



The association *AYPT – Österreichische Physikmeisterschaft* hereby announces the following revised

Policy Regarding the Participation of International Teams in the Austrian Young Physicists' Tournament.

In its meeting on January 2nd, 2023 the Executive Committee has discussed the issue of international teams participating in the Austrian Young Physicists' Tournament (hereafter referred to as "AYPT"). After careful consideration the Executive Committee has reached the following conclusions:

1. International teams are invited to the AYPT for the following reasons.
 - a. The participation of international teams shall make the tournament bigger, and therefore more interesting and challenging to the participants.
 - b. Cooperating and befriended countries and organizations shall have the opportunity to send teams, so that their students get the benefit, reward, and experience of participating in an international competition.
 - c. Countries which can, for some reasons, not participate in the IYPT in the respective year, shall be given the opportunity to participate in an international competition as well.
 - d. Students which have never participated in the IYPT shall be given the opportunity to gather YPT-related experience, thus fostering future participations in the IYPT.
2. The procedure for the participation of international teams shall be the following.
 - a. International teams may apply for participation until the registration deadline which is announced by the Organizing Committee, The registration deadline for international teams may be different than the one for Austrian teams,
 - b. The Organizing Committee decides about the number of international teams that can be accepted, subsequently referred to as number of open places.
 - c. If there are more international applications than teams can be accepted, the decision about acceptance and rejection will be made by drawing of lots according to the following procedure.
 - i. The name of each country from which one or more applications have been received is written onto a paper lot, which is then folded and placed into a receptacle.
 - ii. A lot is drawn at random from the receptacle and one of the open places is thereby allocated to the corresponding country. This is repeated until either there are no more lots in the receptacle or there are no more open places left to allocate.
 - iii. If there are open places left, the lots of the countries for which the number of applications exceeds the number of allocated open places are put back into the receptacle and the procedure is repeated from step ii.



- iv. For each country, where the number of allocated open places equals the number of applications, all corresponding applicants are allocated an open place.
 - v. For each country where the number of allocated open places is lower than the number of applications, the teams to be accepted are determined as follows. The name of each applicant from currently considered country are written onto paper lots, which are folded and put into the receptacle. Then, as many lots as open places have been allocated to the currently considered country are drawn at random. Each applicant that has been drawn is allocated an open place.
 - vi. Instead of following the procedure outlined in step v., the Executive Committee may decide that for certain countries the decision about how to allocate the open places allocated to the country to the respective applicants is deferred to an arbiter (e.g. an IYPT Member Organization) within this country.
 - vii. All applications which have been allocated open places by the procedure above are accepted. All other applications are rejected.
 - viii. The drawing of lots has to be performed in the physical presence of at least two members of the Executive Committee, who have to keep detailed records of the procedure.
 - ix. If at a later time additional open places become available (e.g. due to teams withdrawing from the competition), the Executive Committee may decide to allocate these additional places to formerly rejected applicants, following an analogous lot drawing procedure.
3. International teams may participate in the AYPT only if none of the participants have previously participated in the IYPT. Abiding by this rule is the responsibility of the respective teams. The AYPT reserves the right to ban countries which violate this rule from the AYPT competition - both for the year in question, as well as future years.

This policy is in force effective immediately and until further notice. It supersedes any previous version of the same policy. It has been established by the Executive Committee of the AYPT and may be changed only by the Executive Committee.

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