



High School Entrepreneurship Olympiad

Terms of Service

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These Terms of Service (the “**Terms**”) govern access to and use of the High School Entrepreneurship Olympiad website, application platform, competition materials, assessments, dashboards, communications, and related services.

By accessing or using the Services, registering for the competition, creating an account, joining a team, submitting materials, or participating in any HSEO round, you agree to be bound by these Terms. If you do not agree, do not access or use the Services.

If you are under the age of majority in your jurisdiction, you represent that your parent, legal guardian, school, or authorized coach has reviewed and accepted these Terms on your behalf where required by applicable law.

1. Scope of the Services

HSEO operates a full-stack competition platform for a high school entrepreneurship Olympiad. The Services may include, without limitation:

- public-facing informational pages, including the homepage, competition details, rounds, awards, resources, scholarship information, panelist information, and legal pages;
- participant registration, login, password reset, and account management;
- a protected student dashboard;
- timed online assessments, case challenges, autosave functionality, final submission workflows, and result publication;
- team and school roster management;
- administrative tools for organizers, including exam creation, credential management, assessment publishing, score calculation, export workflows, and communication tools; and
- transactional emails and competition-related notices.

We may modify, suspend, or discontinue any part of the Services at any time, with or without notice, subject to applicable law.

2. Eligibility and Participation

2.1. General Eligibility

The Services are intended primarily for high school students and student teams interested in entrepreneurship, economics, product strategy, venture thinking, and competitive academic distinction. Certain Services may also be used by schools, coaches, parents, judges, panelists, administrators, and organizers.

To participate in HSEO, you must satisfy any eligibility criteria listed on the website or in official competition materials, including criteria relating to academic status, age, residency, school affiliation, or competition year.

2.2. Minors

Because many participants may be minors, users under the age of 18 (or another applicable age of majority) may use the Services only with any required parental, guardian, school, or coach consent under applicable law. HSEO may require proof of such authorization at any time.

2.3. Institutional and Team Participation

A participant may register individually or as part of a team. Team participation may be associated with a school, club, organization, or coach. The team captain, school representative, or other registering party represents that they have authority to submit information and act on behalf of the team or institution for purposes of registration and competition administration.

3. Accounts and Account Security

To access certain features, users may be required to create an account. You agree to:

- provide accurate, current, and complete information;
- keep your login credentials confidential;
- promptly update your information if it changes; and
- accept responsibility for all activity that occurs under your account.

You may not share accounts, impersonate another person, or use another person's credentials without authorization. HSEO may suspend or terminate accounts that appear insecure, fraudulent, misleading, duplicated, or used in violation of these Terms.

4. Registration, Fees, and Payment

4.1. Registration

Registration for HSEO may require submission of participant, team, school, or contact information and, where applicable, payment of entry fees. Registration is not complete until all required information and payment obligations have been satisfied and confirmed by HSEO.

4.2. Fees

Competition entry fees, if any, will be displayed at the time of registration or on the relevant registration page. All fees are stated in the currency listed on the website and are subject to applicable taxes, payment processor fees, and currency conversion effects where relevant.

4.3. Payment Processing

Payments may be processed by third-party providers. HSEO does not directly store full payment card details unless expressly stated. By submitting payment, you authorize the relevant payment processor to charge the applicable amount.

4.4. Refund Policy

Unless otherwise stated in writing, registration fees are generally non-refundable once a participant or team has been registered, a seat has been reserved, credentials have been issued, or competition access has been provided. HSEO may, in its sole discretion, offer refunds, credits, transfers, or exceptions in cases of platform failure, administrative error, duplicate payment, or other special circumstances.

5. Competition Structure and Rules

5.1. Rounds

The competition may include one or more rounds, including but not limited to:

- **Round I:** an individual timed assessment;
- **Round II:** a startup strategy, business case, or similar challenge for selected participants or top performers; and
- any additional distinctions, awards, scholarship prompts, or supplementary materials described on the website.

Round formats, timing, advancement criteria, scoring rules, deadlines, and prize structures may vary by cycle and will be governed by the official competition materials published for that cycle.

5.2. Official Rules

Participation is also subject to any official rules, instructions, scoring rubrics, eligibility policies, technical requirements, honor codes, FAQ guidance, and administrative notices published by HSEO. In the event of a conflict between a competition-specific rule and these Terms, HSEO will interpret and apply the documents in the manner it determines is most appropriate for fair and orderly administration.

