



INTERNATIONAL YOUNG PHYSICISTS' TOURNAMENT

Rämistrasse 54, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland



Informal IOC Meeting Report

Date: 21st of February 2025, 8:00 – 10:00 UTC

Format: Online via the CC system

Participating countries: Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Greece, China, Chinese Taipei, India, Iran, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom

The informal IOC meeting was held to discuss proposed changes to the IYPT regulations and potential adjustments to the tournament structure.

1. Discussion on Regulation Changes

Three proposed amendments to the IYPT regulations were presented by Martin Plesch:

1. changing the number of silver medals awarded,
2. changing the number of honourable mentions awarded,
3. removing the possibility of a fourth team participating in the final.

Poll Results:

- **Proposal 1 (Silver Medals Adjustment)**
 - Agree: **91%**
 - Disagree: **0%**
 - Abstain: **9%**
 - Due to strong support, an email vote will be organized for formal approval.
- **Proposal 2 (Honourable Mentions Adjustment)**
 - Agree: **91%**
 - Disagree: **0%**
 - Abstain: **9%**
 - Due to strong support, an email vote will be organized for formal approval.
- **Proposal 3 (Removing Fourth Team in the Final)**
 - Agree: **52%**
 - Disagree: **26%**
 - Abstain: **22%**
 - The result was inconclusive, and the EC will decide whether to proceed with further voting.

2. Proposed Major Rule Change – Team Matchups

Giorgi Khomeriki presented an idea to modify how teams are matched in Physics Fights, aiming to ensure fairer matchups and a better experience for new teams. Three options were outlined:

1. **Two Divisions (Tier 1 & Tier 2):** Teams would be split into two tiers, with promotion and relegation between them each year.
2. **Power Pairing:** Teams would be grouped into three initial divisions based on previous results, adjusting dynamically after each round.



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3. **Power Pairing in Round 5 Only:** Teams would compete against similarly ranked teams based on standings after Round 4.

Poll Results:

- **Should past results be considered in the drawing of lots?**
 - Yes: **18%**
 - No: **77%**
 - Abstain: **5%**
 - Most attendees opposed using past results in matchups.
- **Should team matchups be dynamic?**
 - Yes: **55%**
 - No: **27%**
 - Abstain: **18%**
 - A majority supported dynamic team matchups.
- **Should randomness be included in the drawing process?**
 - Yes: **57%**
 - No: **22%**
 - Abstain: **22%**
 - There was moderate support for some level of randomness.
- **The preferred format for future tournaments:**
 - Two Divisions: **0%**
 - Power Pairing in All Rounds: **39%**
 - Either Option A or B: **22%**
 - Keep the Current Format: **39%**
 - The idea of two divisions had no support, while power pairing received mixed reactions. Further discussion is needed before any formal proposal.

3. Other Topics Discussed

- **IYPT 2026 Hosting:** More details should be available by the end of March.
- **AI Usage in the Tournament:** Concerns were raised about using AI-generated content in the team's presentations. The Jury Committee will be consulted on how to address this issue.
- **Bank Account Update:** The IYPT bank account has changed, new bank details are available on the website.

Next Steps

- Email voting will be arranged for Proposals 1 and 2.
- The EC will decide whether to proceed with further voting on Proposal 3.
- Further discussions on team matchups will take place at the IOC meeting in Sweden.
- Measures will be explored to address AI-generated content in the tournament.