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**REGULATIONS**  
**for the International Student Ophthalmology Olympiad**

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## 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. The Regulations for the International Student Ophthalmology Olympiad (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations, Olympiad) have been developed in accordance with Federal Law "On Education in the Russian Federation" dated 29.12.2012 No. 273-Φ3.

1.2. The Olympiad is held with the support of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

1.3. The organizer of the Olympiad is the Federal State Budgetary Institution of Science "M.M. Krasnov Research Institute of Eye Diseases" (hereinafter referred to as the Institute).

1.4. Participants of the Olympiad are informed via publications on the Institute's website, official channels of the Institute in social media, and by email correspondence with the participating teams.

1.5. The official email of the Olympiad is [oli2026@niigb.ru](mailto:oli2026@niigb.ru) (hereinafter referred to as the Olympiad Organizing Committee email).

## 2. STAGES OF THE OLYMPIAD

2.1. The Olympiad consists of two stages:

- The first (online) stage;
- The second (on-site) stage.

2.2. The first stage is an online stage in which participants complete Olympiad tasks through the Internet.

2.3. The second (on-site) stage is conducted in an on-site format.

2.4. The dates of the Olympiad stages, the list of venues, and the schedule of the second (final) stage are determined annually by the decision of the Olympiad Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Organizing Committee).

## 3. OLYMPIAD VENUES

3.1. The list of venues for the on-site stage of the Olympiad is determined by the Organizing Committee.

3.2. Venues for the on-site stage of the Olympiad may be proposed by state authorities of the Russian Federation responsible for education, co-organizers of the Olympiad, the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States Affairs, Compatriots Living Abroad, and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo), or foreign organizations (both governmental and non-governmental) engaged in medical education in response to a request sent by the Olympiad Organizing Committee. The final decision on hosting the on-site stage at a particular venue is made by the Organizing Committee.

3.3. Requirements for the venue:

- open access must be ensured for Olympiad participants. Access restrictions are only allowed at closed administrative-territorial educational venues;
- venues expecting a large number of participants (as per clause 3.2) must provide spacious rooms accommodating at least 30 people, with one participant per desk;
- a representative of the organization responsible for the venue must be present at the venue.

3.4. The Olympiad held at partner venues is regulated by a non-monetary agreement between the Institute and the partner organization.

3.5. A working group consisting of Organizing Committee representatives is sent to the venue for conducting the Olympiad. The working group includes Institute staff and students.

3.6. The working group, in collaboration with venue representatives, ensures the effective execution of the Olympiad, including:

- organizing participant access to the venue;
- verifying participant documents;
- allowing entry of Olympiad participants to the auditorium in accordance with the attendance lists and seating the participants in order to ensure the fair conduct of the Olympiad;
- reporting to the Organizing Committee and implementing its decisions in cases of non-compliance with participation requirements, as well as in situations not regulated by the regulations and the rules of the Olympiad
- ensuring the distribution of answer sheets provided by the Organizing Committee for recording solutions
- handing out Olympiad tasks to participants;
- monitoring fair completion of tasks by the participants;
- removing Olympiad participants in case of rule violations, with an official removal report.

#### 4. PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

4.1. Separate participant registration is required for participation in each stage of the Olympiad for each subject.

4.2. Any Olympiad team should consist of exactly three undergraduate students of 5th or 6th year studying at a higher education institution in a medical education program.

4.3. The team must consist of students from the same institution.

4.4. For international participants from foreign countries, due to the specific entry requirements of the Russian Federation, it is permissible to form a team consisting of students from different medical educational institutions.

4.5. Registration for the first (online) stage is conducted via a special online form. Registration start and end dates are announced on the Institute's website. No additional notification methods are provided.

4.6. The registration form includes participants' details, educational institution information, and contact details of the team leader.

4.7. Completing the form implies participant consent to the use of their data by the Organizing Committee for all Olympiad stages.

4.8. No registration is required for the on-site stage, as participants are determined by the Organizing Committee. Participating teams must confirm their participation and their arrival at the venue via email in response to the Organizing Committee inquiry.

4.9. If a participant encounters technical issues during registration, an extension may be granted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee, provided the issue is reported via the Olympiad Organizing Committee email before the registration deadline. Requests received after the deadline will not be considered.

4.10. The Organizing Committee may request proof of student status in a format established by the participant's educational institution.

4.11. Participants of the Olympiad who are persons with disabilities and/or individuals with limited health capacities (hereinafter collectively referred to as participants with disabilities) take part in the on-site Olympiad competitions with consideration of their psychophysical development, individual abilities, and health status (hereinafter referred to as individual characteristics). Special conditions, when possible, are provided for participants with disabilities based on a written request specifying the need for such conditions and a copy of

a document confirming the health limitations that necessitate their provision. These documents must be submitted to the Organizing Committee no later than one month before the start of the second (final) stage. The request must specify the exact conditions required by the participant with disabilities due to their individual characteristics.

## 5. OLYMPIAD PROCEDURE

5.1. The first stage is conducted online. Within the timeframe specified by the organizing committee, participants who have successfully registered for the first (remote) stage will receive a link to the testing form, as well as other necessary information required to complete the stage, and will be granted access to the assignment.

5.2. The time allotted for completing the assignments of the first (online) stage is limited and is determined by the Organizing Committee of the Olympiad. Information regarding the duration of the stage is published on the Institute's website.

5.3. Upon expiration of the time allocated for completing the first (online) stage, the form will automatically close the participant's access to the assignments and will take into account only the answers submitted by the participant.

