

MAIN TEAM ORGANISATION, STEM & CODING OLYMPIAD GRAND FINALS GROUP APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (02-08 JULY 2026 / ROME - ITALY)

This agreement must be digitally approved by the group supervisors via the provided link. **Moreover, signing this agreement and returning it by email is not required.**

The following conditions set out the terms of this agreement between the Supervisor (on behalf of students, parents and teachers) and Main Team Organisation GmbH.

Students, parents and supervisors intending to take part in the Grand Final program acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this agreement.

1) BASIC CONDITIONS

- The Grand Final program is organized by Main Team Organisation GmbH, hereinafter referred to as "MTO" in this agreement.
- The parties to this agreement are Supervisors (on behalf of students and parents) and MTO.
- This is a fee-based program.
- The official language of communication and exams of the Grand Final program is English.

2) APPLICATION CONDITIONS

- The Grand Final is open to all students in grades 3 to 11, with no age-related restrictions.
- Students in grades 3 can only participate in the Grand Final with an accompanying adult (parent, relative or teacher) as part of a group.
- Students in grades 4 to 11 can participate with their supervisors (teachers).
- Only supervisors are authorized to submit group applications on behalf of students, parents and guardians.
- A supervisor must be accompanied by a minimum of 8 participants (students and parents) to take part in the program. Students in grades 3 must be accompanied by one adult; in this case, the student and accompanying adult are counted as two individuals toward the 8-person minimum. If additional spots are required for students, parent participation may be limited.
- If a supervisor participates in the program with fewer than 8 participants, the full participation fee for the supervisor must be paid.
- A supervisor may participate in the program with a group of 8-15 participants. If the group consists of 16 or more participants, a second supervisor must be added to the group.
- Students who have participated in the online exams of the same Olympiad are eligible to apply for its Grand Final.
- Students who have taken the online MTO exams are not required to hold a specific achievement level to participate in the Grand Final.
- Students who were unable to attend the previous MTO online exams are required to take the **paid Placement Test** a certain time before the Grand Final in order to participate in the Grand Final. The outcome of the Placement Test will not revoke or otherwise affect eligibility for participation in the Grand Final.

3) VISA APPLICATION CONDITIONS

- Participants from countries that require a visa must comply with the Official Visa Application Conditions.
- Visa applications must be submitted to the consulates or official/authorized visa application centers of the country in which the Grand Final program is taking place.
- Supervisors will receive an email containing the required supporting documents for the visa application process (including an information letter, invitation letter, daily schedule, hotel reservations, etc.).
- Applicants are responsible for submitting any additional documents requested by the relevant consulate. While consulates evaluate these documents, the visa decision primarily depends on the documents or consulate interview.
- Some consulates may request an original invitation letter. In such cases, the group will be charged a postage fee of 150 €/\$.

- f. Consulates may request a parental consent letter for students attending the Grand Final with accompanying supervisors. When handling this document, supervisors should take into account that some parents may be separated or reside abroad. In addition consulate may require that both parents be present at the visa appointment at the same time, or that a legally authorized guardian with a notarized letter of consent be present on the visa appointment date.
- Students and their accompanying supervisors are responsible for obtaining visas, travel health insurance and covering all related processing fees.
- Supervisors are responsible for coordinating and overseeing all visa and consulate arrangements for their groups.

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4) SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE

