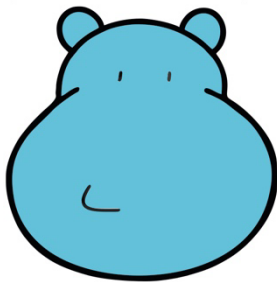


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REGULATIONS

INTRODUCTION

GLOBAL HIPPO ASSOCIATION is organising 12th International English Language Olympiad (hereinafter the Olympiad). The Olympiad is open to students 6 – 19 years old from the whole world. Students wishing to participate will take tests in one of the Olympiad approved venues (state schools and schools that are part of the formal education system, as well as private schools, and venues arranged by country coordinators).

HIPPO AND ITS AIMS

The Olympiad is an international event which promotes English language, challenges students around the globe to compete in English language knowledge and motivates the teachers to cooperate. The Olympiad encourages the development of a shared sense of identity and integration, serves as a role model for young people living together as one community. The main goal is to create and nourish friendly relations, international understanding and a spirit of healthy competition between young people interested in English language from all around the world.

Apart from that, by participating in such an Olympiad, students get a chance to measure their level of English against international standards and get used to the concept of examination. Schools will more easily understand the level of English of their pupils and challenge them to learn more.

OLYMPIAD REGULATIONS

1. ROUNDS, DATES & VENUES

The Olympiad is run in four stages: Preliminary Round, National Finals, Qualifiers (Regional Qualifiers see 3. Regional Qualifiers) and World Finals. Candidates who do not qualify for either the Qualifiers or World Finals will be given a chance to participate in Play-Off Qualifiers (See 4. Play-Off Qualifiers).

The first two rounds will be held on different dates in different countries. Each country coordinator needs to choose the most suitable dates for their country, taking into account the school calendar and national holidays and communicate the dates to the interested participants. The three possible sets of dates are as follows.

OPTION 1

PRELIMINARY ROUND 6-7 March 2024

NATIONAL FINALS 6-7 May 2024

OPTION 2 the only option available for European countries

PRELIMINARY ROUND 15-16 March 2024

NATIONAL FINALS 19-20 April 2024

OPTION 3

PRELIMINARY ROUND 15-16 April 2024

NATIONAL FINALS 13-14 May 2024

Students and schools need to contact their country coordinator for the dates in their country.

Every school, independent of the type and country, can participate in the Olympiad. Schools that wish to enrol a group of candidates are required to host the preliminary round of the Olympiad, even in the countries that accept individual enrolments.

Schools that wish to participate in the Olympiad need to apply through the country coordinator. If there is no country coordinator in the country, the school needs contact Global Hippo Association directly (venue@hippo-olympiad.org) for venue approval.

The National Final round will be held on one of the aforementioned dates. The network of final venues will be based on the location of the finalists.

The World Finals will be held in Assisi, Italy, in September 2024. 180 finalists (plus wildcards, for details please see 10. Marking and Ranking) as well as a school representative (chosen by the school), e.g., the student's teacher, will be invited to the final round of the Olympiad.

Global Hippo Association keep the right to increase the number of finalists if the number of applicants exceeds 83,295, in accordance with the Olympiad regulations.

2. CANDIDATE REGISTRATION AND FEES

Each participating school needs to appoint one of their staff as the Olympiad school coordinator and contact person (the details need to be provided in the Venue Approval Form). This person will be in charge of student enrolments and will need to ensure that all the Olympiad examination regulations are followed.

HIPPO 2024 Online Enrolments. Upon venue approval, each school will receive login details for the Hippo Online Platform (<http://soa.hippo-olympiad.org/>) where they need to register the candidates by entering the required details. The registration deadline varies from one country to another and will be published per country on the Registration page of the Hippo Olympiad website. After the enrolment deadline, no further amendments can be made. The system will automatically assign candidate numbers to applicants. The lists of candidates will remain available for printing the Preliminary Round attendance lists.

