

Abilympics 2016 Competition Rules

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Chapter 1 – General provisions

Article 1: Purpose

The following set of rules introduces all of the dispositions pertaining to the organization of the 9th International Abilympics in Bordeaux, France, in March 2016 (hereinafter referred to as IA Bordeaux 2016).

Their role is to define the competition's terms and conditions to ensure its success.

Article 2: Applicability

The IA Bordeaux 2016 shall be hosted according to the Constitution of the International Abilympic Federation (IAF).

Article 3: Information

All of the information necessary to the participation of contestants to the competition must be made available on the website developed for the occasion.

Chapter 2 – Participation

Article 4: Delegations

Each participating country/region can only be represented by a single delegation, which may be formed of one or several distinct organizations.

Each delegation is represented by a single delegation leader. However, he may be seconded by an assistant, for instance if the delegation is composed of a large number of people.

The delegation leader will be responsible:

1. For registering all the members of his delegation on the Abilympics France website. A unique login and a password will be provided to allow access to the online registration platform.
2. For handing over their accreditations to each member of the delegation upon their arrival in Bordeaux on March 2016.
3. For communicating with the organizing committee about various issues such as logistics, contests and/or confidential information (evaluation system, scores...).

Each delegation is composed of members from the following categories:

- Contestants, whose disability is validated by an official document from their country/region of origin or by a medical certificate
- International judges validated by the organizing committee
- Officials
- Language and sign language interpreters (Since both interpreters always work together, I think it might be better to classify them in the same category.)
- Contestants' assistants, personal care assistants, medical personnel dedicated to one contestant or to the entire delegation

- Accompanying people and other members: performing talents, press service, family members...

Article 5: Financial aid program

The organizing committee has decided to provide financial aid to delegations through the following measures:

1. Waiving the registration fees for contestants if there are more than 6 contestants registered in the delegation.
2. Waiving the registration fees for international judges if there are more than 4 judges registered in the delegation.
3. Negotiating the cost of accommodations with hotels.
4. Reducing the need for professional English translators by providing pre-task assignments in advance (6 months), followed by some additional documents that will constitute the final task assignments (about 15 days prior to the beginning of the competition).

Furthermore, the organizing committee has decided to provide financial aid to delegations upon request by allocating grants according to the following criteria:

1. Distance: the further the country of origin is from the location of the competition, the higher the amount of the grant will be.
2. Human development index: the lower the index is in the country of origin, the higher the amount of the grant will be.
3. Registration fees: the higher the registration fees are for the delegation, the higher the amount of the grant will be.

The transfer of this financial aid to delegations (to be made after the 9th International Abilympics) is subject to the full participation of the delegation's contestants to the skill contests and organized trips to which they are registered.

Article 6: Registration

The delegation leader of a country/region wishing to participate in the 9th International Abilympics must register members of the delegation on the online registration platform before November 30th, 2015.

The registration fee is **200€ per member** of the delegation. However, registrations fees will be waived for judges and contestants in such cases as described in Article 5.

The payment of these fees grants the right to compete in the 9th International Abilympics, as well as access to on-site food services, organized trips, on-site transportation, opening and closing ceremonies, and gala dinner.

Article 7: Contestants

Registration to the competition is available to any person recognized as having disabilities under the law of his/her country/region of origin, who is 15 years or older at the beginning of the competition, on March 25th 2016.

It is each delegation's responsibility that all of their registered contestants bring the required equipment and/or materials to the competition site, as stated on the pre-task assignments.

Example: tools, work clothes, the necessary special needs equipment specific to each contestant's disability...

Article 8: Medical care

A medical center will be installed on the competition site to provide emergency medical care to the public or to delegations, should the need arise.

The organizing committee nonetheless recommends that each member of each delegation subscribes to a health insurance covering medical care, treatments and hospitalization costs in foreign countries.

Chapter 3: Skills contests

Article 9: Responsibilities

Contestants and judges have the responsibility to compete and to judge in the most honest way possible. They must give their best during the competition when performing the activities they are respectively assigned.

Any contestant found in violation of this article risks an exclusion from the competition.

Any judge found in violation of this article risks an exclusion from the jury and the invalidation of the evaluation sheets he may have given.

Article 10: Number of contestants and organization of the competition

Each country/region can only be represented by a maximum of 2 contestants per skill category, except for categories for which 2 contestants make up a team to compete, in which case countries/regions may present 2 teams (4 contestants).

A contestant may only be registered to and compete in a single skill category.

A skill category may only be considered as a competition if a minimum of 5 contestants from at least 3 delegations have registered. If that minimum is not reached, the task can still be performed as a demonstration.