- a. Upon arrival at the airport, the MTO team will meet the groups and arrange their transfer to the hotels. For transfer service, arrivals and departures are recommended between 05:00 - 17:00 (5:00 AM - 5:00 PM).
- b. Transfers will be arranged according to the nearest scheduled group transfer times and are not provided as individual services. Therefore, waiting times may occur.
- c. Reservations are made at 3 or 4-star hotels.
- d. The participation fee includes breakfast only; lunch and dinner are not included.
- e. MTO will arrange hotel accommodations for the duration of the Grand Final.
- f. Accommodation assignments at the hotels will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, taking into account the number of group members, type of the rooms and availability. The hotel sequence is determined based on their booking conditions. Average reservation costs for hotels are the same and do not affect the Grand Final participation fee.
- g. Accommodation details organized by MTO are provided at the end of this agreement.
- h. MTO will provide transfer services for the activities listed in the program. Transfers will be by private coach or public transportation, including buses, trams, metro and trains. Full details are provided at the end of this agreement.
- i. MTO will provide tickets for the paid activities included in the Grand Final program.
- j. Each participant will receive T-shirts to wear during the program. Wearing these T-shirts is mandatory for all participants throughout the program.
- k. City and hotel taxes are included in the participation fee.

5) CATEGORIES, CHALLENGES AND EXAM CONDITIONS

Information about all categories, challenges and exam conditions that students can participate in during the Grand Final is available at the following link: https://stemolympiad.org/grand_final/

6) ACCOMMODATION

- a. Accommodation during the Grand Final program will be in 3 or 4-star hotels.
- b. Hotel check-in starts after 17:00 (5 PM). Groups arriving early may wait at the hotel if there is enough space; otherwise, they may need to wait at the airport.
- c. Students will be accommodated in twin, double or where available, triple rooms. In triple rooms, the third bed may be a sofa or an extra bed, which may differ in comfort from the other two beds.
- d. Students in a group will be accommodated on the same floor (subject to availability) according to their gender, first with other students from their group, then with students from their home country. As a last option, they may share a room with a student from a different country. Students who wish to stay in a single room must pay an additional fee for the program period, subject to availability. Details are provided at the end of this agreement.
- e. Housekeeping in some hotels may not be provided daily during long-term stays, unless requested by the guest.
- f. Participants are required to fully comply with hotel rules and policies. If the fire alarm or automated emergency systems are triggered due to smoking, a matchstick fire, bath steam or other causes, a penalty fee of 1.500 €/€/\$ to 3.000 €/€/\$ will be charged for the services of police, medical teams and the fire brigade. These alarm systems are activated automatically and the room or corridor where the alarm was triggered can be easily identified. In such cases, the responsible individuals or groups will be liable for the fine.
- g. If a participant is asked to leave their room at the hotel because of inappropriate behavior, MTO will not arrange alternative accommodation and the participant will need to make their own lodging.
- h. Hotels have different room types depending on their own operating systems and building structures. There may be differences in size or certain technical details among these rooms. These differences do not affect the organization's pricing. Additionally, participants do not have the right to choose their rooms.
- i. Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that all participants' rooms are kept in an orderly and undamaged condition. Supervisors must inspect the rooms the evening before check-out and on the morning of check-out. Any damage caused to the hotel by a participant must be paid for by the student or the supervisor prior to departure.
- j. If any damage or loss is detected by the hotel after check-out, it will be reported to MTO within 3 days. The amount requested by the hotel based on this report will be charged to the group supervisor and the participants who stayed in the damaged room.

7) TERMS OF PARTICIPATION, CANCELLATION AND REFUND

- a. If a student or group cancels their participation for any reason after paying the deposit, the amount paid will not be refunded.
- b. If a student or group cancels their participation for any reason after paying the balance, the amount paid will not be refunded.
- c. If a student or group cancels their participation for any reason in the optional tour program after paying the participation fee, the amount paid will not be refunded.

- d. If a student or group who has been issued a visa decides not to participate for any reason, they will forfeit their deposit and may not transfer their participation rights to another student.
- e. The deposit amount paid will not be refunded if a visa cannot be obtained or if the visa application is rejected by the consulate. Visa rejections are based on the individual documents provided by students, parents or teachers and are evaluated solely by the consulate.
- f. If a student's visa is refused, the supervisor can add a new student instead. In this case, the paid deposit will be transferred to the new student.
- g. If the government where the Grand Final is taking place closes its borders to all countries due to any unforeseen reasons, 50% of the total amount paid will be refunded.
- h. If the government where the Grand Final is taking place closes entries from specific countries due to unforeseen reasons (high-risk regions), participants from these countries will receive a refund of 25% of the total paid amount.
- i. Name changes are not allowed for registrations made with the Early Bird fee once payment has been completed.
- j. Supervisor names can be changed at any time before the invitation process begins.

8) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUPERVISORS

- a. This agreement appoints the supervisor as the only authorized and responsible person on behalf of the student group.
- b. The supervisor is responsible for informing and explaining the terms of this agreement to the parents and students. Supervisors are advised to obtain a signed consent from the parents.
- c. Once the participation of students in a group has been confirmed, the supervisor ensures that the deposit fee is collected and paid. This payment can be made by credit card or through a bank transfer. For online payments via the provided link, a 4% transaction fee will be added to the main price. MTO will provide the necessary information along with the invoice.
- d. Before paying the deposit fees, the supervisor is advised to check with the consulate or an official/authorized visa center regarding appointment availability.
- e. The supervisor is required to coordinate the collection of documents requested by the consulate as well as flight reservations.
- f. Flight ticket dates must correspond with the program schedule. If no flights are available from any country on the specified dates, MTO must be contacted before issuing invitations.
- g. Flight tickets should be finalized once the visa results have been confirmed.
- h. The supervisor is responsible for the due payment.
- i. The supervisor must share the most up-to-date information about the Grand Final with the students and if necessary, with the parents.
- j. The supervisor must complete all the necessary preparations before the flight.
- k. The supervisor must ensure group members behave appropriately and are punctual during the program, including adherence to boarding times, meal times, bus departures and scheduled activities.
- l. During the Grand Final program, the supervisor must ensure that students are in harmony within their group as well as with all other participants.
- m. The supervisor is responsible for all material and moral damages caused by students at the hotel, public or private transportation, at science centers, museums and the exam venue.
- n. The supervisor is responsible for remaining with their students at all times, including overseeing breaks and accompanying them between their accommodation and the program venue as needed.
- o. We strongly advise supervisors to collect a refundable security deposit of 250 €//\$ from each student before the flight. We recommend returning the received security deposits no earlier than 3 weeks after you have returned to your country.
- p. If a participant who has made a payment within the group files a dispute for any credit card payment at any time, the supervisor or the remaining members of the group shall be responsible for covering the full refunded amount, including any dispute-related fees.
- q. Supervisors or parents are strictly prohibited from collecting contact information from MTO Grand Final participants, including students, parents or other supervisors, for the purpose of promoting, advertising or disseminating activities unrelated to the MTO Olympiads, both during their stay and after the program.

9) ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

- a. All correspondence must be conducted via email.
- b. Flight days must correspond to the program schedule. MTO will not be able to provide additional accommodations or transportation for early arrivals or late departures.
- c. If the group arrives late for any reason, no refunds or additional activity arrangements will be provided for the missed days. Upon arrival, the group must transfer to the hotel on their own and resume the current part of the program.
- d. All participants must comply with the schedule stated in the program. Late groups or participants must arrange their own transportation to the relevant part of the program.