School coordinators are required to print the attendance registers for the preliminary round of the Olympiad. They are also kindly requested to double check the accuracy of candidate details. Candidate entries can only be made in Latin letters (A - Z, no language specific letters).

No candidate can be registered without the DOB and grade. School coordinators need to have the data ready before they start registering the candidates.

Some of the participating countries accept individual candidates. To find out whether your country accepts individual candidates, please contact the local coordinator. In the countries where individual candidates are accepted, they will be assigned to the nearest approved venue.

No venue approval forms or enrolments will be accepted after the deadline. For detailed information about deadlines, schools need to contact the country coordinator. For group enrolments, payment instructions will be sent by email upon the receipt of the application. For Olympiad fees, please contact the country coordinator. The list of participating countries and coordinators, as well as some country specific details, are available on the Registrations page of the Hippo Olympiad website.

N.B. Children, family or relatives of organisers, coordinators or anyone involved in the Olympiad organisation cannot compete in the Olympiad.

3. REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

The Olympiad participants will be divided into Olympiad regions (hereinafter regions) for the purpose of organising regional qualifiers. Based on the number and location of the participants in previous Hippo years, the pre-set regions have been established.

Pre-set regions are as follows:

1. Mediterranean Europe
2. Continental Europe
3. Middle East
4. Central Asia
5. Indian Subcontinent
6. Maritime Southeast Asia
7. Far East
8. Africa
9. Central & South America

The 2024 Qualifiers will be held in:

1. Venice, Italy for Mediterranean and Continental Europe
2. Istanbul, Turkey for Central Asia, Middle East and Africa
3. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for Indian Subcontinent & Maritime Southeast Asia
4. Macau or Hong Kong for the Far East
5. Central & South America location to be announced

Where the number of enrolments in a specific region reaches 5,000 students in the 2024 edition, with a minimum of 500 candidates per Hippo Category, Qualifiers will be organised.

Students with the best ranking among those not qualified for the World Finals will be admitted to the Qualifiers. The number of students admitted to the Qualifiers per category and country will be proportional to the number of preliminary round participants in each category per country.

Regional Qualifiers will be held in person. Online examinations will not be available and no exemptions will be made. If a student does not confirm their participation within 5 working days of the invitation to the Regional Qualifiers, the next student in the ranking list from the same country will be invited. The minimum percentage of achievement for a student to be invited to the Qualifiers will be 70% of the first ranked student points.

Students invited to the Regional Qualifiers **will be requested to pay a participation fee ranging from €60 to €100**, depending on the location. The participation fee will cover the costs of insurance, merchandising (given to the participants upon arrival), participation in the organised activities and examination materials. Where applicable, a package including accommodation and participation fee will be proposed to the participants through an exclusive service provider. **Students and accompanying teachers or parents will need to cover the costs of travel and accommodation. Travel arrangements will need to be made by the participants themselves, while Hippo will propose accommodation options.**

Students and one accompanying teacher or parent are expected to arrive at the venue one day before the examination date. The examinations will take place on the morning after while the proclamation of winners will take place in the evening.

Winners of each HIPPO category and for any of the Region will proceed to the World Finals.

4. PLAY-OFF QUALIFIERS

The Global HIPPO Association will organise PLAY_OFF QUALIFIERS in order to give additional participants the opportunity to reach HIPPO 2024 World Finals by offering an intensive five-day HIPPO English Language preparation course followed by a HIPPO Test to be taken on day 6.

PLAY-OFF QUALIFIERS are open to Hippo 2, Hippo 3, Hippo 4 and Hippo 5 students of both regular and special categories.

Participants will be divided into Olympiad regions (hereinafter regions) for the purpose of organising Play-Off Qualifiers. The same pre-set regions as for the Regional Qualifiers have been established.