No task will take longer than 6 hours to complete. In the event of a technical problem (defective product, machine failure...) Abilympics France may extend the time frame for the contestant affected. Tasks can be divided into 2 or more modules, spread across the two days of the competition. The detailed procedure is explained in the pre-task assignments and is subject to modifications before the distribution of final task assignments.

For some skill categories, contestants will be divided into 2 or more groups, but always in such a way that contestants from a same delegation compete at the same time. For equity reasons, any group not competing will go on mandatory organized trips in order for them not to have access to the final task assignments before their time of competition.

Early 2016, an independent adjudicator will draw lots to constitute the groups fairly, after which the precise planning of the competition will be communicated to the delegation leaders, who can then register the members of their delegations to organized trips using our online platform.

Absence from a programmed organized trip might lead to sanctions. The organizing committee reserves the right to inflict or to withdraw them upon hearing the person's explanation.

It is strictly forbidden for contestants, judges and generally to all of the members of a not currently competing group to be present on the competition site while the other group is performing, in order to prevent anyone from have a competitive advantage from other contestants.

Article 11: Skill categories

CRAFT - ARTISANAT		FOOD - ALIMENTATION		ICT - TIC		INDUSTRY - INDUSTRIE		SERVICES - SERVICES	
V01	Basket Making Vannerie	V14	Bakery (cake) Pâtisserie	V17	Administration and Management of Network Systems Administration et Gestion des Systèmes et des Réseaux	V30	Aircraft Maintenance Maintenance Aéronautique	V41	Artificial Limb Socket Making Orthoprothésiste
V02	Cabinet Making (Advanced course) Ebénisterie (Confirmés)	V15	Cooking Cuisine	V18	Character Design Illustration	V31	Bicycle Assembly Mécanique Cycles	V42	Dental Technician Prothésiste Dentaire
V03	Cabinet Making (basic course) Ebénisterie (Débutants)	V16	Restaurant Service Service en Salle	V19	Computer Assembly Montage d'Ordinateur	V32	CAD Architecture Dessin Architecture CAO-DAO	V43	Dress Making (advanced course) Couture (Confirmés)
V04	Crochet Work Crochet			V20	Computer Programming Programmation Informatique	V33	CAD Industrial Design Dessin Industriel CAO-DAO	V44	Dress Making (basic course) Couture (Débutants)
V05	Embroidery Broderie			V21	Creating Web Pages Web Design	V34	Electrical Connexion Branchement au Réseau Electrique	V45	Hairdressing Coiffure
V06	Floral Arrangement Art Floral			V22	Data Processing (Advanced Course) Gestion et Traitement de Données (Confirmés)	V35	Electrical Installation Installation Electrique	V46	Jewelry Joallerie
V07	Hand Knitting Tricot à la Main			V23	Data Processing (Basic Course) Gestion et Traitement de Données (Débutants)	V36	Electronic Assembly (Advanced Course) Electronique (Confirmés)	V47	Leather Goods Making Maroquinerie
V08	Landscape Gardening (Group of 2) Jardinier Paysagiste (Duo)			V24	Desktop Publishing Conception Graphique de Documents	V37	Electronic Assembly (Basic Course) Electronique (Débutants)	V48	Optician Opticien-Lunetier
V09	Painting Peinture d'Art			V25	E-Sport Jeux Vidéo	V38	Motorcycle Mechanics Mécanique Moto	V49	Tailoring Tailleur
V10	V10-Pottery Poterie			V26	Photography Outdoor Photographie Reportage	V39	Welding Soudure		
V11	Silk Painting Peinture sur Soie			V27	Photography Studio Photographie Studio	V40	Mechatronic (Group of 2) Mécatronique (Duo)		
V12	Waste Reuse Recyclage Créatif			V28	Poster Design Conception d'Affiches				
V13	Wood Carving Sculpture sur Bois			V29	Word Processing Traitement de Texte				

Article 12: Distribution of task assignments

1/ Procedures regarding task assignments:

Task assignments are composed of a pre-task assignment to be distributed from June throughout September 2015, and of a supplement (final task assignments) that will be handed out 15 days before the competition starts (Mid of March) to let enough time to delegations to translate. Pre-task assignments will allow each delegation to prepare its contestants to the required skills.

Once they receive pre-task assignments and the final task assignments, each delegation will be responsible for having them translated into the delegation's native language for their contestants.

Pre-task assignments contain the title, a description of the task, the detail of the modules to perform, requirements, the detailed procedure of the skill category (and the organization of its groups when applicable), the list of the provided equipment and the list of the tools and materials to be brought for each contestant, the list of on-site facilities and evaluation criteria.

2/ Responsibilities of each delegation:

It is each delegation's responsibility to have pre-task assignments translated into their native language for the competition.

