

REGULATIONS

on the Procedure for Holding the International Mathematics Olympiad “Bukhara International Mathematics Olympiad – 2026 (BIMO-2026)” among Students of Higher Educational Institutions

Chapter 1. General Provisions

1. These Regulations define the procedure for organizing and conducting the International Mathematics Olympiad “Bukhara International Mathematics Olympiad – 2026 (BIMO-2026)” (hereinafter referred to as the Olympiad), which is aimed at identifying and demonstrating the intellectual potential of gifted students of higher educational institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan and foreign countries; ensuring their participation in a competitive academic environment at the international level; and establishing organizational and methodological support of the Olympiad, the conditions of participation, and the procedure for determining winners and prize-winners, with the assistance of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Bukhara State University, and other international organizations.

2. The Olympiad is held in order to stimulate the development of the intellectual potential of gifted youth; attract students to the study of fundamental sciences; identify and develop their creative abilities and interest in research activities; expand international cooperation and intercultural relations among students from different countries; and popularize the rich scientific heritage of ancient Bukhara.

3. The direct management of the Olympiad, including the formation of the jury and the appeals commission, the approval of winners and prize-winners, as well as the annual organization and conduct of the International Mathematics Olympiad “Bukhara International Mathematics Olympiad – 2026 (BIMO-2026)” are carried out by the Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Organizing Committee).

4. The dates and venue of the Olympiad are determined by the Organizing Committee.

5. The Organizing Committee is responsible for the organizational and financial support of the Olympiad, including the creation of conditions necessary to achieve its objectives, ensuring fair competition, and organizing cultural and educational events. In organizing and conducting the Olympiad, non-budgetary funds of Bukhara State University, as well as financial and technical support from sponsoring organizations, are used.

6. The Olympiad is conducted only in English. If it required will be conducted in Uzbek and other languages.

Students of all years studying at the bachelor's and master's degree programs may participate in the Olympiad.

7. Students enrolled in bachelor's and master's degree programs in mathematics, computer science, mechanics, and other related fields may participate in the Olympiad.

8. The organization and conduct of the Olympiad are carried out in accordance with the Olympiad Program attached to these Regulations.

Chapter 2. Participants of the Olympiad

9. Under the leadership of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Organizing Committee is responsible for sending official invitations to higher educational institutions, including foreign and domestic ones, to participate in the Olympiad, indicating the venue, conditions, and dates of the Olympiad. An invited higher educational institution may send a team consisting of four students and one team leader (hereinafter referred to as the team) to participate in the Olympiad.

10. A higher educational institution confirms its participation in the Olympiad by registering via the link specified in the official invitation within the established deadlines, as well as by sending information on the team composition to the email address indicated in the invitation letter.

The information sent by email serves as the basis for team registration. Within 20 days, the Organizing Committee provides the higher educational institution with the necessary information, including the procedure for preparing entry documents for entry into the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other related matters.

11. The team leader is responsible for timely registration of the team; where necessary, the preparation of entry documents; correspondence with the Organizing Committee; organization of the team's arrival and departure within the established deadlines; as well as compliance with the Olympiad rules.

12. From among the students of the team, one student is appointed as the team captain and has the right to participate in discussions of the team's results during the appeals procedures of the Olympiad.

13. In the event that violations are identified during the Olympiad (submission of false information about team members, violations of the principles of equal participation, inappropriate behavior, etc.), the Organizing Committee has the right to apply disciplinary measures, including disqualification of the team at any stage of the Olympiad.

14. Team participants may be accompanied by observers (as tourists). Observers may attend the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympiad, as well as in non-competitive events determined by the Organizing Committee.

Chapter 3. Olympiad Jury and Appeal Commission

15. To conduct the competitive part of the Olympiad, the Organizing Committee forms the Olympiad Jury (hereinafter referred to as the Jury) from among well-known scholars in the field of mathematics, appoints a Chairperson and two Deputy Chairpersons, and establishes a working group from among members of the Organizing Committee. The Jury includes foreign and domestic scholars with experience in organising and participating in Olympiads. The Chairperson of the Jury and one of the Deputy Chairpersons must be representatives of foreign countries.

The composition of the commissions is formed in agreement with the Chairperson of the Jury from among team leaders (faculty members) representing domestic and foreign higher educational institutions, who perform organizational functions under the supervision of the Jury.