- e. The breakfast concept, including its menu and the designated breakfast area for olympiad groups, may differ from the hotel's regular breakfast service and may vary depending on the hotel's capacity and the size of the participating group. Furthermore, breakfast culture differs from country to country.
- f. Lunches and dinners are not included in the program fee. The average cost is 30-40 €//\$ per meal.
- g. If planned outdoor activities (such as amusement parks, outdoor programs or free time) cannot take place due to weather conditions, alternative indoor arrangements will be sought where possible. However, paid activities such as amusement parks cannot be canceled, are non-refundable and cannot be replaced with alternative paid programs.
- h. Complaints, if any, must be raised promptly, either at the time of the issue or by the following day, to allow for timely resolution.
- i. MTO may take photos and videos during the program, which may be used for publicity and promotional purposes on social media, YouTube and the official websites.
- j. MTO bears no liability for any loss, damage, illness or injury, except where required by law.
- k. After arriving at the Grand Final, all participants must depart before their visa expires. Participants who overstay may be subject to fines, imprisonment or bans from entering the host country. MTO reserves the right to take appropriate legal action if participants fail to return to their home countries, in accordance with applicable laws.
- l. Supervisors are responsible for arranging their own SIM cards (physical or eSIM) and internet services during the Grand Final, including international roaming or prepaid options. MTO will not provide support or services in this regard.
- m. MTO will cover the costs of local transfers, accommodation, meals and program ticket expenses for a supervisor accompanying each group of 8 participants during the Grand Final program. However, visa, insurance and flight tickets are not included. This offer does not apply to paid supervisors. The Grand Final committee recommends that parents of the participating students cover the remaining expenses (visa, insurance and flight tickets) for the supervisors responsible for the students during the program.
- n. To avoid confusion on stage during the Award Ceremony and to ensure that each country's flag is visible, the flags to be used may be no larger than 50 × 70 cm. Larger flag sizes will definitely not be allowed on the stage.

10) GRAND FINAL ROME PARTICIPATION FEES & PAYMENTS

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| | Regular Registration Fee between 22 February - 31 March 2026 |
| | 2.300 € (per person) |
| Deposit Payment | 800 € (per person) (within 5 days after contract approval) |
| Remaining Payment | 1.500 € (per person) until 8 May 2026 |

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- > A 4% transaction fee will be applied to all credit card payments.
- > A total of 950 € is required to upgrade from a twin/triple room to a single room for a 6-night stay.

Payment Terms & Conditions:

- Once the contract is approved, all participants registered in a group must complete their deposit payments within **five (5) business days**.
- Payment of the deposits **guarantees the reservation**. If the deposits are not paid within the specified period, the group **may be transferred to the waiting list**.
- Newly registered participants are also required to complete their deposit payments within **five (5) business days from their registration date**.
- Participants who fail to complete their deposit payments within the given timeframe **may be removed entirely from the participant list**.
- The registration fee (deposit payment) **is non-refundable**.
- All payments, once made, **are non-refundable**.
- If a participant cancels their participation or if their visa application is rejected, the paid amount **will not be refunded**.

11) GRAND FINAL ROME DAILY PROGRAM

DAY 1 - 2 July 2026 / Thursday

Welcome at Rome Airport
(FCO, Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport)
Transfer to Hotels
Hotel Check-in (after 16:00)
Registration for STEM & Coding Olympiads
Welcome Meetings

DAY 2 - 3 July 2026 / Friday

Breakfast at Hotels
Coding Olympiad Competitions
> Session 1: Arena Battles by CodeCombat
> Session 2: Challenges by Codementum
> Session 3: AI Prompt Lab Challenge
> Robotix Challenge
STEM Olympiad Challenges - 1
> Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Challenge
> Puzzle Challenge
Transfers to Rome city center via EUR Palasport (Metro S.)
(for non-competing groups)

DAY 3 - 4 July 2026 / Saturday

Breakfast at Hotels
STEM Olympiad Paper-Based Exams
(Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma)
Transfers to Rome city center via EUR Palasport (Metro S.)
Free Time in Rome (at your leisure)
Transfer to Hotels from EUR Palasport (Metro S.)

DAY 4 - 5 July 2026 / Sunday

Breakfast at Hotels
STEM Olympiad Challenges - 2
> STEM Maker Challenge
Transfers to Rome city center via EUR Palasport (Metro S.)
Free Time in Rome (at your leisure)
Transfer to Hotels from EUR Palasport (Metro S.)

DAY 5 - 6 July 2026 / Monday

Breakfast at Hotels
Transfer to Amusement Park
Cinecittà World (Full-Day Fun)
Transfer to Hotels

DAY 6 - 7 July 2026 / Tuesday

Breakfast at Hotel
Transfers to Rome city center via EUR Palasport (Metro S.)
Recommended sightseeing area for today:
St. Peter's Square & Basilica, Vatican
Award Ceremony at Auditorium Conciliazione
(next to St. Peter's Square)
Coding & STEM Olympiad Award Ceremonies (5 hours)
Transfer to Hotels from EUR Palasport (Metro S.)

