International Physicists' Tournament - Jury's Guidelines

The Reporter

presents his/her solution to the problem within 10 minutes and details his/her work during the following discussion. Some of the problems are purposely ambiguous and the Reporter should clearly explain his/her understanding of the question.

Physics 0-6

- Gives a short literature overview
- Appropriate model / orders of magnitude
- Investigates the role of main parameters
- Explanation of the phenomena
- Performs experiments or numerical simulations
- Correct treatment of data (error estimations, comparison between theory and data...)

Debate 0 - 2

- Insightful explanations to the questions
- Acknowledges mistakes or weaknesses of his/her own work
- Clearly expresses his/her conclusions

Presentation

0 - 2

- Slide quality (structure, content...)
- English, timing
- Team work

The Opponent

criticizes the report, pointing out advantages and drawbacks of the presentation, in order to allow for a fruitful debate and a better understanding of the problem. The Opponent must focus on the Reporter's work and not present his/her own. The Opponent can present some results that clearly exhibit inconsistencies in a brief way. The Jury should decide on the relevance of such elements.

Physics

0 - 5

- Acknowledges both strong and weak points of the report
- Demonstrates good understanding of physics of the problem AND of the solution presented by the Reporter
- Proposes relevant points for the discussion

Debate

0 - 3

- Focuses on the report
- Avoid getting stuck in loopholes

Presentation

0 - 2

- Quality and clarity
- Team work
- English, timing

Those remarks are intended as guideline indications and are not to be taken as strict instructions.

The Reviewer

enters the fight to bring an overview of the debate and make sure that the discussion is not getting stuck. The reviewer should not be a second opponent

Physics

0 - 4

- Improves the understanding of the problem
- Shows what the previous discussions brought to the understanding of the problem
- Gives a clear conclusion on how fully the problem is solved

Debate

0 - 4

- Challenges both the reporter and the opponent
- Not passive, but chooses to intervene only when relevant

Presentation

0 - 2

- Quality and clarity
- English, timing



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