5.3. Changes to Competition Details

HSEO may revise schedules, assessment windows, deadlines, formats, award structures, panelists, or other competition details if necessary for operational, fairness, technical, or safety reasons.

6. Assessment Integrity and Academic Honesty

HSEO is intended to be a credible and structured academic competition. To preserve fairness and legitimacy, participants agree to comply with all integrity rules.

You may not, unless expressly permitted by HSEO:

- access, view, copy, distribute, reverse engineer, reproduce, or disclose exam content before, during, or after an assessment;
- receive unauthorized assistance from another person, tutor, coach, parent, classmate, or external service;
- collaborate during individual assessments;
- use prohibited software, bots, scripts, browser automation, remote assistance tools, or unauthorized AI systems;
- create multiple accounts or identities to obtain an advantage;
- interfere with timing, autosave, submission systems, score calculation, or platform operations; or
- misrepresent your identity, school affiliation, role, or team status.

HSEO may use technical, manual, or statistical methods to detect misconduct, including access logs, timing irregularities, answer pattern analysis, IP review, device review, and submission anomaly detection, subject to applicable law.

If HSEO reasonably suspects cheating, collusion, misconduct, or an integrity violation, we may disqualify the participant or team, invalidate a submission, revoke results, withhold prizes, suspend accounts, or take other action we deem appropriate.

7. Submissions, User Content, and Intellectual Property

7.1. User Content

Users may submit content including registration information, team rosters, case responses, scholarship materials, essays, challenge answers, feedback, and related materials (collectively, “**User Content**”).

You represent and warrant that:

- you own or have all necessary rights to submit the User Content;
- the User Content does not infringe or violate the rights of any third party;
- the User Content is accurate to the extent required for competition administration; and
- submission of the User Content complies with these Terms and applicable law.

7.2. License to HSEO

You retain ownership of your User Content, subject to any rights in prompts, assessment materials, or third-party content. By submitting User Content, you grant HSEO a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to host, store, reproduce, process, display, evaluate, adapt for formatting, and use the User Content for the following purposes:

- administering the competition;
- reviewing, scoring, judging, and auditing submissions;
- communicating with participants and institutions;
- publishing winners, distinctions, shortlists, school affiliations, or excerpts where appropriate;
- promoting current or future HSEO programs, provided that any publication of full submissions or personally identifying details will be handled in accordance with our policies and applicable law.

7.3. HSEO Content

All content, materials, software, text, branding, logos, graphics, assessments, prompts, score reports, public pages, code, design elements, and platform functionality provided by HSEO are owned by or licensed to HSEO and are protected by intellectual property laws.

Except as expressly authorized, you may not reproduce, republish, scrape, modify, distribute, create derivative works from, or commercially exploit any HSEO content.

8. Scholarships, Awards, Results, and Recognition

HSEO may offer prizes, awards, certificates, distinctions, scholarships, or public recognition. All such items are subject to availability, eligibility, verification, and compliance with these Terms.

HSEO may require proof of identity, age, enrollment, school affiliation, residency, parental consent, tax documentation, or other information before issuing any award or prize.

HSEO reserves the right to:

- verify participant status and submissions before announcing or confirming results;
- revise rankings or awards if errors, integrity issues, or eligibility issues are discovered;
- substitute a prize of equal or greater value where reasonably necessary; and
- withhold or revoke awards if a participant is later found to have violated these Terms.

9. Communications

By registering for HSEO or using the Services, you consent to receive service-related communications, including account notices, login credentials, competition reminders, deadline notices, assessment instructions, result notifications, and administrative communications.

Where permitted by law and consistent with your preferences, HSEO may also send updates about future competitions, resources, scholarship opportunities, or related programs. You may opt out of non-essential promotional communications, but you may not opt out of essential competition and account notices while actively registered.

10. Privacy and Data Handling

Your use of the Services is also subject to the HSEO Privacy Policy, if provided. Because HSEO may collect personal information about students, teams, schools, and administrators, we may process information such as names, email addresses, school affiliations, team rosters, login data, submissions, assessment data, timestamps, scores, and other administrative records for competition operations.

HSEO may use third-party service providers, including authentication, database, hosting, email, and analytics providers, to operate the Services.

