**STATUTES**

**Balkan International Geography Olympiad**

***General characteristics***

**Article 1.**

***The aims of the Olympiad are to:***                                                                                                                                                                                                            **A**.  It allows young people from different countries, social  contacts and thus contribute to the understanding among nations.

**B**. stimulate active interest in geographical and environmental studies among young people;                                                                                                           **C**.  helps in highlighting importance of geography as a science among young people,                                                                                                          **D**. helps students as guidelines for participation at higher levels of competition in geography

**Article 2.**

The Olympiad consists of a competition, social activities and excursions. The Olympiad competition is in three parts:

* a written test,
* a multimedia test   and a
* substantial fieldwork exercise.

**Article 3.**

The competition is being conducted in two age categories:                                                                                                                                                                      -  The first category/***younger junior/***: students aged 12 to 15 years

-    The second categories:***/ junior***/students aged 16 to 19 years

On the day of the start of the competition.Date of birth in passport is valid proof of age of the students, and the category in which they compete.

**Article  4.**

Each country may enter students for the competition by the following table :

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| Student                     The                first category | Student              The second category | Tim lider |
| **2** | **2** | **2** |
| **4** | **4** | **2** |
| **8** | **8** | **4** |

The number of students per team one country, can not be less than four, and there can be no larger than sixteen, taking into consideration both categories.

**Article 5.**

The official language of the Olympiad is English.

**Article  6.**

Students must be able to answer test questions in the official language of the Olympiad (English).

**Article 7.**

Students must answer the test questions independently, unless a test explicitly states that group work is allowed. Violation of this provision shall result in disqualification of the student from the Olympiad.

**Article  8.**

In addition to the students, two adult team leaders are invited.                                                                                                                                                               **A**. One leader has membership of the BoardBalkan International Geography Olympiad. S/he shall maintain absolute security about the contents of any test until after that particular test has taken place. S/he is eligible to participate on one of the jury panels, vote on the Statutes, review marking guidelines, translate geographic terms, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           **B**. The other leader is the person responsible for the students. S/he may also assist in supervision of the tests and other activities related to the Olympiad.

***The Olympiad tests***

**Article 9.**

The marks assigned for the Olympiad are: written test (40% of total marks), multimedia test (20%) and fieldwork exercise (40%). The three test elements are preferably organised on different days. Past examples of questions are included on the Olympiad website.

**Article 10.**

Students complete most test assignments individually not as teams.

**Article  11.**

A student who has less than 55% success rate in the total sum, can not be achieved placement.

**Article  12.**

The tests are based on the guidelines drawn up by the Olympiad Task Force. Olympiad assignments test both knowledge and skills in geography.

**Article  13.**

All students receive a certificate.Approximately 50% of the participating students receive a medal. Medals are awarded in the approximate ratio of gold 1: silver 2: bronze 3.The results are announced and the awards and diplomas presented to the winners at an official ceremony during the Olympiad.

**Article  14.**

The decision of the International Board, the competition can participate and countries not belonging to the geographical area of the Balkans.

**Article  15.**

***The International Board***

Presidency of the International Board are:

Cristina Parvu – Romania                                                                                                                                                                                                                         Daniel Lilek – Slovenia                                                                                                                                                                                                                     Nikola Srzentić– Serbia

**Article  16.**

***The Task Force***

The Task Forceform a country that will host the Olympics.                                                                                     -    defines the areas, themes and geographical skills to be included in the Olympiad;                                             -    preparation of tests and tasks to competition                                                                                                             -    organize and participate in the field work and the beginning of the tests

                                                             -    organize an inspection tests and tasks and set standards for awarding points                                                      -    summarize and publish the preliminary results

**Article  17.**

***Local***The Olympiad is organized in cooperation with relevant institutions, for example, the Ministry of Education,local government, a geographical society or another institution in the organising country, school …The obligations of the local organiser are to:

**a**. ensure the equal participation of all delegations;                                                                                                                                                                                  **b**. invite the participants,                                                                                                                                                                                                                              **c**. forward to these countries not less than eight months before the date of the Olympiad information which gives details of the Olympiad not covered in the Statutes, and gives the names and addresses of the institutions and the persons responsible for the Olympiad;                                                                                     **d**. forward the areas, themes and geographical skills to be included in the Olympiad, as supplied by the Task Force, to the participating countries;               **e**. establish a detailed programme for the Olympiad including a schedule for competitors and adult representatives, a programme of excursions, etcetera.                This is to be sent to the participating countries not less than three months in advance;                                                                                                                      **f**. check immediately after the arrival of each delegation whether its competitors meet the conditions of the Olympiad;                                                                  **g**. conduct the Olympiad in accordance with the Statutes;                                                                                                                                                                        **h**. be responsible for the financial aspects of the Olympiad and announce one year before the date of the Olympiad the fee to be paid by each student and adult.

**Article  18.**

***The financial principles***

The country which sends the students to the Olympiad pays:

**a**.  the travelcoust, insurance and, if applicable, visa costs of the students and of all accompanying persons to the place at which the Olympiad is held;        **b**. a fee to the local organiser for each student and adult as a contribution to other costs.

**Article  19.**

The local organiser covers all other expenses incurred in holding the Olympiad.

Changes to these Statutes can only be made by theThe International Board.

**Article  21.**

Participation in an Balkan International Geography Olympiadsignifies acceptance of the present Statutes by the institution responsible for sending the delegation.

***The International Board***