

Provisions on the International Data Analysis Olympiad at National Research University Higher School of Economics

1. General Provisions

1.1. These Provisions on the International¹ Data Analysis² Olympiad at National Research University Higher School of Economics (hereinafter the “Provisions”, the “IDAO Competition”, and “HSE University” or the “University”, respectively) set forth the procedures for organizing and holding the IDAO Competition, its organizational/methodological and financial support processes, procedures for participation and identifying IDAO winners and prize-winners.

1.2. The objective of the IDAO Competition is the cultivation of the necessary conditions to support talented students and graduates from academic institutions, who are gearing for the studies under the Master’s programme “Data Science”, offered by HSE University (hereinafter the “Programme”).

1.3. HSE University is the organizer of the IDAO Competition. An IDAO Competition held on behalf of the University shall be organized by the University’s Faculty of Computer Science (hereinafter the “Organizer” and the “FCS”), with further support of institutional partners, as specified online at <https://idao.world> (hereinafter “Institutional Partners”).

1.4. The following persons may take part in the IDAO Competition on a voluntary basis, regardless of their citizenship (hereinafter “IDAO Participants”):

1.4.1. learners, who are pursuing degree programmes, such as Bachelor’s, Specialist, Master’s and doctoral programmes;

1.4.2. graduates from academic institutions, who have completed their studies in an appropriate field;

1.4.3. learners or graduates (including foreign citizens or stateless persons), engaged in educational programmes at foreign academic institutions;

1.4.4. persons employed at third organizations³.

1.5. The following persons may not take part in the IDAO Competition:

1.5.1. persons under the age of 18;

1.5.2. staff of Institutional Partners, engaged in the development of tasks for the selection and/or final stages.

1.6. IDAO participants, so that they may take part therein, shall be grouped into teams, consisting of two to three persons (hereinafter “Teams” and “Team Members”, respectively).

1.7. Announcements for the IDAO Competition shall be posted every year no less than 3 (three) days prior to the date for the start of application submissions on the IDAO Competition website, which can be found on the HSE University’s website (portal) at: <https://idao.world/> (hereinafter the “Website”). Such announcements should specify the dates of the IDAO Competition, including the dates for the start and close of application submissions.

1.8. There is no fee for taking part in the IDAO Competition.

1.9. The IDAO Competition’s working language is English.

¹ The following persons may take part in the Competition: citizens of the Russian Federation, foreign citizens or stateless persons, regardless of their place of residence or temporary stay

² English title of the Competition is International Data Analysis Olympiad (hereinafter the “IDAO”)

³ Regardless of one’s specialization, job position or years of service

1.10. These Provisions and any amendments thereto shall be validated by an HSE University directive thereto.

1.11. Any issues not considered by these Provisions or the Regulations on the International Data Analysis Olympiad at HSE University (hereinafter the “IDAO Regulations”) shall be settled as per the current legislation of the Russian Federation and the University’s own internal bylaws.

2. Procedures for Organizing and Holding the IDAO Competition

2.1. The IDAO Competition shall be held in 2 (two) stages – the Selection Stage and Final Stage.

2.2. The IDAO Selection Stage shall be held remotely via the website. The timeframe and duration of this stage shall be set by the Organizing Committee and indicated on the Website.

2.3. The IDAO Final Stage shall be held either face-to-face or remotely. The timeframe and place for the IDAO Final Stage shall be announced on the Website.

2.4. Based on the results of the Selection Stage, the Methodological Committee shall list the 30 best teams in its meeting minutes. Those teams that have gained the highest scores during the Selection Stage shall qualify for the Final Stage. The team with the highest score at the Final Stage shall be declared the IDAO winner. If there is a tie in total scores on the part of two or more teams based on the results of the Final Stage, those teams’ results for the Selection Stage shall be compared, whereby the winning team and prize-winner team shall be determined.

3. Functions of the Organizational Committee and Methodological Committee

3.1. In order to ensure organizational and methodological support for the IDAO Competition, the Organizer shall form the Organizational Committee and Methodological Committee, respectively. Their membership shall include representatives of the Organizer and its Institutional Partners, as approved by an HSE University directive.

3.2. The Organizing Committee, along with the Methodological Committee, shall develop and draw up draft amendments to the IDAO Regulations.

3.3. The Methodological Committee shall:

3.3.1. develop materials for Competition tasks for both stages;

3.3.2. answer questions posed by Team Members regarding the contents of competition tasks;

3.3.3. review appeals filed by Team Members;

3.3.4. assess submitted applications to take part in the IDAO Competition;

3.3.5. decide on whether IDAO Competition applications meet established requirements or not;

3.3.6. carry out checks of teams’ solutions to tasks;

3.3.7. make sure Team Members properly follow the provisions of the IDAO Regulations and disqualify any Team that commits violations thereof;

3.3.8. forward proposals for deciding on the winning team and the prize-winning team at each IDAO stage;

3.3.9. execute other functions related to the organization and holding of the IDAO Competition.

