



FAQ about the Rules of IChTo-2017

What should I do to participate in the Tournament?

First of all, you should register at the <http://ichto.org/en/registration/>. Next thing you should do is to start solving the Problem set (you may find it on the site). There could be additional selection in case of too many registrations.

What should I do on the tournament?

Be brave and defend your solutions. Your team will be switching its roles from Reporter to Opponent and Reviewer.

How should I present my solution as a Reporter?

Basically you should make a presentation (Power Point or so) and make a report on your results. Any real experiments are welcome in case they aren't violating safety rules.

Will I choose problems to defend?

No, except the case of final stage. You will be challenged by the other teams. See the Part 3 of the Rules. When your role switches to reporter, some other team will get the opponent role. They will choose the problem for you to defend. But after this round you become an opponent and it will be your turn to challenge somebody on the problem.

Should I solve all problems from the set? Some of them look terribly difficult.

No. As mentioned in the Rules, Part 3 p. 6, you may decline challenge from the opponent and ask team to choose another problem. You may decline the challenge three times without a penalty (p. 6.4).

May I be challenged once again for declined problem?

It depends on the type of decline. You may choose "tactical refusal" or "strategic refusal". You may be challenged with a Problem A on the second stage if you used "tactical refuse" on Problem A in first stage. But "strategic refuse" is eternal — nobody will be able to challenge you with refused problem during the Tournament. But you can use strategic refuse only once per stage!

What is the role of the Opponent?

Firstly, you are the one who choose Problem to be presented by Reporter. After his (or her report) a member of your team should prepare and say a monologue mentioning weak and strong points of the solution. Please, be polite. Next you will have a discussion with a Reporter. He (or her) will try to defend solution from your questions. Then you may be asked to answer a couple of questions from Jury.

What is the role of the Reviewer?

You have the last word. A person from your team should prepare a short monologue which conclude and evaluate the actions of Reporter and Opponent. It is better to end it up with something like "I think



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the Reporter had done his work well and deserve a good mark (or the problem hadn't been solved and the evaluation is bad)" and the same about Opponent.

What criteria will Jury use to evaluate us?

See the Rules Part 4 p. 4. And give some attention to pp. 1, 5, 7-9. It is quite challenging but give yourself a try. We have progressive scale of marks to deal with subjectivity and it worked well for the last four years. Trust us 😊

Is it all I need to know?

Probably, nope. We highly recommend to read the Rules properly. Ask any questions you may have.

Good luck!