

International Academic Competitions

Official IAC Policies Regarding Foreign Student Participation in IAC Events in the USA and Participation of USA Students in IAC Events Abroad

Effective January 5, 2024:

1. Students who attend school or who are homeschooled in the USA may not compete in International Academic Competitions events outside the USA, with the exception of world championship level events (e.g. International History Olympiad, International Geography Championships, International Environmental Science Olympiad).
2. Students in the USA who move abroad over the course of the academic year may only compete then in the regional division that applies to where they have moved once they have started schooling (at schools or by homeschooling). If a student has not started schooling yet, they can still compete in the USA division up until that point.
3. Students in Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa may compete in both International Academic Competitions Asian Division events and International Academic Competitions USA Division events. However, any student or school wishing to do this during the same academic year must receive permission from IAC to compete in both geographic divisions as the same questions may be used in both divisions, and IAC staff will need to advise so that students do not play the same questions twice.
4. Students in Canada (including citizens of the USA who attend school / homeschooling in Canada) may compete together with students in the USA in any online event that is specifically listed as being open to Canadian students, whether on that tournament's website, or if it is stated in the name of the competition itself (e.g. "Online Geography Bee of the USA, Latin America, and Canada). Students in Canada (including citizens of the USA who attend school / homeschooling in Canada) may not otherwise compete in online events of the USA Division of International Academic Competitions or in-person IAC events in the USA.
5. Students in Latin America and the Caribbean (including Bermuda, Barbados, Turks and Caicos, and the Bahamas) may compete in all online and in-person events organized by the USA Division of International Academic Competitions.
6. Students who have citizenship of the USA who are in school or homeschooling in any part of the world outside the USA, as well as any school outside the USA that is considered an "American School" must compete in the geographic division of International Academic Competitions to which their location corresponds. Unless otherwise provided for in the above policies, these students may not compete in events organized by the USA Division of International Academic Competitions.
7. For further questions or to obtain a ruling on any ambiguous cases, please contact info@iacompetitions.com