

**CONSTITUTION**  
*of the*  
**INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIADS**  
**DISCORD NETWORK**

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## **SECTION I**

### *Article I*

The name of the network will be the International Science Olympiads Discord Network, henceforth abbreviated as ISODN.

### *Article II*

ISODN unites several Discord Servers which have the same goal: to bring together students from all across the globe who are interested in one or more of the International Science Olympiads in a platform where they can meet, learn and socialise with other like-minded individuals.

### *Article III*

As a network, we aim to facilitate the sharing and exchange of resources between member servers, and act as a committee which can make well-informed suggestions to member servers.

## **SECTION II**

### *Article IV*

The ISODN will have a committee, henceforth referred to as “the committee.” The committee consists of the staff members of the individual servers.

### *Article V*

The committee has an unspecified number of members. However, member servers should be careful to not flood the committee with too many people.

### *Article VI*

There is no official policy enforced by ISODN that applies to the member servers. The purpose of the committee is to act as a discussion platform for the staff of member servers, and a means for suggesting changes.

### *Article VII*

A separate committee for the purposes of making tournaments will be established. This committee will vote on tournament policy. All servers contributing to tournaments will receive equal voting power.

## **SECTION III**

### *Article VIII*

Servers must have 150 people or more, discounting bots.

#### *Article IX*

If a new server wants to join the network, a vote will be held. Each one of the member servers has one vote to decide whether the new server should be admitted or not; servers vote as a whole. The new server will be admitted if the number of “ayes” is more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  the number of votes, discounting abstentions.

#### *Article X*

A  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote can be used to remove any member server from the ISODN.

### **SECTION IV**

#### *Article XI*

The purpose of the “server owner” is to maintain the central ISODN server, and to control roles and channels. The server owner is also given the ISODN gmail account.

#### *Article XII*

Every 6 months, a vote will be held to determine the new server owner. This vote will proceed via ranked choice. Each server may vote once, as a whole.

#### *Article XIII*

No one person may be chair twice in a row.

#### *Article XIV*

In a two year period, i.e. 4 terms, the chair cannot come from the same server more than twice.

#### *Article XV*

A  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote among servers is sufficient to call for a new vote for server owner.

### **SECTION V**

#### *Article XVI*

Committee members may propose votes to alter the ISODN constitution.

#### *Article XVII*

Alterations to the ISODN constitution require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote among member servers, discounting abstentions.

#### *Article XVIII*

Such votes will remain open for a period of three days (72 hours) after the vote was proposed. If a measure receives a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote before the period of three days ends, it instantly passes.

## SECTION VI

### *Article XIX*

Strictly speaking, the ISODN has no power to oblige a member server to carry out punitive action.

### *Article XX*

However, member servers are *highly* encouraged to report offenses including, but not limited to:

1. Cheating on exams,
2. Bigotry of any form,
3. Violations of the Discord terms of service,
4. Violations of the Discord community guidelines,
5. Spam, raiding, etc,
6. Grossly indecent behavior.

### *Article XXI*

The DINOS bot will remain as an opt-in service to perform network banning.

### *Article XXII*

One possibility is for committee members to propose punishments, and the DINOS bot carries out the punishment when a staff member reacts to the message; the punishment would then be carried out on the staff member's respective server.

## SECTION VII

### *Article XXIII*

Although the ISODN does not require member servers to follow a predetermined structure, we make the following suggestions:

### *Article XXIV*

Official name should be Olympiad Discord Server or similar. Icon should include all five Olympic colours and be themed on the server Olympiad topic.

### *Article XXV*

Rules should be standardised across the network as much as possible. Recommended rules include:

1. Reference the Discord Community Guidelines via a direct link.

2. Be nice, be respectful (BNBR). This may include measures against flexing or showing off.
3. Spamming, going off-topic, or posting inappropriate material.
4. Minimodding
5. Unwanted advertising
6. Nickname policy
7. Contest embargos

#### *Article XXVI*

Servers should have an "info" category, a category for general chat, a category containing channels for each main subtopic of the Olympiad, a staff category. Each server event should also be housed in its own category.

#### *Article XXVII*

Channels should include rules & verification, announcements, resources, network (inc. partners), general chat, memes/chill, general VC, subtopic-specific channels, spam, server suggestions. Each server event should also have its own channel(s).

#### *Article XXVIII*

All servers should have a verification process upon joining the server.

#### *Article XXIX*

A server should have a channel for partners, which should only be accepted on the basis that both servers are well-organised and are closely related in topic, and not for “advertisement” purposes. Otherwise we encourage the server to be listed as a resource or not at all.

#### *Article XXX*

Servers may choose to verify Olympiad participants. If so, they should be minimally distinguishable from other members. However they should have their own private channels/category, and there should be a secret "Olympiad Participant directory" listing all verified participants and, if they agree, their real name/contestant info.

### **SECTION VIII**

#### *Article XXXI*

Amendments to the ISODN Constitution will be listed in Section VIII.