Competition stages.

3.5. The Competition Jury, composed of representatives of MGIMO University:

- reviews and assesses all competition tasks completed by the participants;
- ranks participants according to the number of points earned and determines the nominees for finalists, winners, and prize-winners of the Competition;
- participates in the consideration of participants' appeals;
- submits reports on the Qualifying and Final Stages to the Organizing Committee.

3.6. Information support for the Competition is provided on a dedicated page of the MGIMO University information portal: <http://int-olymp-mgimo.com>.

3.7. Communication between the Organizing Committee and participants, as well as their parents or legal representatives, is conducted via email at int.admissions@id.mgimo.ru.

3.8. Financial and other resources required for the Competition are provided from designated extrabudgetary sources.

4. Procedure for Determining the Winners and Prize-Winners

4.1. Winners of the Competition are participants who, based on the results of the Final Stage (Final Round), are awarded First-Degree Diplomas.

4.2. Prize-winners of the Competition are participants who, based on the results of the Final Stage, are awarded Second-Degree Diplomas.

4.3. The lists of winners and prize-winners are approved by the Organizing Committee upon the recommendation of the Jury.

5. Rights of Winners and Prize-Winners

5.1. By decision of the Rector of the University, winners of the Competition are granted the opportunity to study at MGIMO University tuition-free under Russian- and English-taught bachelor's degree programmes for foreign nationals, in accordance with the applicable regulatory acts of the Russian Federation, as well as under the Preparatory Faculty programme for foreign nationals. The list of eligible fields of study and faculties is provided in Clause 5.4 of these Regulations.

5.2. Prize-winners of the Competition are eligible to apply for admission to fee-paying places in Russian- and English-taught bachelor's degree programmes for foreign nationals (the list of eligible fields of study and faculties is provided in Clause 5.4 of these Regulations) on a priority basis through a portfolio-based selection process.

5.3. Competition diplomas awarded to winners and prize-winners remain valid for two years following the year in which the Competition is held.

5.4. The list of fields of study and schools for which the benefits specified for winners and prize-winners of the Competition apply:

School	Field of Study
School of Governance and Politics	Public and Municipal Administration
School of International Journalism	Journalism
School of International Relations	Area Studies
School of International Relations	International Relations
School of Governance and Politics	International Relations
International Institute of Energy Policy and Diplomacy	International Relations
School of Governance and Politics	Political Science
School of International Journalism	Advertising and Public Relations

International Institute of Energy Policy and Diplomacy	Advertising and Public Relations
School of International Journalism	Sociology
Institute of International Trade and Sustainable Development	Commerce
Institute of International Trade and Sustainable Development	Environmental Management and Natural Resources
School of International Economic Relations	Economics
International Institute of Energy Policy and Diplomacy	Economics
School of International Law	Law
International Institute of Energy Policy and Diplomacy	Law