Pre-set regions are as follows:

1. Mediterranean Europe
2. Continental Europe
3. Middle East
4. Central Asia
5. Indian Subcontinent
6. Maritime Southeast Asia
7. Far East
8. Africa
9. Central & South America

Where the number of enrolments in a specific region reaches 3,000 students in the 2024 edition, with a minimum of 300 candidates per Hippo Category, Play-Off Qualifiers will be organised.

Play-Off Qualifiers will be held in the United Kingdom in the first week of August 2024.

Students with the best ranking among those not qualified for the World Finals or for the Regional Qualifiers will be admitted to Play-Off Qualifiers. The number of students admitted to Play-Off Qualifiers per category and country will be proportional to the number of preliminary round participants in each category per country.

Play-Off Qualifiers will be held in person. Online examinations will not be available and no exemptions will be made.

If a student does not confirm their participation within 15 days of the invitation to Play-Off Qualifiers, the next student in the ranking list from the same country will be invited. The minimum percentage of achievement for a student to be invited to the Qualifiers will be 70% of the first ranked student points.

Students invited to the Play-Off Qualifiers will be requested to pay a participation fee.

Students will need to make their own travel arrangements and cover the costs themselves. The participation fee will cover the costs of teaching, learning materials, half-board accommodation, insurance, merchandising (given to the participants upon arrival). Costs and other details are available in a separate document.

No accompanying teachers or parent are accepted. Students will be accommodated in a college open to students only, supervised by guardians 24/7.

The courses will be taught by Hippo examiners, 4 hours a day, for a total of 20 hours. Students will be divided into groups based on the category in which they had participated. Lessons will be tailor-made and will include Hippo mock examinations. Play-Off Qualifiers examinations will take place on the morning of the 6th day of their stay, while the proclamation of winners will take place in the evening.

Winners of each HIPPO category and for any of the Region will proceed to the World Finals.

5. OLYMPIAD MATERIALS

In the preliminary round, schools can choose between online and paper-based examinations.

ONLINE EXAMINATIONS

In the Preliminary Round schools will be provided with login details. Students will need to take the test in their approved HIPPO Venue or be invigilated remotely. Different regulations apply.

PAPER-BASED EXAMINATIONS

Tests for the preliminary round of the Olympiad will need to be delivered to the approved venue 2 days before the Olympiad date and need to stay closed until the preliminary round start time. They need to be sent back on the first working day after the preliminary round date and must be delivered within 5 working days, unless the Country Coordinator has provided another deadline. The return address will be provided with the materials. Where the return address is not provided with the materials, schools need to contact either the local coordinator or coordination@hippo-olympiad.org for instructions. The materials delivered after this date will not be marked.

The National Finals examinations will need to be taken either paper-based or online in an approved Hippo Venue. **National final round examinations CANNOT be invigilated remotely.**

6. SCHEDULES & INSPECTIONS

Each approved venue decides on the start time of the test depending on the number of participants per category. All approved venues must send their schedules to venue@hippo-olympiad.org three working days before the Olympiad date for possible inspections. Olympiad Examination Regulations¹ will apply throughout the Olympiad¹.

Where it has been decided to deliver National Finals Examinations online in an approved venue, the venue will need to facilitate remote observation. Remote observations will be carried out by one of the Global Hippo Association staff members.

7. OLYMPIAD – REGULAR & SPECIAL CATEGORIES

The participants will compete in 12 categories (7 regular and 5 special) based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and will take Gatehouse Awards examinations as well as Hippo Tests.

The students of lower grades than the ones in the table can also compete if they feel prepared for the level. The age limit for the Olympiad is 19 or as long as the students are in high school.

¹ Olympiad Examination Regulations for PB, Remotely Observed Online, and On Premises Online Examinations are detailed in Annex 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

Bilingual students can only compete in one of the special categories. Students that are considered bilingual are the ones who were born or have lived and attended school for at least 3 years in an English-speaking country in the past 5 years as well as those who live in a non-English speaking country but attend an English/American International or a specialised school. Should a student, who is considered bilingual according to the above, apply for a regular category through another school, and should one of the abovementioned schools apply as a regular school, Hippo Association reserves the right to disqualify them from the Olympiad.

