# IC3 DIGITAL LITERACY INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

# COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The IC3 Digital Literacy International Championship 2026 (hereinafter referred to as the "Competition") is an international academic competition designed to assess and promote digital literacy skills aligned with the IC3 Digital Literacy Certification standard.

The Competition is organized by IIG Vietnam, with professional support from Certiport, a Pearson VUE business (USA), and is conducted under an international competition format, bringing together national teams of secondary school, and university students from countries around the world.

The Competition aims to:

- Promote digital literacy based on internationally recognized standards;
- Strengthen digital citizenship skills among young people;
- Foster international educational collaboration and cultural exchange;
- Contribute to the development of a future-ready workforce for the digital age.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

### 2.1. Eligible Participants

The Competition is open to students enrolled during the 2025–2026 academic year who are between 12 and 22 years of age at the time of the competition (born between August 16, 2004, and August 16, 2014, inclusive).

### 2.2. Participation Requirements

To be eligible for participation, competitors must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Be selected through a national championship program or officially nominated by an authorized Certiport representative and/or Certiport Authorized Partner in their respective country;

- Provide complete and accurate registration information as required by the Organizing Committee;
- Be at least twelve (12) years old and no older than twenty-two (22) years old as of the Competition date (born between August 16, 2004, and August 16, 2014, inclusive);
- Obtain consent from a parent or legal guardian if under eighteen (18) years of age at the time of registration;
- Agree to comply with all Competition Rules and Regulations.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to verify participant eligibility and registration information and may reject or revoke participation status if any information is found to be inaccurate, incomplete, or in violation of these Rules and Regulations.

## 3. NATIONAL TEAM STRUCTURE

Each participating country shall form a national team to represent its country in the Competition.

Team composition shall be as follows:

- Host Country: Up to two (2) national teams, with a maximum of ten (10) competitors per team;
- Participating Countries: One (1) national team consisting of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of ten (10) competitors.

Each authorized sponsoring partner or representative is responsible for selecting, supervising, and ensuring compliance of its competitors with these Rules and Regulations.

## 4. EXAM FORMAT

### 4.1. Exam Content

The Competition is based on the IC3 Digital Literacy framework and may assess competitors in the following areas:

- Computing Fundamentals;
- Digital Citizenship;
- Information Management;

- Digital Content Creation;
- Communication Technologies;
- Online Collaboration and Responsible Digital Behavior;
- Cybersecurity and Information Protection.

### 4.2. Competition Format

The IC3 Digital Literacy International Championship 2026 competition consists of an assessment which will utilize a combination of computer-based Selective-response questions and a hands-on Project that will be assessed by human judges.

Competitors will compete individually using devices and resources provided or authorized by the Organizing Committee within the alotted time. In addition:

- Competitors may use only the materials, software, devices, and resources expressly permitted by the Organizing Committee;
- The use of unauthorized internet access, storage devices, artificial intelligence (AI) tools, external software, or personal reference materials is prohibited unless explicitly approved by the Organizing Committee;
- Submissions that fail to comply with the required format, deadlines, instructions, or technical requirements may be deemed invalid;
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to inspect competition devices, files, and submissions when investigating suspected violations.

### 4.3. Competition Language

English shall be the official language used throughout the Competition.

### 4.4. Submission Requirements

Each competitor may submit only one (1) valid exam entry.

A submission may be deemed invalid if:

- It is submitted after the designated deadline;
- Required components are incomplete or missing;
- Evidence of cheating, misconduct, or violation of Competition rules is identified.

### 4.5. Competition Date and Venue

The Competition will take place in Hanoi, Vietnam, beginning at 12:00 PM (GMT+7) on August 14, 2026, and concluding at 12:00 PM (GMT+7) on August 16, 2026.

Competitors must report to the designated waiting area at least ten (10) minutes prior to their assigned competition time.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to deny participation or impose appropriate measures on competitors who arrive late; fail to appear at the designated time; or do not follow official instructions or event procedures.

