

# Brazilian International Olympiads

## 2026

### GENERAL REGULATIONS

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#### I Preliminary Provisions

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- i) The Brazilian International Olympiads are organized by the Núcleo Olímpico de Incentivo ao Conhecimento (NOIC) through its team of collaborators. NOIC is a non-profit initiative created in 2013 by students experienced in scientific olympiads with the purpose of helping students prepare for these competitions. With 13 years of history, it maintains a platform containing study guides, theoretical courses, mock exams, among other resources, having already surpassed 7 million views.
- ii) In 2026, NOIC launched the Brazilian International Olympiads (BIOs) project and is currently the coordinating body of BIOA, BIOArt, BIOB, BIOS, BIOEcon, BIOPh, BIOEPH, BIOI, BIOL, BIOM, BIOCh and BIOR.
- iii) NOIC is responsible for the preparation and administration of the examinations, as well as their grading and the distribution of awards. The NOIC departments are responsible for preparing and grading the examinations, while the BIOs Board is responsible for the administration of the competitions, the delivery of awards and communication with partners.
- iv) These regulations establish the general rules governing all BIOs. Specific regulations for each competition can be found on our [website](#)
- v) For simplicity, we distinguish between theoretical examinations, which require solving questions within a timed period, and practical examinations, which consist of various activities carried out over longer periods of time. The only practical examinations among all BIOs will be: BIOEcon Round 2, BIOR Round 2, BIOL Round 1.

#### II Objectives

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The objectives that guide the organization of the BIOs are:

- i) To democratize access to scientific olympiads by offering free competitions that allow any student to participate, regardless of where they live, eliminating barriers such as registration fees, dependence on schools, or the need to travel to examination centres;
- ii) To motivate middle and high school students to engage in the olympiad movement through introductory and intermediate levels, serving as an accessible practice and preparation for national competitions;
- iii) To prepare students for the final rounds of Brazilian olympiads and for international selection processes, seeking to bridge the technical gap between regular national examinations and high-level selection procedures;

- iv) To promote the initiatives and work of the Núcleo Olímpico de Incentivo ao Conhecimento and its partners;

### **III Registration and Participation**

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- i) Each BIO will be held in a single category open to all interested participants.
- ii) Students must register during the period established in the [Official Calendar](#). As general notices:
- (a) Registration is individual and completely free of charge;
  - (b) Registration must be completed exclusively through the form <https://tally.so/r/2EZGd9>;
  - (c) Registration is unified for all BIOS;
  - (d) Upon registration, the participant (or their legal guardian, where applicable) agrees to the collection and processing of the personal data provided, including name, country of residence, country of origin, date of birth, educational institution and contact information, exclusively for administrative, academic and operational purposes related to the olympiad. The organization undertakes to adopt reasonable security and confidentiality measures, in accordance with the Brazilian General Data Protection Law (LGPD) – Law No. 13.709/2018, using such information solely within the context of the event and its associated activities. The processing of personal data belonging to minors will be carried out strictly in their best interests, with the knowledge and authorization of their legal guardians at the time of registration, pursuant to Article 14 of Law No. 13.709/2018 (LGPD);
  - (e) Any applicant who provides false information that compromises their eligibility during registration, if proven, will be automatically disqualified and prohibited from participating in any other BIOS in 2026. Any errors must be immediately reported to the BIOS coordination;
  - (f) At the time of registration, the following mandatory information will be requested: full name, e-mail address, date of birth and country of residence. Students who fail to complete these fields correctly may have their registration invalidated;
  - (g) Only students who register within the established period ([Official Calendar](#)) will be eligible to participate in the BIOS.

### **IV General Rules**

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The following actions are strictly prohibited:

- i) The transmission/publication of comments regarding the examination content through any means of communication during the examination period;
- ii) The disclosure, through any means, of any solutions to any examination questions during the same period;

- iii) Consulting books, websites, or reference materials during theoretical examinations;
- iv) The use of Artificial Intelligence;
- v) Taking the examination in groups or with assistance from third parties, except when the examination proposal explicitly requires group work;
- vi) Violating human rights;
- vii) Obtaining any form of unfair advantage;
- viii) Intentionally providing false information in the registration form in order to compete for special awards intended for women, Black and Brown students, and public school students;
- ix) Cases omitted or not covered by these regulations shall be resolved exclusively by the BIOs Board, whose decisions shall be guided by the principles of reasonableness and equality among participants.

Violation of any of these rules, if proven, may result in sanctions determined by the Board, including disqualification from the current year's BIOs and even from future editions. Any awards obtained by such individuals may also be revoked.

## **V Administration of the Examinations**

- i) The examinations shall be held on the dates established in the [Official Calendar](#).
- ii) Each BIO may consist of one or two rounds (see the specific regulations).
- iii) Students will receive all necessary instructions regarding each examination during the week preceding it via the e-mail address provided during registration. If the participant no longer has access to that e-mail address or has not received any communication by the day before the examination, please contact the organizing committee via [obonline@noic.com.br](mailto:obonline@noic.com.br).
- iv) Each BIO will be administered through a specific platform (see the specific regulations), which will most likely be Google Forms. In the case of alternative platforms, it is entirely the participant's responsibility to become familiar with the interface and create an account if necessary. Should any questions arise regarding the details of each platform, please contact [obonline@noic.com.br](mailto:obonline@noic.com.br).
- v) All examinations will be **conducted remotely**.