Special categories are aimed at students who are considered bilingual according to the Hippo Olympiad regulations (see above) as well as for the international schools and the schools where 50% or more of the subjects are taught in English (except for the countries where English is the only official language, e.g., UK). These students can compete in one of the five special categories.

Baby Hippo and Little Hippo students, even if they are considered bilingual according to the above, will still compete in the regular categories.

N.B. Global Hippo Association keeps the right to check the school’s curriculum, the language of instruction and number of hours of English taught. Students who enrol in one of the regular categories but are supposed to compete in the special categories according to the regulations will be disqualified.

CATEGORY	CEFR LEVEL PRELIMINARY	CEFR LEVEL NF & FINAL	CATEGORY	CEFR LEVEL PRELIMINARY	CEFR LEVEL NF & FINAL
BABY HIPPO*	CEFR Pre A1 YL	CEFR A1 YL			
LITTLE HIPPO	CEFR Pre A1 YL	CEFR A1 YL			
HIPPO 1	CEFR A1 YL	CEFR A2 YL	HIPPO S1	CEFR A1	CEFR A2
HIPPO 2	CEFR A1	CEFR A2	HIPPO S2	CEFR A2	CEFR B1
HIPPO 3	CEFR A2	CEFR B1	HIPPO S3	CEFR B1	CEFR B2
HIPPO 4	CEFR B1	CEFR B2	HIPPO S4	CEFR B2	CEFR C1
HIPPO 5	CEFR B2	CEFR C1	HIPPO S5	CEFR C1	CEFR C2

*Baby Hippo standardized examinations by Gatehouse Awards will be of the same level of difficulty as the ones for Little Hippo, while Baby Hippo Hippo Tests will test receptive knowledge only in both the preliminary and national finals rounds.

In accordance with the national education systems, potential Hippo candidates have been divided into two groups: those where children start school at the age of 6, and those where children start school at the age of 7. Grade 1 is the first grade of primary education, while each next grade number is next grade of the country’s education system.

6 as school starting age. The table below applies to the candidates from the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

REGULAR CATEGORIES

Grade	Hippo Category
1 - 2	BABY HIPPO
3 - 4	LITTLE HIPPO
5 - 6	HIPPO 1
7	HIPPO 2
8 - 9	HIPPO 3
10 - 11	HIPPO 4
12 - 13	HIPPO 5

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

Grade	Hippo Category
1 - 2	BABY HIPPO
3 - 4	LITTLE HIPPO
5 - 6	HIPPO S1
7	HIPPO S2
8 - 9	HIPPO S3
10 - 11	HIPPO S4
12 - 13	HIPPO S5

7 as school starting age. The table below applies to the candidates from the following countries: Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Poland, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, Tajikistan and Tanzania.

REGULAR CATEGORIES

Grade	Hippo Category
1	BABY HIPPO
2 - 3	LITTLE HIPPO
4 - 5	HIPPO 1
6	HIPPO 2
7 - 8	HIPPO 3
9 - 10	HIPPO 4
11 - 13	HIPPO 5

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

Grade	Hippo Category
1	BABY HIPPO
2 - 3	LITTLE HIPPO
4 - 5	HIPPO S1
6	HIPPO S2
7 - 8	HIPPO S3
9 - 10	HIPPO S4
11 - 13	HIPPO S5

When registering candidates, both the DOB and grade are mandatory. Starting from 2024, .soa will only allow candidate registration in accordance with the above tables and will only allow candidates to register for their or higher categories.

In the countries where candidate registration deadline is in one school year and round examinations in another, candidates need to be registered according to the grade at the time of registration.

N.B. Students who reached Hippo 2023 final round, cannot compete in the same category in Hippo 2024.