All the translations will be left to the Abilympics France organizing committee who will place them in each contestant's file, which will be handed to contestants.

Any interpreter attempting to cheat when translating on-site documents (taking pictures, copying the subject...) will cause sanctions for the interpreter's entire delegation

It is each delegation's responsibility to make sure their contestants have the required tools and materials mentioned in pre-task assignments. These are absolutely necessary to perform the tasks and for some of them, cannot be provided by the organizer.

Article 13: Familiarization with the evaluation system and with skill workshops

The evaluation system will be developed further in a specific set of rules that will be provided to international judges in October 2015. International judges will be gathered by their skill category's coordinating judge on the 24th of March 2016 to familiarize themselves with the evaluation system and with skill workshops.

Contestants are invited to visit their own work station on Thursday, March 24th 2016 in order to verify that the equipment is adapted to their needs. Without this verification, the organizing committee will be the one to define the necessary adaptations to perform on the work station to ensure that each contestant can compete in the best possible way.

Article 14: Equipment and materials of skill workshops

The organizing committee commits to provide contestants with equipment, tools and materials allowing them to use their skills in the best way possible (except those specified on pre-task assignments in the list of the tools to be brought for each contestants).

Access to skill workshops is strictly reserved for contestants, judges and for the personnel authorized by the organizing committee.

Each skill category's coordinating judge can grant access to their stand to interpreters and personal care assistants, provided they are officially registered as such with the organizing committee.

Contestants who wish to use equipment and materials not referenced in the list of the equipment to be brought (specified in pre-task assignments) must request it on the day before the competition when they are assigned to a work station (Article 13). The organizing committee will decide whether to validate or invalidate the request after hearing recommendations from the coordinating judge.

Chapter 4: Jury

Article 15: Qualification of judges

Delegation leaders will nominate judges during the registration of their delegation on the Online Registration Platform. It is each delegation leader's responsibility to ensure that the nominated judges possess the experience and the skills necessary to perform as a judge.

Each judge can only be registered for a single skill category. However, a judge possessing skills and experience in several domains may signal it during their online registration. The organizing committee may then assign him/her to the second skill category if judges are in excessive numbers in the first one.

Within the 15 days following the ending of the registration process, the organizing committee will validate the selected judges for each of the skill categories.

Article 16: Organization of juries

Depending on the skill category, 3 to 5 judges will be nominated per skill.

In skill categories for which evaluation criteria are mostly subjective, 5 judges shall be nominated. That last point will be explained into more detail in an annex which will complete these provisions.

Each jury shall be supervised by a coordinating judge, who is a member of the organizing committee. Each coordinating judge is responsible for preparing, carrying out and evaluating the competition in his/her skill category.

Article 17: Rights, duties and responsibilities of each judges

The rights, duties and responsibilities of each judge will be developed in an annex titled « Charter of Judges », which shall be signed by each judge upon validation by the organizing committee. Any judge not signing this charter will see his/her qualification revoked.

Chapter 5: Announcement of the results

Article 18: Proclamation of the results

The competition being organized in groups competing during the two days of the competition, the results shall be announced at the end of the second day of the competition (March 26th).

The organizing committee will provide the scores of every contestant to delegation leaders a maximum of 1 hour after the end of the competition. Only delegation leaders can have access to

these results. They will then have 1 hour to make appeals. If no appeals are made after that hour, the results will be considered final.

Article 19: Decisions and appeals

Appeals will first be presented and argued to the coordinating judge of the related skill category, who will gather appeals and deliver them with recommendations to the Appeals Commission, which will be composed of:

- IAF president or one of his representatives,
- Abilympics France's Skills manager,
- And an International Expert selected by the organizing committee.

In case of a conflict of interest between a delegation's appeal and the expert's function with the Appeals Commission, the expert will be replaced by another one, to be selected by the organizing committee.

Delegation leaders wishing to make appeal will deposit 50€ per appeal to the organizing committee. If the Appeal Commission considers the appeal as well-founded, the deposit will be reimbursed to the delegation leader. If the Appeal Commission considers the appeal as fallacious, the deposit will not be reimbursed.

Any decision taken by the Appeals Commission is final and is not subject to debate.

Article 20: Awards

The awards to be granted at the end of the International Abilympics Bordeaux 2016 are as follows:

- 1st : Gold medal
- 2nd : Silver medal
- 3rd : Bronze medal
- Special prize for the contestant having received the most points within his own delegation

Chapter 6: Additional provisions

Article 21: Productions, photographs...

Anything produced during the competition, films and photographs of contestants and delegations taken during the 9th IA Bordeaux 2016 belong to Abilympics France. The organization shall use them as promotional tools for Abilympics.