## 5. SCORING AND RANKING

The submissions will be evaluated by an international judging panel appointed by Certiport. All evaluations will be conducted objectively and in accordance with internationally recognized standards and assessment criteria.

Competition results will be based on:

- The competitor's performance throughout the competition process; and
- The quality of the final submission.

Ranking Rules:

- In the event of a tie, the competitor with the shorter completion time, as recorded by the competition system or verified by the Organizing Committee, shall receive the higher ranking.
- If a prize-winning competitor is disqualified due to a violation of these Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to cheating, misconduct, or failure to attend the Award Ceremony, the next highest-ranked eligible competitor may be selected as a replacement.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right not to award a prize if no submission meets the required standards or eligibility requirements.
- All decisions made by the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

## 6. AWARDS

### 6.1 Individual Awards

Eligible submissions will be evaluated and ranked according to total score, from highest to lowest.

The Individual Awards are as follows:

- 01 First Prize: USD 500.00
- 02 Second Prizes: USD 300.00/Prize
- 03 Third Prizes: USD 200.00/Prize
- 10 Consolation Prizes: USD 100.00/Prize

### 6.2 Team Awards

Team Awards will be presented to the national teams with the highest average scores.
The Team Average Score shall be calculated as follows:
**Team Average Score = Total Score of Valid Team Submissions / Number of Valid Team Members**
Each competitor may contribute to only one (1) national team.
If two or more teams achieve the same average score, the Organizing Committee may apply additional tie-breaking criteria.
The Team Awards are as follows:

- 01 Champion Team: Trophy, Certificate of Recognition, and USD 1,000.00
- 01 First Runner-Up Team: Trophy, Certificate of Recognition, and USD 700.00
- 02 Second Runner-Up Team: Trophy, Certificate of Recognition, and USD 500.00/Team

### 6.3 Award Ceremony

The Award Ceremony is tentatively scheduled to take place on the morning of August 16, 2026. Competitors and teams are expected to attend the Award Ceremony in person. Failure to attend may result in forfeiture of awards and recognition, in which case the Organizing Committee reserves the right to recognize the next highest-ranked eligible competitor or team.

## 7. TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

**Friday, August 14, 2026:** Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception

**Saturday, August 15, 2026:** Competition Day and Hanoi City Tour with Dinner

**Sunday, August 16, 2026:** Awards Ceremony

## 8. REGISTRATION

Participating teams must:

- Confirm participation no later than April 30, 2026;
- Submit the final list of competitors and chaperones no later than June 20, 2026.

All registration information and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Organizing Committee via the official email address: IC3championship@iigvietnam.edu.vn or other official channels designated by the Organizing Committee.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject incomplete, inaccurate, or late submissions.

## 9. PARTICIPATION FEES

Competitors and Chaperones are responsible for completing the required registration payment in accordance with the fee schedule and payment instructions provided by the Organizing Committee at the time of registration.

The registration fee covers participation in official Competition activities and services as specified by the Organizing Committee (in Article 7).

The registration fee does not include:

- Airfare or independent travel expenses;
- Accommodation expenses;
- Meals not specifically included in the official event program;
- Personal expenses of any kind.

All fees are non-refundable except where otherwise required by applicable law or expressly approved by the Organizing Committee.

## 10. CODE OF CONDUCT

Throughout the Competition, competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a professional, respectful, and responsible manner, comply with all applicable laws and regulations, and uphold the integrity and reputation of their national team and the Competition.

Competitors shall not:

- Use unauthorized materials, devices, software, or resources;
- Engage in cheating, plagiarism, or any form of academic misconduct;
- Interfere with or negatively affect the participation of other competitors;
- Engage in behavior that disrupts the Competition or damages its reputation.

Violations may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- Warning;
- Score reduction;
- Disqualification from the Competition;
- Removal from the event;
- Suspension from future competitions.