3.4. The Organizational Committee shall:

3.4.1. develop proposals to nominate members of the Methodological Committee;

- 3.4.2. agree upon and approve the timeframe for holding the IDAO stages and the place for holding its Final Stage;
- 3.4.3. distribute information about IDAO procedures;
- 3.4.4. ensure organizational and technical support for the IDAO Competition;
- 3.4.5. approve lists of winning teams and prize-winning teams;
- 3.4.6. award Members of the winning teams and prize-winning teams, and prepare, register and issue diplomas for IDAO winners and prize-winners.

4. Procedures for Taking Part in the IDAO Competition and Determining Winners and Prize-winners

4.1. The IDAO Regulations set out the procedures for taking part in the IDAO Competition.

4.2. To participate in the IDAO Competition, candidates must submit an individual application as per the procedures specified by the IDAO Regulations, by filling in an e-form for registration, as specified in the Competition announcement. When going through the registration process, IDAO Participants should form a team, consisting of two to three persons.

4.3. IDAO Participants who have submitted applications shall provide their consent and agree to all terms of these Provisions and the IDAO Regulations.

4.4. The criteria for determining IDAO winners and prize-winners shall be made available on the Website.

4.5. Participants in the Selection Stage shall grant HSE University the right to use, at its own discretion (provision of the right to use) and within specified limitations, the intellectual property (e.g., solutions to tasks, as developed by the event Organizer), with the right to grant the right to use the intellectual property to any third parties at its own discretion (the right to sub-license). In turn, HSE University shall obtain the right as at the moment when a consent form is signed for the processing of participants' personal data during the registration process.

4.6. At the IDAO Final Stage, participants shall grant HSE University exclusive right to the intellectual property (e.g., solutions to tasks, provided by the event sponsor). In turn, HSE University shall obtain the right as at the moment when consent for personal data processing is signed during the registration process, as well as at the moment when an agreement is signed for the alienation of respective exclusive rights. Furthermore, participants, who have qualified for the Final Stage, within 10 calendar days from the announcement of the Selection Stage results, shall send a copy of their completed consent to the processing of their personal data and the agreement for the alienation of their exclusive rights via e-mail to: hello@idao.world, while the original copies shall be delivered via courier.

5. Financial Support for the IDAO Competition

5.1. Financial support for the IDAO Competition shall be provided by the Organizer financed by revenues from its activities and funds granted through donation agreements.

5.2. The Organizer shall not cover the IDAO Participants' expenditures for food, travel to and from, and accommodation at the location of the IDAO Competition, as well as costs for visa issuance, medical insurance and other expenses. In turn, IDAO Participants shall individually bear all costs related to their involvement in the IDAO Competition.

5.3. Teams that are declared winners or prize-winners of the IDAO Competition shall be awarded a cash prize from the IDAO Organizer (hereinafter the “Prize”) in the following amounts:

1st place – 400,000 (four hundred thousand) roubles;

2nd place – 250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand) roubles;

3rd place – 150,000 (one hundred and fifty thousand) roubles.

Taxation on personal income generated from the prize amount shall be deducted and paid by HSE University in the amount and as per the timeframe established in Russian legislation on tax and collections.

5.4. The University shall make a Prize payment following the release of a directive, issued based on an excerpt of meeting minutes from the Methodological Committee. Participants in winning and prize-winning teams, who shall receive the Prize as per these Provisions, must send a scan of their completed applications for the transfer of the money prize, including bank account information and a scan of documents⁴, within 14 calendar days after receiving a message from the Organizer via e-mail (at hello@idao.world). The application form will be also sent by HSE University via e-mail. If the relevant documents are not submitted within 3 (three) months after the close of the event, HSE University will not carry out the payment of the Prize.

⁴ For Russian citizens residing in the Russian Federation; a passport (a page with photo and a page with permanent registration), INN, SNILS.

For Russian citizens not residing in the Russian Federation: passport (a page with photo and a page with permanent registration), INN, SNILS, statement on a resident/non-resident tax status.

For foreign citizens: a passport (all pages). If the foreign citizen resides in the Russian Federation, all documents confirming his/her permission for entry into the country and residence therein (visa, registration, insurance policy, etc.), should be provided, as well as the same available documents as submitted by Russian citizens (INN, tax resident/non-resident statement).

Other documents may be requested

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REGULATIONS **on the International Data Analysis Olympiad at National Research University** **Higher School of Economics**

1. General Provisions

1.1. The Regulations on the International Data Analysis Olympiad at National Research University Higher School of Economics (hereinafter the “IDAO Regulations”, the “IDAO Competition”, and “HSE University” or the “University”, respectively), have been developed in line with the Provisions on the International Data Analysis Olympiad at HSE University (hereinafter the “IDAO Provisions”).

1.2. The IDAO Competition’s official website can be found at: <https://idao.world/> (далее – Сайт).

1.3. The Regulations for holding the IDAO Competition shall be valid during the period of its implementation.

2. Registration of IDAO Participants

2.1. Each IDAO participant should complete the registration procedure on the Website, thereby confirming that they have fully read both the IDAO Provisions and IDAO Regulations, and submit their consent to the processing of their personal data.

