

ORACLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

ThinkQuest Local Competitions Policy

Overview

This document details the policy of the Oracle Education Foundation (OEF) regarding ThinkQuest local competitions. Throughout this document, the following definitions apply:

- **ThinkQuest Website** is an international website development competition that helps students develop 21st century skills. It is conducted in English and delivered directly by OEF.
- **ThinkQuest {local competition name}** is a ThinkQuest local competition (“local competition”) approved by the Foundation to be managed by a partner. Local competitions include participants from within the partner’s territory only, and are delivered in a language that is pre-defined in OEF’s agreement with the partner.

Policy

Participation

- Local competitions will address a specific student population based on geography, language, or some other defining characteristic approved by OEF. There will be no participation fee charged.
- Local competitions based on geography may include participants from within the partner’s territory only and may be delivered only in the language or languages pre-defined in OEF’s agreement with the partner.
- Local competitions will run once per year and do not need to be scheduled concurrently with any ThinkQuest Website competition.
- Teams may enter a local competition and ThinkQuest Website using the same website.
- If a team enters a local competition and ThinkQuest Website using the same website and is disqualified from ThinkQuest Website for any reason, it will automatically be disqualified from the local competition.

Infrastructure

- ThinkQuest Website and all local competitions will be delivered using a standard infrastructure: one set of general rules, one set of evaluation criteria, one ThinkQuest Competition Manager platform for judging entries (translated if necessary), one ThinkQuest Library for publishing winning sites, and one reporting system for running reports on competition activity.

Naming

- A local competition name, registered and owned by OEF, will be assigned to the partner for the sole purpose of operating a local competition.
- Local competition names will follow the structure ThinkQuest {local competition name}, where the {local competition name} is the city, state, country or region where that competition operates (e.g., “ThinkQuest Hungary”) or the name of the partner that directs the competition (e.g., “ThinkQuest TRIO”).

- Local competitions in languages other than English will be named based on geography, e.g., a Spanish language ThinkQuest in Spain would be named “ThinkQuest Spain” or “ThinkQuest España”.

Websites

- The websites for local competitions will employ URLs owned and approved by OEF and use the below-noted structure whenever possible:
 - <http://place.thinkquest.org> - where “place” is a specific city, state, country or region (e.g., “nyc.thinkquest.org”, “hungary.thinkquest.org”)
 - <http://focus.thinkquest.org> - where “focus” is the organization name of the partner (e.g., “trio.thinkquest.org”)

Awards

- Local award events and prizes for local competition winners will remain the responsibility of the partner.

Grants

- Partners selected to run local competitions will be eligible for an annual grant to support ThinkQuest local competition activities; partners must be within OEF’s charitably supported class.
- Grants will be awarded to local competitions with the grant amounts and schedule determined by the Foundation each year.
- Local competitions must sustain a 50% completion rate (i.e., 50% of teams that enter the local competition must submit entries for judging) in order to remain eligible for grant renewals annually.

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OEF reserves the right to modify this policy at any time.