All competitors must comply with the following Code of Conduct throughout the Competition:

1. Competitors must comply with all Competition Rules and Regulations, instructions issued by the Organizing Committee, and applicable local laws.
2. Regardless of age, competitors must remain within designated event or hotel premises unless permission has been granted by their authorized sponsoring partners or representatives.
3. Competitors must comply with all curfews, schedules, and restrictions established by the Organizing Committee.
4. Any competitor found to be in violation of this Code of Conduct may be removed from the Competition and may be required to return home at their own expense.

## 11. SAFETY AND SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Organizing Committee is committed to implementing reasonable measures to support participant safety during official Competition activities directly organized and supervised by the Organizing Committee.

However, each participating partner, institution, or national team is responsible for appointing an appropriate representative, chaperone, or team leader to supervise and ensure the safety and well-being of its competitors throughout the event.

Such responsibility includes, but is not limited to:

- Travel to and from the event;
- Accommodation arrangements;
- Personal activities and conduct outside official Competition activities;
- General supervision and welfare of competitors.

The Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, injury, illness, accident, or other incident occurring outside the scope of official Competition activities under its direct supervision.

Participating partners and representatives are responsible for ensuring that competitors comply with applicable laws, accommodation policies, and safety requirements throughout the duration of the Competition.

## 12. CONFIDENTIALITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All Competition materials, assessments, documents, content, and related information are confidential and proprietary. Competitors and other participants may not copy, record, distribute, disclose, publish, or otherwise reproduce any Competition content without prior written authorization from the Organizing Committee. This confidentiality obligation shall survive the conclusion of the Competition. Any violation may result in disqualification and/or additional actions deemed appropriate by the Organizing Committee.

Competitors retain ownership of the intellectual property rights associated with their original submissions. By participating in the Competition, competitors grant the Organizing Committee,

and their affiliated entities a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to use, reproduce, publish, display, distribute, and otherwise utilize competition submissions and related materials for educational, promotional, marketing, publicity, archival, and competition-related purposes.

## 13. PRIVACY AND PERSONAL DATA

By participating in the Competition, competitors and participants acknowledge and agree that IIG Vietnam and Certiport may collect, process, store, share, and use personal information provided in connection with the Competition.

Such information may include, but is not limited to: Full name; Date of birth; Mailing address; Email address; Telephone number; Organization or institution information; Financial or tax-related information required for prize administration.

Personal information will be processed in accordance with the Privacy Policy of IIG Vietnam (published at: https://iigvietnam.com/privacy-policy-iig/) for purposes including, but not limited to, the administration, organization, and promotion of the Competition, as well as the verification of participants' identities, contact details, and financial information in cases where they are eligible to receive awards..

Competitors and participants acknowledge that personal information may be transferred, processed, or stored outside their country of residence, including in jurisdictions where IIG Vietnam, Certiport, or their respective partners operate. Such jurisdictions may provide a level of personal data protection that differs from that of the participants' country of residence.

Participants may request access to, correction of, or deletion of personal information by contacting the Organizing Committee through official communication channels.

## 14. PRIZE AND TAX RESPONSIBILITIES

All prizes are awarded exclusive of any taxes, duties, fees, or other governmental charges that may apply. Prize-winning competitors are solely responsible for determining, reporting, and paying any taxes or financial obligations arising from the receipt or use of a prize. Prize-winning

compeitors will also be responsible for ensuring acceptance of prize money is permitted by their local laws or other regulations.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to request supporting tax documentation or other information before distributing prizes. Failure to provide required documentation or comply with applicable tax obligations may result in forfeiture of the prize, in which case the Organizing Committee may select an alternate recipient in accordance with the Competition ranking procedures.

**15. INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, competitors agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Organizing Committee, and their affiliates, officers, employees, representatives, sponsors, and partners from and against any claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising from or relating to:

a. Any submission, content, or material provided by the competitor that infringes intellectual property rights or violates the rights, reputation, privacy, or interests of any person or entity;
b. False, misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete information provided by the competitor;
c. Any violation of these Competition Rules and Regulations;
d. Any dispute regarding the competitor's eligibility or participation in the Competition;
e. The acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of any prize.

