



# Terms and conditions

## 1. Conditions

You may participate in the Philosophy Olympiad if you:

- attend a school in Switzerland or the Principality of Liechtenstein (e.g. grammar school, vocational school, secondary school, international school),
- being Swiss or Liechtenstein nationals or being a resident in Switzerland or Liechtenstein, attend a foreign school.

Anyone who is attending a university before the reference date is not admitted (with the exception of Schülerstudium). Anyone who has reached the age of 20 on the reference date may participate in the national selection but is not eligible for participation in the International Philosophy Olympiad.

## 2. Assessments and admissions

The decisions of the Philosophy Olympiad and its jurors on admissions and assessments are final. Reviews by third parties or courts of law will not be considered.

## 3. Participation costs

The participation is free of charge.

The Philosophy Olympiad covers travel costs within Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein as well as for international competitions abroad. Costs for the use of a private motor vehicle/taxi will only be reimbursed in justified cases and by arrangement if the use of public transport would be significantly more expensive, not possible in terms of time or otherwise unreasonable.

The Philosophy Olympiad covers the subsistence costs (food and accommodation) at preparatory events and competitions in Switzerland and abroad.

## 4. Insurance

Participants are responsible for ensuring that they are adequately insured. Health and accident insurance as well as personal liability insurance are obligatory. When travelling abroad, it must be ensured in good time that the insurance cover also applies there.

## 5. Respect

The participants must treat each other and the organizers with respect. Violence, bullying, discrimination, sexual harassment and assault are not acceptable. Disrespectful and improper conduct must be reported to the organisers.

## 6. Events

The dates in the agenda of events (examinations, lessons, excursions, meals) are binding unless otherwise discussed with the organisers.

Outside of the binding dates, each participant can arrange their leisure time individually and unsupervised, as long as the organisers do not impose specific restrictions.

Possession and consumption of illegal drugs is prohibited. Alcohol and tobacco may only be possessed and consumed to the extent permitted by local law (observe foreign regulations!). The management may further restrict the possession and consumption of alcohol and tobacco otherwise permitted by local law. Any excess of alcohol (intoxication drinking) is prohibited.

Should minors leave the event prematurely, the legal representative must be informed immediately.

In case of emergency, participants are obliged to assist one another, and organisers must be contacted immediately.

## 7. Results of work and rights of use

The participants will hand over all the results of their work from the national and international competitions to the Philosophy Olympiad.

The participants grant the Philosophy Olympiad free of charge the right to use the results of their work not limited in time or place.

The Philosophy Olympiad will ensure as far as possible that the author of work results is named in publications.

## 8. Expelling and exclusion

Participants who do not follow the rules or behave improperly may be expelled from events and excluded from further participation altogether.

## 9. Cancellation of events

The implementation of all events, and the participation in international competitions is the sole competence of the Philosophy Olympiad. There is no claim for compensation in case of cancellations.

## 10. Limitation of liability

The Philosophy Olympiad and its organizers exclude contractual liability to the extent permitted by law.

## 11. Applicable law and place of jurisdiction

Swiss law is applicable to the relationship between participants and the Philosophy Olympiad. The place of jurisdiction is Bern.

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