

IPT Rules

This document can be changed by the GM and is overruled by the IAPS Regulations

1. Definitions:

- a. The International Physicists' Tournament (IPT) is a competition between teams of university students from different countries. The teams solve challenging scientific problems and defend their solutions in scientific discussions during Physics Fights.
- b. The International Office (IO) represents the IPT in day-to-day work when no Decision Assembly is happening, including the GM.
- c. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is the group responsible for organizing the IPT of a respective year at a certain location.
- d. The Physics Fight (PF) is a competition between a smaller group of teams, where they present, analyze and discuss the solutions to several IPT problems between individual teams' representatives at first, and between entire teams thereafter. The performance of all teams is assessed by the jury panel.
- e. The IPT Decision Assembly (DA) is the decision-making body of the IPT and consists of National Representatives, the IO and the LOC. It underlies the GM.
- f. The National Representatives (NR) are the group of voting people at the DA and consist of a maximum of one delegate per country
- g. The website of the IPT is set to be www.iptnet.info.

2. General

- 2.1. Every team consists of 4 to 6 students and up to 2 team leaders. Additional participants may join the tournament but are not allowed to actively participate in the competition.
- 2.2. The tournament is composed of selective Physics Fights (PFs), leading to optional semifinal PFs and, ultimately, to the final PF.
- 2.3. Participation is open to any non-PhD student not yet with a second-cycle academic degree (Master's degree or equivalent) at the time the tournament takes place.
- 2.4. All IAPS members are encouraged to organize a national selection to choose their teams for the wider IPT competition. The IO and the NR, if existing, should be informed of any selection events. The IPT IO may offer resources to run such national selections but is not obliged.
- 2.5. The IO and LOC must oblige the calendar for the communication and registration deadlines. The list of problems must be publicized at least 8 months before the event. The event dates and location must be finalized at least 5 months before the event. Countries (either directly or via representatives) must register their interest at least 4 months before the event. Preselection results, if any, must be announced at least 3 months prior to the event. The IO must report to the EC at least 3 months ahead of the event about the status of planning. Registration fee bank transfer details should be announced shortly after the preselection results. All teams must transfer the registration fee and confirm their participation at least 2 months before the event.

- 2.3. The entry fee is by default 1100 Euro per team - 1000 for the LOC and 100 for the IO. The IO and the LOC may provide a discount on the registration fees for the countries participating for the first time in the tournament. The IO and the LOC can suggest a modification of the entry fees at the latest five months prior to the tournament.
- 2.4. Additional guests are allowed at the event for the special guest fee, determined by the LOC.
- 2.6. The maximum number of participating teams is determined by the LOC.
- 2.7. The IO is responsible for distributing invitation letters, signed by the IO President to all requesting countries.
- 2.8. The NR and NC or LC are responsible for publishing the participation criteria for the national selection at least 2 weeks in advance of the registration opening.
- 2.9. The organization of national selections as well as the IPT finals can only be executed by IAPS members. There can be an additional advisory team that does not need to consist only of IAPS members, which does not have voting rights in the meetings.
- 2.10. The NCs or LCs shall support the national selection within their capabilities and foster collaboration with the IPT national selection organizers.
- 2.11. Any situation that is not covered by the IPT rules and neither by the IPT Game Rules is decided by the IO.