**16. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES**

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Organizing Committee and its affiliated parties make no representations, warranties, or guarantees of any kind, whether express or implied, in connection with the Competition or the prizes, including but not limited to the organization and operation of the Competition, participation therein, or the use, value, or benefits of the prizes.

## 17. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Organizing Committee and its affiliated parties shall not be liable for any loss, damage, injury, expense, or claim arising from or related to:

- Technical failures, system errors, software malfunctions, or network disruptions that cause lost, delayed, corrupted, incomplete, misdirected, or inaccessible submissions;
- Errors in data collection, processing, storage, transmission, or evaluation;
- Telecommunications failures, internet outages, hardware or software issues;
- System congestion or technical conditions affecting participation;
- Typographical, administrative, technical, or human errors in Competition administration, communications, rankings, or prize distribution.

The Organizing Committee shall also not be responsible for any loss, theft, damage, or misplacement of personal property belonging to competitors or participants who are solely responsible for safeguarding their personal belongings.

## 18. MODIFICATION, SUSPENSION, OR TERMINATION

The Organizing Committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to modify, suspend, postpone, cancel, or terminate the Competition, in whole or in part, at any time. In the event of cancellation or termination, the Organizing Committee may determine whether prizes will be awarded and, if so, the process by which recipients will be selected.

The Organizing Committee may disqualify any competitor who: (i) violates these Rules and Regulations; (ii) interferes with the operation or integrity of the Competition; (iii) provides false or misleading information; (iv) engages in conduct that compromises fairness, transparency, safety, security, or the reputation of the Competition or causes damage to Competition systems, platforms, facilities, or property.

In such circumstances, the Organizing Committee may revoke rankings, withdraw prizes, and select alternate recipients based on Competition results. All decisions of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

## 19. FORCE MAJEURE

The Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for any delay, interruption, modification, suspension, or failure to perform its obligations due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control.

Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to: natural disasters; fire; floods; severe weather events; earthquakes; epidemics or pandemics; acts of terrorism; labor disputes; government actions or restrictions; power outages; Internet or telecommunications disruptions; or other events of a similar nature.

In the event of a force majeure, the Organizing Committee shall notify participants via email within ten (10) working days, specifying the nature of the event and the corresponding remedial measures for the Competition, including but not limited to postponement, cancellation, change of venue, or transition to an online format.

## 20. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

These Rules and Regulations shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. If any provision of these Rules and Regulations is determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Any dispute arising out of or relating to the Competition shall first be addressed through good-faith negotiation and amicable resolution. If a resolution cannot be reached, the dispute shall be submitted to the competent courts of Vietnam. Where permitted by law and mutually agreed upon, disputes may alternatively be resolved through arbitration in Vietnam.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, competitors may exercise their rights to lodge complaints or initiate legal proceedings solely in their individual capacity. This provision is not intended to limit any statutory rights of participants as provided under mandatory provisions of applicable law.

## 21. FINAL PROVISIONS

These Rules and Regulations shall become effective upon publication. By registering for or participating in the Competition, competitors and other participants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to comply with these Rules and Regulations.

In addition to the grounds for disqualification expressly stated herein, the Organizing Committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to remove or exclude any competitor, chaperone, delegate, or attendee whose conduct, behavior, or circumstances may adversely affect the fairness, integrity, safety, security, or administration of the Competition. All decisions of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.

Right to modify Competition elements: IIG Vietnam reserves the unrestricted right, at its sole discretion, to modify any aspect of the Competition, including but not limited to: Competition format; Competition venue; Competition environment and facilities; Event schedule; Food and beverage arrangements; Participant services and support arrangements; Other operational matters necessary for the successful administration of the Competition.