

THINKQUEST LOCAL COMPETITIONS POLICY

Overview

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

- ThinkQuest International Competition challenges students to solve a real-world problem by applying their critical thinking, and technology skills. Participants may enroll in the following three competition events: ThinkQuest Projects, Digital Media, and Application Development. It is sponsored by the Foundation and is conducted in English.
- ThinkQuest {local competition name} is a ThinkQuest local website development competition (“local competition”) approved by the Foundation to be managed by a partner. Local competitions align with the ThinkQuest International Competition’s Digital Media event (“Digital Media event”), engage participants from within a partner’s territory exclusively, and are delivered in a language that is pre-defined in the Foundation’s agreement with a partner.

Policy

Participation

- Local competitions will address a specific student population based on geography, language, or some other defining characteristic approved by the Foundation. There will be no participation fee charged.
- Local competitions based on geography may include participants from within the partner’s territory exclusively, and may be delivered only in the language or languages pre-defined in the Foundation’s agreement with the partner.
- Local competitions will run once per year and do not need to be scheduled concurrently with any ThinkQuest International Competition.
- Teams may enter the same website into a local competition and the Digital Media event.

Infrastructure

- All local competitions will be delivered using a standard infrastructure comprised of general rules, evaluation criteria, the Local Competition Management System for judging entries (translated if necessary), the ThinkQuest Library for publishing winning sites, and a reporting system for tracking competition activity.

Naming

- A local competition name, registered and owned by the Foundation, 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 the Foundation and use the below-noted structure whenever possible:
 - <http://www.place.thinkquest.org>. - where “place” is a specific city, state, country or region (e.g., “nyc.thinkquest.org”, “hungary.thinkquest.org”)
 - <http://www.focus.thinkquest.org>. - where “focus” is the language or 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.

Financial Support

- Partners selected to run local competitions will be eligible for financial support from the Foundation for local competition activities.
- The Foundation will evaluate financial support for a local competition based on the partner’s estimate of student participation.
- Local competitions must sustain a 50% completion rate (i.e., 50% of teams that enter the local competition must submit entries for judging) to remain eligible to run future events.