You acknowledge that:

- the Services may require storage and processing of participant and assessment data;
- organizers and authorized administrators may access information reasonably necessary to operate the competition;
- schools, coaches, or authorized institutional representatives may receive participant status, results, or roster-related information where appropriate; and
- HSEO will take reasonable measures to protect the integrity and security of the Services, but no system can be guaranteed to be completely secure.

11. Acceptable Use

You agree not to use the Services to:

- violate any law, regulation, or third-party right;
- harass, threaten, abuse, or defame another user or HSEO personnel;
- upload malware, exploit vulnerabilities, probe security weaknesses, or interfere with the platform;
- scrape, harvest, or systematically extract data from the Services;
- submit false, misleading, or fraudulent information;
- attempt unauthorized access to admin tools, participant data, exam content, or restricted areas; or
- use the Services for commercial purposes not expressly authorized by HSEO.

12. Administrative Rights

To operate the competition fairly and efficiently, HSEO reserves the right to monitor, manage, moderate, review, edit, restrict, suspend, or remove accounts, registrations, teams, submissions,

scores, or platform access where we reasonably believe it is necessary to:

- maintain platform security;
- enforce these Terms or competition rules;
- protect participants, schools, administrators, or HSEO;
- correct technical or administrative errors; or
- preserve the integrity and legitimacy of the competition.

Administrative decisions made in good faith regarding eligibility, scoring, publication, advancement, misconduct, platform access, or competition operation are final except where applicable law requires otherwise.

13. Third-Party Services

The Services may rely on or link to third-party products and services, including authentication providers, payment processors, email delivery services, infrastructure providers, or linked websites. HSEO is not responsible for the acts, omissions, terms, privacy practices, or availability of third-party services.

Your use of third-party services may be subject to separate terms and policies from those providers.

14. Disclaimers

The Services are provided on an “**as is**” and “**as available**” basis to the fullest extent permitted by law. HSEO does not guarantee that:

- the Services will be uninterrupted, error-free, or available at all times;
- assessments or autosave systems will never experience delays or technical issues;
- any participant will achieve a particular result, distinction, award, scholarship, admission outcome, or educational benefit; or
- the Services will be free of vulnerabilities, though we take reasonable operational measures.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, HSEO disclaims all warranties, express or implied, including implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, title, and non-infringement.

15. Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, HSEO and its officers, directors, affiliates, organizers, panelists, contractors, service providers, and representatives will not be liable for any indirect, incidental, consequential, special, exemplary, or punitive damages, or for any loss of data, opportunity, goodwill, profits, or reputation arising out of or related to the Services, competition participation, results, technical issues, or these Terms.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the total aggregate liability of HSEO for any claim arising out of or relating to the Services or these Terms will not exceed the greater of:

1. the amount actually paid by the claimant to HSEO for the specific competition cycle giving rise to the claim; or
2. one hundred U.S. dollars (US \$100).

Some jurisdictions do not allow certain limitations of liability, so portions of this section may not apply to you.

16. Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, you agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless HSEO and its officers, directors, affiliates, organizers, administrators, contractors, and representatives from and against claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or related to:

- your use of the Services;
- your User Content;
- your violation of these Terms;
- your violation of applicable law; or
- your infringement of any third-party right.

If you are a minor, this obligation applies to the extent permitted by law and may be assumed or supported by your parent, guardian, school, or other authorized registrant where applicable.

17. Suspension and Termination

HSEO may suspend, restrict, or terminate access to the Services or participation in the competition at any time, with or without notice, if we reasonably determine that:

- you violated these Terms or official competition rules;
- your conduct creates security, legal, fairness, or reputational risk;
- required information or consent is missing or invalid; or
- continued access is not operationally feasible.

Upon termination, provisions of these Terms that by their nature should survive will survive, including provisions relating to intellectual property, licenses, disclaimers, limitation of liability, indemnification, and dispute resolution.

18. Changes to These Terms

We may update these Terms from time to time. If we make material changes, we may post the updated version on the website, revise the "Last Updated" date, or provide additional notice where appropriate. Continued use of the Services after updated Terms become effective constitutes acceptance of the revised Terms.

19. Severability and Waiver

If any provision of these Terms is held to be invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect to the maximum extent permitted by law. Failure by HSEO to enforce any provision of these Terms is not a waiver of future enforcement of that or any other provision.