IBCOL 2021 Rules: Eligibility, Submissions, Participation, Prizes, Schedule

Eligibility

Individual Eligibility

1. **Students* only:** Any current or recent student may register as a competitor; a recent student would have been a current student until 1 year ago as of the beginning of the 2020-2021 Season (5 July 2020 to 4 July 2021) — *if a student had stopped school on or after 5 July 2019, the student is eligible to compete, otherwise, the student is ineligible to compete.*
2. **No age limit:** A current student is defined as a person of any age that is enrolled in a recognized secondary or post-secondary academic institution.
3. **Representation (Post-Secondary Track):** An individual may be attached to an academic institution by being ever enrolled in it; a recognized institution is an accredited educational institution or an institution that may grant a degree or diploma; the institution may or may not be in Hong Kong.
4. **Returning Participation:** Previous individuals are eligible to compete.

Team Eligibility

1. **Team Composition (Post-Secondary Track):** Projects are submitted by teams of one (1) to six (6) eligible individuals; one participant can be part of more than one team; each team shall have a team lead, as the main contact person.
2. **Team Uniqueness:** Each team must be unique, i.e. a team may not share more than 50% of the same composition as any other team, round to the lower number if the team is an odd number; team leads must be unique, i.e. one person cannot be the team lead of multiple teams.
3. **Team Representation (Post-Secondary Track):** Each team must nominate one representative academic institution if any of the team members are from different academic institutions; teams may be composed of members from different countries/territories or academic institutions, but at least one of them must be from Hong Kong.
4. **Returning Participation:** Previous teams are eligible to compete.

Project Eligibility

1. **One Team, One Project**: A team may submit only one project. Note: a team submitting a project for the IBCOL competition may also submit another entry for our sister competition IDSOL.
2. **Returning Participation:** Previous projects that have not won any awards from prior IBCOL competitions are eligible to compete in IBCOL.
3. **Competition Tier:** Secondary school students and post-secondary school students shall compete in their respective tracks with different deadlines and submission criteria.

Submissions

Requirements

1. **Initial Submission Requirements (Post-Secondary Track):** Each project shall be evaluated by a whitepaper submission by 23:59, 19th April, 2021.
2. **Finalist Submission Requirements (Post-Secondary Track):** Each project shall be evaluated by the following three parts: Pitch Deck, Pitch Deck Presentation, Posterboard, Posterboard Presentation, Elevator Pitch, Prototype (optional), Prototype Demonstration (optional).

Material Specifications

1. **Initial Submission Requirements:**
    1. **Whitepaper:** pdf file, 10-page limit excluding references and appendices.
2. **Finalist Submission Requirements:**
    1. **Posterboard:** Figma or PDF, dimensions 36" × 48" at 300 dpi or equivalent (14400×10800 pixels).
    2. **Posterboard Presentation:** mp4 file or YouTube, 10-minute limit.
    3. **Pitch Deck:** pdf and pptx file, no limit.
    4. **Pitch Deck Presentation:** mp4 file or YouTube, 10-minute limit.
    5. **Elevator Pitch:** mp4 file or YouTube, 1-minute limit.
    6. **Prototype:** (optional)
    7. **Prototype Demonstration:** (optional)

Prizes

Post-Secondary Track

1. Overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Place
2. Awards of Merit
3. Best Prototype
4. Best Posterboard
5. Best Whitepaper

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Blockchain Olympiad

Schedule

	Post-Secondary Track
Initial Submission (HK)*	Mon 19 April 2021
Finalists Selections (HK)	Mon 17 May 2021
Finalists Announcement (HK)*	Mon 31 May 2021
Finalists Submission (HK)*	Sun 13 June 2021
Finals (HK)*	Sat 19 June 2021
Finalists Selections (Int'l)	Sun 20 June 2021
Finalists Announcement (Int'l)*	Mon 21 June 2021
Finals (International)	Fri-Sun 2-4 July 2021