



## Rules of the Peace Games 2020

### Preamble

The International Peace Project<sup>2000</sup> ('IPP') exists to enable the public to win the peace. Through the Peace Games it aims to become one of the most authoritative educational charities in the world for the study of the prevention and resolution of armed conflicts. It is based on an 'irenic perspective' as judicially defined in the English legal case of *Southwood & Parsons v Attorney General* concerning the Project on Demilitarisation [1998] and [2000].

To help the IPP Trustees fulfil that aim each contestant must agree to the following terms and conditions (known below as 'rules').

1. By making a submission to IPP's Peace Games 2020 ('PG2020') contestants hereby agree to abide by the following rules which incorporate the eligibility criteria.
2. A contestant who meets the eligibility criteria to submit a bid may be either:
  - i. An individual participant in the PG2020; or
  - ii. A Team of up to three members, including the Team leader, who participate in the PG2020.
3. Eligibility for entry into the PG2020 is dependent on each contestant's ability to meet IPP's quality standards in their bid (as agreed with the charity regulator at time of registration):
  - i. The technical merit of the method adopted to answer the competition questions.
  - ii. Objective criteria for judging outcomes in the contestant's chosen area of conflict.
  - iii. Political balance in representing, or taking account of, differing evaluations of that conflict area.
4. Bids must be made on IPP's online facility in PDF format; hard copies and other formats will not be accepted.
5. IPP will accept no responsibility for bids that are submitted incorrectly, lost, mislaid or delayed, regardless of cause. Any bids made after the published deadline for submission will not be accepted.

6. Each contestant must submit bids in relation to ONLY ONE of the conflict areas suggested by IPP.
7. Only bids written in the English language can be accepted in the PG2020; the test being that it is readily comprehensible to a person educated in a school or higher (or further) education institution, where English is the primary medium of teaching, based anywhere in the world. However, it is permitted to use relevant references in foreign languages provided a translation into English for each relevant part is included in the bid.
8. Each contestant's bid must be submitted in the pre-determined format, prescribed by IPP, to aid comparison between competing bids. Non-compliance with this requirement or any alteration to, or circumvention of, this format will result in disqualification of the bid and thus the contestant's exclusion from the PG2020.
9. Bids must be the contestant's own work and IPP reserves the right, using any available method, to check the submissions for plagiarism. Any bid deemed in the reasonable opinion of the judges to have been plagiarised, in whole or in part, shall be disqualified.
10. Bids must be anonymous. Contestants must remove any information that could identify them, or any university/institution to which they are affiliated, from their bids. Work that breaches anonymity will be disqualified.
11. Each contestant is required to register with IPP prior to submitting a bid to ensure that the identity of an individual or Team members, and any institutional affiliation, can be verified by IPP after submission of a bid. Each individual or Team thereby agrees to IPP carrying out this verification. Any contestant whose identity cannot be verified shall be disqualified from the PG2020 and their bid will not be considered by the judges.
12. IPP does not accept work that has been published before its International Peace Prize has been awarded to the first winner of the PG2020. Bids that have been published online or in print before the first award has been made will be disqualified. During the bid process contestants must confirm their work has not previously been published.
13. The PG2020 involves the following application process which each contestant must follow to be considered by the IPP judges for an award of its annual International Peace Prize between 2021 and 2023:
  - i. An outline bid to demonstrate how the contestant would approach the task of submitting a full bid and provide a list of publicly available references (to be circulated to all other contestants focused on the same conflict area).
  - ii. A full bid, if invited by IPP to submit one, with any additional references itemised.
  - iii. An optional revised full bid to take account of any additional information circulated by IPP from other full bids, focused on the same conflict area, so that all contestants have access, as far as practical, to the same publicly available sources.

14. Contestants accept that to help ensure IPP quality standards, the Trustees may permit one or more persons with prior experience of 'Peace Games' to act as competitors during, and mentors after, the PG2020. Such persons will not be contestants and will be ineligible for the annual International Peace Prize or any other IPP award. Their bids will also be anonymised. Such competitors/mentors will not be permitted to comment on or criticise any contestants' bids. They will, though, be permitted to submit anonymised bids to more than one conflict area to fulfil their role across a range of conflict areas.
15. Outline bids will first be evaluated by the IPP office for conformity with the rules of the PG2020 especially eligibility criteria but no bid will be rejected without the agreement of the IPP judges who will be the IPP Trustees and/or suitable persons appointed by the IPP Trustees. *The PG2020 will only proceed to the next stage if there are at least three outline bids that meet the IPP quality standards.* Full bids and revised full bids will be evaluated in their entirety by the IPP judges alone. Their decisions, and the annual award made each year of the PG2020, are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. Irrespective of the IPP judges' choice of winner of the first annual International Peace Prize, all contestants' full bids and revised full bids (including the first winner's) shall be re-entered into the second year's, and third year's, award process for re-consideration unless any contestant (except the first award winner and second award winner) writes by email to IPP to withdraw their bid before the published deadline for doing so. This re-consideration will be based on whether the events in each area of conflict, vindicate or contradict the evaluations of each contestant under clause 3 of the rules of the PG2020, in particular 3(ii). The final test which the IPP judges are to apply is whether a contestant rightly predicted peace or war and the rational basis for their believing that peaceful or military techniques for resolving an international dispute were being emphasised.
17. The IPP Trustees reserve the right to disqualify bids during the judging process for any breach of the rules of the PG2020.
18. IPP and its judges agree to keep all bids submitted by contestants confidential until the PG2020 process is complete and the first annual prize has been awarded.
19. Each contestant grants to IPP a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual and transferable copyright licence to use, reproduce, distribute and display in public their full bid, and any revised full bid, including appendices. Contestants are responsible for ensuring that they hold full copyright in these bids, or to the extent that this is not the case, have obtained the necessary permissions at their own expense to submit and grant the licence in this clause.
20. The full bid, and any revised full bid, of the winner of each annual International Peace Prize between 2021 and 2023 will be published online by IPP. The IPP Trustees may choose, in their sole discretion, to publish any or all other full and revised full bids online.

This would, though, only be done with each contestant's permission during the application and award process.

21. Contestants (other than an award winner) may, at any time, contact IPP via email to have their bids removed from the IPP website.
22. By registering with IPP, contestants will be added to the IPP contestants' mailing list to receive updates on the PG2020 application process. A contestant may opt out of this mailing list at any time and thereby withdraw from the PG2020.
23. The IPP Trustees may, at any time and without notice, amend or alter the award of their International Peace Prize (including its name) and/or the deadlines of the PG2020.
24. The IPP Trustees reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to disqualify any contestant who breaches any of these rules.

These rules of the Peace Games 2020, and any disputes arising from them, shall be subject to the governing laws of the United Kingdom, with all parties submitting to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

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