8. OLYMPIAD – PRELIMINARY ROUND

The tests for the preliminary round of the Olympiad will consist of two parts: a test of reading comprehension (multiple choice questions) by Gatehouse Awards, and a Hippo Use of English MC Test. The maximum allowed time per part is shown in the tables below. It is strictly forbidden to open the Olympiad materials before the exam date. The school coordinator can open the parcel to check that all the materials have been received. The transparent envelopes with the tests however need to stay sealed and be opened in front of the students, right before the start of the preliminary round tests.

The test samples are available on the Olympiad website. There is only one correct answer to every question. There are no negative marks. Ranking is based on the average number of marks achieved on the two tests.

	BABY HIPPO	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4	HIPPO 5
READING	30 questions (1 point each)	30 questions (1 point each)	30 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)
USE OF ENGLISH MC	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)

	HIPPO S1	HIPPO S2	HIPPO S3	HIPPO S4	HIPPO S5
READING	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)
USE OF ENGLISH MC	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)	20 questions (1.5 point each)

Both reading test and Use of English answers are given on an answer sheet (OMR).

Maximum allowed times per category and part for **regular** categories:

	BABY HIPPO	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4	HIPPO 5
READING	20 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes
USE OF ENGLISH MC	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes

Maximum allowed times per category and part for **special** categories:

	HIPPO S1	HIPPO S2	HIPPO S3	HIPPO S4	HIPPO S5
READING	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes
USE OF ENGLISH MC	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes

9. OLYMPIAD – NATIONAL FINAL ROUND

After the preliminary round tests have been marked, the top 10% of participating students from each participating country will be invited to the National Finals. The list of finalists will be expanded to include all the students whose number of points is the same as the number of points of the last students in the first

10%. The list of finalists will be published on the Olympiad website within three weeks of the preliminary round date. The network of final venues will be based on the location of the finalists.

Wildcards are available for the countries where no student qualifies for the final round and will be granted to the best candidate in each category from the country.

The exam level for the final round will be one CEFR level higher than the one in the preliminary round. The tests for the national finals of the Olympiad will consist of a reading test, a writing test (30 questions) and an essay (except for Little Hippo).

There is only one correct answer to every question. In open-ended questions, where there can be more than one correct answer, all correct answers will be accepted. There are no negative marks. Ranking is based on the average number of marks achieved on both the reading and the writing test.

Reading test answers are given on an answer sheet (OMR) while the Writing test answers are given in the test booklet.

The writing test will consist of a free-writing task (100 – 200 words depending on the category) and 30 questions. The level of difficulty of all the questions will be one level higher than the one in the preliminary round. The essay will be assessed only in case two or more candidates have the scores on both the reading and the writing test.

	BABY HIPPO	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4	HIPPO 5
READING	30 questions (1 point each)	30 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)
WRITING	30 questions (1.5 points each)	30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)

	HIPPO S1	HIPPO S2	HIPPO S3	HIPPO S4	HIPPO S5
READING	34 questions (1 point each)	34 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)	40 questions (1 point each)
WRITING	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)	free-writing task (essay) + 30 questions (1.5 points each)

Maximum allowed times per category and part for **regular** categories:

	BABY HIPPO	LITTLE HIPPO	HIPPO 1	HIPPO 2	HIPPO 3	HIPPO 4	HIPPO 5
READING	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes
WRITING	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes

Maximum allowed times per category and part for **special** categories:

	HIPPO S1	HIPPO S2	HIPPO S3	HIPPO S4	HIPPO S5
READING	30 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	50 minutes
WRITING	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes

10. REGIONAL QUALIFIERS EXAMINATIONS

In the Qualifiers Round, the candidates will take a Hippo Test of English consisting of 30 Use of English open-ended questions and a crossword. Hippo Test of English Samples are available on the official website.

11. PLAY OFF QUALIFIERS EXAMINATIONS

At the end of the course, the participants will take a Hippo Test of English consisting of 30 Use of English open-ended questions and a crossword. Hippo Test of English Samples are available on the official website.

