IEO^X WINTERCHALLENGE 2026
TECHNICAL INFORMATION & GRADING PARAMETERS

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1. The purpose of this document is to provide information on how each part of the IEOx WinterChallenge is going to be evaluated and on how final results will be shaped.

1.2. All tasks will be provided only in English. Contestants must provide their solutions in English.

1.3. The Jury can consider proven and determined learning disabilities, allowing for reasonable technical adaptations, in order to provide as equal chances as possible to all participants.

1.4. The Jury reserves the right to impose reasoned sanctions, if the use of malicious practices or offensive behaviour is proven.

2 BUSINESS CASE

2.1. On the peer-grading of the first round:

2.1.1. Teams will receive links to Google Drive directories (video and *.pdf presentations) which they will need to grade. Additionally, each team will receive links to Google Forms to fill in their grades - one for each separate team they need to grade.

2.1.2. Teams that delay filling their grading forms will be penalized as follows:

- within 0-2 hours after the deadline - the team will get 75% of the score awarded in peer-grading
- within 2-4 hours - 50%
- within 4-6 hours - 25%
- over 6 hours - disqualification.

2.1.3. Grades assigned by each team are going to undergo normalization, in order to become consistent with each other, according to their total average (A) and standard deviation (σ), and a constant (d) chosen in order to make the higher grade in one question equal to 10. The final grade of each team will be the average of all the (normalized) grades they collected in each question during the peer-grading procedure multiplied by 10. Maximum grade in this round is 100.

2.1.4. In the exceptional case that a team has not been graded by any of its peers, the Jury will perform (offline) grading, as a last resort.

2.2. On the grading of the final round:

The IEOx WinterChallenge Jury will grade the final live presentations of the teams that participate in the final phase. Short comments and some piece of advice might be offered for each. In the end, the Jury will announce the three teams that win the Gold, Silver and Bronze medal according to their presentations.

3 REQUISITE PLATFORMS

3.1. The Business Case submission and peer-grading will be held using Google Services (Drive and Forms) or the official IEOX WinterChallenge website.

3.2. Official announcements will be done through WhatsApp, and by e-mails.

3.3. Ceremonies will be held on Zoom.

4 FINAL RESULTS

4.1. The score of Business Case peer-grading is converted to a scale of 100. Final results are not announced for disqualified contestants.

4.2. The scores will not be announced before the Closing Ceremony. The only fact that will be disclosed will be the name of the teams that will participate in the finals, in random order.