### **Only for theoretical examinations:**

- vi) During the first round:
  - (a) Students will have a large time window (generally one week) during which they may begin the examination;
  - (b) Once the examination has been started, the system will begin timing its duration (see the specific regulations);

- (c) Students who fail to submit their answers through the examination platform within the established time limit will not have their responses considered;
  - (d) The system will close at midnight (GMT-3) on the final day of the examination period, so students who begin very close to this deadline will lose examination time;
  - (e) Students may not comment on the examination content.
- vii)** During the second round (if applicable):
- (a) Students must take the examination exclusively during one of the time slots previously established by the organization;
  - (b) During the week preceding the examination, an e-mail will be sent allowing students to choose their preferred examination session;
  - (c) Students must remain connected to the corresponding Google Meet session throughout the entire duration of the examination (to be provided by e-mail);
  - (d) The procedure described in the previous item may be replaced by more modern security measures involving automatic recording of both camera and screen. Should these changes be implemented, students will be notified by e-mail.
  - (e) Students who display suspicious behaviour and/or leave the examination room for extended periods of time may be subject to disqualification, at the discretion of the BIOs Board;
  - (f) Students who fail to take the examination during one of the designated sessions/rooms will not have their responses considered;
  - (g) In examinations requiring the scanning of written-answer scripts (we recommend CamScanner), students will be granted an additional 30 minutes to complete this process. However, they will be strictly prohibited from continuing to work on the examination during this additional period.
- viii)** During the examination, students may only possess school supplies (pencil, mechanical pencil, pen, eraser, sharpener, correction fluid, ruler, compass, set square), materials required for completing the examination (blank and/or lined sheets of paper and an electronic device to access the examination platform), and personal necessity items (food and beverages). Some examinations permit the use of non-programmable calculators; **CHECK** the specific regulations. Possession of any materials unrelated to the examination is strictly prohibited and may result in the participant's disqualification.
- ix)** In all examinations, all responses must be submitted through the examination platform within the time limit. Responses submitted by e-mail will not be accepted.

## **VI** Scoring and Ranking

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- i) Each examination shall be assigned a total score, according to the criteria established in the specific regulations.

- ii) The first-round score is automatically graded (except for BIOEcon) and is the sole criterion for qualification to the second round (if applicable).
- iii) Regarding qualification for the second round:
  - (a) For each competition category, approximately 30% of the students who effectively took the examination will qualify for the second round, with a maximum of 450 participants.
  - (b) The NOIC organization reserves the right to make minor adjustments to these numbers whenever necessary (for example, to resolve ties).
- iv) Only students qualified for the second round may participate in it. The list of qualified students will be published electronically on the website of each BIO. Additionally, these students will be notified by e-mail in the days preceding the examination.
- v) The second-round score shall be assigned according to the criteria established in the specific regulations. For written-response questions or activities requiring subjective evaluation, the examinations will be graded by members of the NOIC Departments. Requests for regrading or appeals will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- vi) The second-round score shall be the sole criterion for determining awards.

## **VII** Awards

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- i) The highest-ranked participants in the overall ranking of each BIO will receive gold, silver and bronze medals, as well as honourable mentions, in quantities to be determined by the NOIC organization. The total number of medals awarded in each BIO will be proportional to the number of competitors who took the first round.
- ii) Certificates will be issued to all medalists and recipients of honourable mentions within the period established by the regulations. The certificates will be made available on the NOIC website under the BIOs section.
- iii) Subject to sponsorship, medals may eventually be physically produced and shipped free of charge to the award recipients. If this occurs, students will be notified by e-mail and asked to provide additional information for shipping. Should the available resources be limited, the NOIC organization shall determine the allocation of the medals.
- iv) Each BIO may also, subject to sponsorship, offer prize winners additional gifts and benefits, such as books, courses and kits. If this occurs, priority shall be given according to the order of the awards.

## **VIII** Final Responsibilities

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- i) The NOIC Team continuously monitors its communication channels in order to answer questions as promptly as possible and ensure that all candidates are able to participate in the BIOS. Unfortunately, certain circumstances are beyond our control, but candidates will be informed whenever a problem arises for which no immediate solution is available. Our volunteer team is constantly striving to make the BIOS increasingly professional.
- ii) The Olympic Code of Honour (Annex I) reminds us that, before receiving any award, what matters most is the learning, maturity and Olympic spirit fostered by participation in olympiads. Actions such as cheating or obtaining privileged information about the examinations demonstrate that the candidate has not yet fully understood the learning process and the true purpose of olympiads. Should any fraud in the participation process be identified, the committee is authorized to adopt more severe measures.
- iii) Cases not covered by these regulations shall be evaluated by the NOIC coordination.
- iv) Students who register for the BIOS undertake to comply with and agree to all provisions of these regulations.
- v) Any questions should be sent to [obonline@noic.com.br](mailto:obonline@noic.com.br)



# Annex I

## Olympic Code of Honour

*I, as an olympiad student, understand that participating in olympiads goes beyond achieving a high position in the rankings; it represents a unique way of learning and of relating to the world around me through scientific knowledge. Through olympiads, I wish to demonstrate my potential by dedicating myself to the pursuit of knowledge and the development of my mathematical, logical and scientific skills, while also learning through competition. Therefore, I understand that my results are a consequence of my own efforts, and I recognize the merit of my fellow competitors, knowing that I have already taken an important step forward simply by accepting the challenge of participating in olympiads and expanding my knowledge.*

*I therefore commit myself to taking the examinations fairly and honestly, following the regulations of this competition and acting with integrity. In doing so, I will carry into my professional life and contribute to my country the values and knowledge I acquire through scientific competitions, becoming a protagonist of the future and of the educational model in which I believe.*