5.4. Participants can complete the first (online) stage from any computer with Internet access.

5.5. During the first (online) stage, the following are prohibited:

- non-independent completion of assignments;
- sending or publishing the questions, and/or parts thereof, and/or solutions, and/or answers to the Olympiad questions on the Internet prior to their official publication by the Organizing Committee on the Institute's website;
- editing or formatting the video recording used to verify the honest and independent completion of the online stage
- granting third-party access to the test account.

5.6. If multiple teams from one institution participate in the first (online) stage, only the highest-scoring team advances to the on-site stage.

5.7. No more than one team per institution can participate in the second (on-site) stage. Participants in the on-site stage must consist exclusively of teams representing different educational institutions.

5.8. The list of on-site stage venues and start times is published on the Institute's website, using Moscow Time (UTC+03:00).

5.9. Participants should arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes before the on-site stage begins.

5.10. Participants who arrive no more than 30 minutes late for the start of the second (on-site) stage are permitted to take part; however, their time for completing the assignments will not be extended. Participants who arrive more than 30 minutes late, regardless of the reason, will not be admitted to complete the assignments.

5.11. Outerwear, bags, phones, and communication devices must be stored as directed by the organizers.

5.12. Participants must present proof of student status in a format established by the participant's educational institution.

5.13. Accompanying persons are allowed but cannot interact with the team during the competition.

5.14. The second (on-site) stage of the Olympiad consists of two parts:

• Theoretical part:

- ✓ Blitz round: answering test questions, with a limited time allocated for each question;

- ✓ Clinical cases block: solving illustrated case-based problems structured as clinical scenarios within a specified time limit.
- Practical part:
- ✓ Optometry block;
- ✓ General practical block: each team member undergoes an assessment of primary examination skills, performance of diagnostic procedures, and surgical skills using simulators. The specific task assigned to each participant is determined by a draw.

5.15. The use of electronic information-transmission devices by participants during the on-site stage is prohibited.

5.16. Photography of participants and assignments by accompanying persons during the on-site stage is not permitted.

5.17. During the second (on-site) stage of the Olympiad, participants are prohibited from communicating or exchanging any materials or items, copying from others or allowing others to copy from them, standing up without the organizers' permission, or possessing at their workspace any communication devices, computing equipment, photographic, audio, or video recording devices, reference materials, written notes on any medium, or any other means of storing or transmitting information. The presence of any electronic devices (even if turned off), cheat sheets, or other auxiliary materials, as well as any attempt to bring them in, is considered equivalent to their use.

## 6. SCORING AND APPEALS

6.1. A participant's work consists of all sheets issued by the organizers.

6.2. The work for the first (online) stage is submitted through a special online form by entering numerical or symbolic answers into the designated fields.

6.3. Rules for completing the work in the second (on-site) stage:

- the work must be completed only on the answer sheets issued to the participant in the examination room by representatives of the Organizing Committee;
- at the end of each part of the Olympiad stage, the participant must submit all materials received from the representatives of the Organizing Committee.

6.4. When completing the work, the following are prohibited:

- indicating personal data on the cover sheet, problem statement sheets, or answer sheets that would allow for personal identification;
- making notes or drawings unrelated to solving the tasks;
- having any electronic computing devices or communication tools (even if turned off), textbooks, reference materials, or other sources of information, except those provided directly during the Olympiad;
- communicating with other participants or exchanging data.

## 7. RESULTS REVIEW AND APPEALS

7.1. Information regarding the first (online) stage, including grading criteria, solutions, deadlines for appeals, and result announcements, is published on the Institute's website. No additional notification methods are provided.

7.2. The answers of participants in the first (online) stage are evaluated using software and hardware methods, as well as by the Olympiad Organizing Committee.

7.3. The participants' works and the evaluation sheets for the practical part of the second (on-site) stage are delivered to the Olympiad jury. The review of the participants' works and the evaluation of the practical stage, regardless of the venue, are conducted based on unified criteria and grading requirements on the day of the Olympiad.

7.4. The results of the review of the second (on-site) stage are announced on the day of the Olympiad.

7.5. If jury members detect signs of non-independent work in a participant's submission, the work is referred for review at a joint meeting of the Olympiad Organizing Committee and jury. If the work is deemed non-independent, it is annulled, and the participant's work in other subjects (including those already completed) may also be annulled.

7.6. Appeals that do not address substantive issues are not considered. Appeals must reference the grading criteria or specific grading inaccuracies; otherwise, the appeal may be denied.

7.7. Appeals regarding the results of the second (on-site) stage must be submitted as a personal statement by the designated representative of the participant's team. During the appeal review, the entire work may be re-evaluated, potentially leading to an increased, unchanged, or decreased final score if previously undetected errors are found.

7.8. The decision on the appeal results is final and not subject to reconsideration.

7.9. After the jury reviews and approves the appeal results, the Organizing Committee compiles a ranking table of participants based on the total score earned, taking appeal results into account.

## 8. OLYMPIAD RESULTS

8.1. Based on the ranking table data, the jury submits a proposal to the Organizing Committee regarding the criteria for determining (threshold scores) the winners and prize-winners of each stage of the Olympiad for each subject.

8.2. The winners and prize-winners of each stage are determined at a joint meeting of the Organizing Committee and jury.

8.3. The lists of winners and prize-winners of the on-site stage of the Olympiad, along with electronic copies of their works, are available on the Institute's website in open access for six months.

8.4. All winners and prize-winners of the on-site stage of the Olympiad receive printed diplomas.

8.5. Participation certificates are not provided in paper form; they can be downloaded from the Institute's website.

8.6. The number of winners and prize-winners is determined by the Olympiad Organizing Committee in accordance with the Olympiad regulations.

8.7. The winners and prize-winners are awarded based on the results of the evaluations conducted on the day of the Olympiad.