IDAO participants, so that they may take part in the Selection and Final Stages, shall group themselves in teams (hereinafter the “Team” and “Team Member”, respectively), as per p. 1.6 of the Provisions.

2.2. Upon registration, IDAO participants shall provide their personal information. An individual IDAO participant may not use several registration accounts at the same time.

2.3. If, during the registration process, an IDAO participant submits deliberately misleading information, the Team in which he/she is a member may be refused further involvement in each of the IDAO stages.

2.4. After the registration procedures, in no later than 48 hours, IDAO participants shall receive confirmation about their involvement in the IDAO Competition.

2.5. IDAO participants bear the right, if necessary, to make enquiries with the Organizational Committee by sending an e-mail to: hello@idao.world.

2.6. Members of winning and prize-winning teams shall be automatically invited to the Final Stage of the IDAO Competition in the following year and can therefore skip the next Competition’s Selection Stage.

3. Procedures for the Selection Stage

3.1. The Selection Stage shall be held remotely (online) with the use of an online competition platform.

3.2. The Selection Stage shall include the following tests: solving a problem in data analysis using an online platform.

3.3. After submitting their solutions, the Teams will be automatically shown their accumulated scores.

3.4. According to a ranked list drawn up in descending order, the Methodological Committee shall determine the 30 (thirty) teams to progress to the Final Stage of the IDAO Competition.

4. Procedures for the Final Stage

4.1. Teams that have passed the Selection Stage can take part in the Final Stage of the IDAO Competition, provided that every member of the Team will register for the Final Stage within 10 calendar days from the start of the registration. The registration for the Final Stage of the IDAO Competition is considered completed after HSE University has received the original consent form for the processing of the personal data of every member of the Team.

4.2. The Final Stage shall be held face-to-face or remotely (online) through the use of an online competition platform. The Teams that have not registered for the Final Stage of the IDAO Competition (Teams whose members have not submitted the original consent form for the processing of the personal data) will be unable to participate in the Final Stage and will not be given access to the online competition platform.

4.3. The Final Stage shall include the following tests: solving a problem concerning data analysis by using an online platform.

4.4. The results of this stage shall be automatically tallied by the online platform service.

4.5. The Final Stage will be held as per the following procedures:

4.5.1. each Team Member will gain access to their task through the online competition platform;

4.5.2. access to the task shall be granted strictly at the time set earlier.

4.6. During the Final Stage, Members of the same Team shall be permitted to communicate with one another while seeking solutions to tasks, as well as with members of the Organizing Committee, Methodological Committee, other representatives of the Organizers engaged in the IDAO process, but not taking part therein.

5. Procedures for Determining Winners and Prize-winners

5.1. Based on the results of the Final Stage of the IDAO Competition, the winning and prize-winning teams will be decided on, whereby Tier 1, 2 or 3 diplomas will be awarded along with a cash prize, in the amount specified in p. 5.3 of the Provisions. Members of the winning team shall be awarded Tier 1 diplomas. In turn, Members in prize-winning teams shall be awarded Tier 2 and 3 diplomas.

5.2. Tier 1 diplomas shall be awarded to the Members of the winning team that has gained the highest score.

5.3. The winning and prize-winning teams shall be decided on at a joint meeting of the Organizing Committee and Methodological Committee. The Organizing Committee shall validate their decision in the meeting minutes and inform each winning team and prize-winning team by sending individual e-mails.

6. Responsibilities of IDAO Participants

6.1. The Methodological Committee shall have the right to disqualify teams and annul their scores for specific tasks in the following instances:

6.1.1 a Team Member's breach of the IDAO Regulations;

6.1.2 any violent acts committed by a Team Member;

6.1.3 if a Team Member publishes task solutions online, or engages in discussions of task solutions online, prior to the close of the relevant stage of the IDAO Competition;

6.1.4 submission of another individual's task solutions, even if this solution has been amended or further developed;

6.1.5 the passing of its task solution over to Members of another Team, even if done unintentionally.

6.2. If a Team Member has been proven to have violated the IDAO Regulations after the completion of the Competition's Final Stage and the awarding of the winning and prize-winning teams, the Methodological Committee shall have the right to disqualify all members of the given Team, in which a Member committed a violation, while also withdrawing all diplomas previously granted to them.

7. Terms for Personal Data Processing Consent

7.1. In line with the Regulations on Personal Data Processing at National Research University Higher School of Economics (hereinafter the "PD Regulations"), IDAO participants must read the PD Regulations and acknowledge this fact; they shall have the right to provide their personal data and give consent to its processing. By providing one's personal data, each IDAO participant hereby accepts the terms of the PD Regulations, thus confirming that the personal data provided is related to their own person, and is accurate and up-to-date, and that the individual discloses their personal data freely, by their own will and in their own interests; each participant hereby recognizes the effects of the provision of the data and expresses their consent to processing of their personal data in line with p. 3.7 of the PD Regulations.

7.2. The processing of personal data of IDAO Participants shall be carried out in line with the principles, rules and terms, specified in the PD Regulations.