16. The Jury develops Olympiad tasks, evaluation criteria, and assessment methodology and communicates them to the commission members. Commission members evaluate the encrypted works of participants in accordance with the established criteria and assign scores. Each work is checked by three commission members and evaluated by consensus. Under the supervision of the Chairperson of the Jury, an evaluation protocol is prepared and submitted to the Organizing Committee.

If additional marks or written elements are found on the encrypted answer sheets, the participant's results are not evaluated, and the participant is removed from the Olympiad on the basis of an official report.

In individual rounds, Olympiad tasks consist of five problems; in team rounds, three problems. The tasks are provided in English, Russian, and Uzbek. One day prior to the Olympiad, the Jury prepares the tasks, translates them into the three languages, produces one copy in each language for each participant, places them in envelopes, seals them, and hands them over to the head of the working group.

17. During the preparation of the Olympiad tasks, the Organizing Committee provides the Jury members with a separate room and the necessary conditions for work, meals, and rest. Communication with Jury members is carried out exclusively through communication means provided by the Organizing Committee.

18. The Chairperson of the Jury is entitled to material remuneration. The amount of remuneration is determined by the Organizing Committee and included in the Olympiad expense estimate.

19. In order to ensure the rights of participants and teams, an Appeals Commission is established. It accepts and considers appeals submitted by the team captain, resolves disputed issues, and protects the rights and legitimate interests of participants. The composition of the Appeals Commission is formed by the Organizing Committee and includes at least three reputable specialists from among the Jury members. Appeals are considered only in relation to the results of the individual round and are reviewed within the time limits set by the Chairperson of the Jury. In team rounds, scores are announced immediately upon completion, and objections are considered on site by the relevant commission.

Chapter 4. Financing of the Olympiad

20. Expenses related to the organization and conduct of the Olympiad (accommodation and meals for teams and Jury members, the awarding of winners, and other related expenses) are covered by the non-budgetary funds of Bukhara State University.

By agreement with the Organizing Committee, teams may be met at Bukhara International Airports and transferred to and from the Olympiad venue.

21. Travel expenses to and from the Olympiad venue (air travel) are covered by the sending organization.

22. The Organizing Committee may accommodate certain requests of teams regarding changes in accommodation and meal arrangements; however, it does not guarantee coverage of expenses related to such changes.

Chapter 5. Procedure for Conducting the Olympiad

23. The Olympiad is conducted in the form of individual and team competitions. The competitive part of the Olympiad lasts 4 hours in a single day. Observers and team consultants are appointed to monitor the participants' work.

24. After all participants are seated, team leaders check the integrity of the container holding the tasks. In the presence of a representative of the Organizing Committee, the container is opened, and the tasks in envelopes are distributed to participants. Any questions arising during this process are addressed through the Organizing Committee.

25. Each participant completes the tasks independently. Solutions are written on 10 A4 sheets provided by the Organizing Committee. Each task is to be written on one side of a sheet only and signed by the participant.

26. Participants are provided with pens and pencils. During the task completion process, drinking water, meals, and, if necessary, medical assistance are provided.

27. If a participant needs to leave the room, they must submit their materials to the head of the working group until their return. In case of a violation of order, the head of the working group has the right to remove the participant from the room and prepare an official report.

28. After the allotted time expires, solution sheets are collected by members of the working group, placed in a special container, signed by the heads of the observer groups, and delivered to the Chairperson of the Jury.

29. The Chairperson of the Jury opens the container in the presence of all Jury members. The works are then distributed among the commission members and evaluated in accordance with the established procedures under the supervision of the Jury.

30. The evaluation criteria, methodology, and scoring scale for each problem are provided by the Chairperson of the Jury. The general scoring scale is as follows:

- Complete and correct solution — 10 points;
- Solution with minor errors — 7 points;
- Partial solution — 4 points;
- Presence of a logical attempt — 1 point;
- No solution — 0 points.

31. The assessment results are communicated to the team leaders.

32. In the event of objections to the evaluation results, the Appeals Commission conducts an additional review and submits its conclusion to the Jury.

33. The final decision is made by a vote of the Jury. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Chairperson of the Jury is decisive.

34. The winners of the Olympiad are awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals and diplomas in the ratio of 1:2:3.

35. The award ceremony is held ceremoniously as part of the closing ceremony of the Olympiad.

36. Each participant and team leader receives a certificate confirming participation in the Olympiad.