12. FINAL ROUND EXAMINATIONS

In the final round of the Olympiad, the candidates take a Gatehouse Awards exam, all 4 skills included. GA Writing test will only be marked for the purpose of certification, not for the purpose of the final round ranking list.

In addition to the four-skill GA examinations, candidates take a Use of English test consisting of 30 questions. The results of this test will be used for final round ranking purposes and will not affect the GA examination qualification score.

The test samples / past papers are available on <http://www.hippo-olympiad.org>. The exam level for the final round will be one CEFR level higher than the one in the preliminary round that is the same as the national finals test.

12. MARKING & RANKING

The reading test answers are marked by an OMR device and for that reason need to be properly filled in. Candidates are required to use a pen while completing the OMR form. An OMR sample form will be available on the website two weeks before the preliminary round of the Olympiad at the latest.

In case an OMR form is not properly filled in (e.g., incorrect or missing candidate number) or scanned and the OMR device cannot read it, Global Hippo Association keeps the right to disqualify the candidate if the identity of the candidate cannot be established.

In the national finals, the essay will be marked only if two or more candidates have the same number of points on both the reading and the writing test or in case of suspected cheating or malpractice.

For online examinations, in case of suspected malpractice, Hippo Association keeps the right to re-test the candidates using a parallel test and under the invigilation of the Hippo staff.

The ranking list for all categories as well as the names of the candidates who qualified for the national finals will be available on <http://www.hippo-olympiad.org> within three weeks of the preliminary round date.

The ranking list for all categories as well as the names of the candidates who qualified for the final round and eventually regional qualifiers will be available on <http://www.hippo-olympiad.org> within three weeks of the national finals date.

The final round places will be assigned in the following way:

Top 140 finalists will be admitted directly from the national finals ranking list. The number of finalists per category and country will be proportional to the number of preliminary round participants in each category per country. In order to promote a multicultural environment, wildcards will be granted to the best participant from each of the countries that does not have a finalist. In addition to the above, winners of regional qualifiers will be admitted to Finals.

GLOBAL HIPPO ASSOCIATION keep the right to increase the number of finalists if the number of applicants exceeds 83,295, all in accordance with the Olympiad regulations.

The exact date of the final round as well as the participation confirmation deadline will be announced in due time.

13. FINAL ROUND

The final round of the Olympiad will be held in Assisi, Italy, in September 2024. All candidates can be accompanied by their English language teacher, or an English-speaking teacher from their school.

Parents who wish to accompany their children need to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements as the hotels where the students are accommodated are booked exclusively for the Olympiad participants.

Three-day half-board accommodation will be provided for all the candidates and their teachers free of charge, while the costs of travel will be borne by the participants.

Finalists are expected to arrive the day before the examinations start; examinations will be held over two days while the proclamation of winners and awarding ceremony will be held on the evening of the second day of examinations.

The programme of the final round will be sent directly to the finalists who confirmed their participation one week before the event.

Finalists will be contacted and helped with making their travel arrangements.

14. PRIZES

QUALIFIERS. Winners of each qualifier round will proceed to the World Finals.

FINAL ROUND. All Preliminary and National Final round candidates will receive a certificate of participation.

All candidates who pass the final round tests (score 55% minimum) will be awarded a Gatehouse Awards internationally recognised certificate in English.

Hippo 1, 2 and 3 Winners will receive Bucksmore Golden Ticket Prize, a one-week stay at one of Bucksmore Education colleges and will be fully inclusive of tuition, accommodation, excursions, meals and airport transfers. They will not include the cost of air travel – air travel costs will be the responsibility of the winning recipient. Hippo 4 and 5, Hippo Special 1 – 4 winners will receive a Mizzou K-12 online course. Hippo Special 5 will receive a full Mizzou K-12 Online Diploma program. Second place winners of Hippo 1 – 3 will receive a Mizzou K-12 online course.

Additional prizes will be available for the teachers of the winners.