DAY 7 - 8 July 2026 / Wednesday

Breakfast at Hotels
Depending on Flight Times
> Transfer to Airport (FCO)

a. What is included in the price?

- STEM Grand Final registration fee
- All transfers during the program (private shuttle bus and tickets for public transport)
- 6-night accommodation at 4-star hotels
- Breakfasts at hotels
- Exams and Challenges
- Cinecittà World (Fun Park ticket)
- Medals and Certificates
- T-shirt, Lanyard, Badge
- City tax for the hotels
- Awards for winners

b. What is not included in the price?

- Schengen visa fee
- Insurance
- Flight tickets
- Lunches and dinners
- Personal expenses

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12) STEM OLYMPIAD & CODING OLYMPIAD GRAND FINAL DATES, SERVICES & LOCATIONS

- a. Grand Final Dates: 2 – 8 July 2026 (7 Days – 6 Nights)
- b. Grand Final City: Rome (Italy)
- c. Accommodation:
 - Hotel Cristoforo Colombo: Via Cristoforo Colombo, 710, 00144 Roma RM, Italy
 - Hotel Shangri-La: Viale Algeria, 141, 00144 Roma RM, Italy
- d. Event Locations:
 - Arrival/Departure Airport: Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport (FCO)
 - Welcome Meetings & Registration Venue: Centro Congressi (Hotel Cristoforo Colombo)
 - Coding Olympiad Sessions Venue: Omnia Convention Center (Hotel Shangri-La)
 - STEM Challenges: Centro Congressi (Hotel Cristoforo Colombo)
 - STEM Paper-Based Exams: Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma
 - Award Ceremony: Auditorium Conciliazione
- e. Transfer Services:
 - Airport - Hotel - Airport: Round-trip transfers by bus
 - Hotels - Cinecittà World - Hotels: Transfers by bus
 - Hotels - University - Hotels: Transfers by bus
 - Hotels - Rome City Center - Hotels: **Transfers by metro (EUR Palasport Metro Station)**
 - Shuttle Service: **Private shuttle buses between the Hotels and EUR Palasport Metro Station**
 - Hotels – Award Ceremony Venue (Rome Center) – Hotels: **Transfers by metro (EUR Palasport Metro Station)**

13) PARTICIPATION MODEL CHANGES

Individual or group participants cannot switch to the Flexy Participants model, even if they have not paid the deposit. However, participants who registered as Flexy Participants can change their packages to individual or group participation if there is available quota.

14) FORCE MAJEURE CIRCUMSTANCES

- a. MTO shall not be liable for failing to perform its obligations under this Application and Participation Agreement insofar as such performance is hindered or prevented by war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, actual or threatened terrorist activity, any significant risk to human health such as an outbreak of serious disease at the destination, epidemic, pandemic, chemical or biological disaster, flood, drought, earthquake, any law, guidance, or advisory issue, or any other action taken by a government (local or national), industrial dispute, cyber-attack, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, fire, or any similar cause or the failure of a third-party supplier, provided that such cause is beyond the reasonable control of MTO.
- b. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of the host country and both parties agree that the courts of the host country shall have exclusive jurisdiction.
- c. This agreement is considered approved only after the completion and submission of the Group Approval Form via the link sent separately by email. After MTO receives the agreement confirmation, the participant will be asked to make a deposit payment.
- d. This agreement has a total of 14 sections and 96 articles.

PARTIES: This agreement must be digitally approved by the group supervisors via the provided link. Moreover, signing this agreement and returning it by email is not required.

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Title : General Manager
Date : 23.02.2026
Place : Oberursel, Germany



Teacher on behalf of the group:

*There is no need to sign and return it by email.
Completion of the online form will be considered as approval of the agreement.*