

OFFICIAL GUIDELINES FOR THE FINAL · FAIO 2026

Based on the Regulations of the FAIO (Fizmat AI Olympiad) International Artificial Intelligence Olympiad for students of grades 9–12

1. General information

Organizer	Non-profit JSC “National School of Physics and Mathematics”, Almaty (RFMSh)
Dates	26–30 October 2026 (competition rounds on 27 and 28 October)
Venue	36 Bukhar Zhyrau St., Almaty, Kazakhstan
Format	In person, team competition (1–3 students per team)
Languages	Kazakh, Russian and English
Time zone	All times are Almaty time, UTC+5

2. Programme and schedule

26 October 2026 — Arrival day	
12:00 – 18:00	Arrival and registration of participants
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:00	Welcome evening and organizational briefing for team leaders
27 October 2026 — Round 1	
08:00 – 08:45	Registration of participants not yet registered
08:00 – 08:45	Breakfast
09:00 – 09:30	Opening ceremony
09:45 – 14:45	Round 1 of the Olympiad (5 hours)
15:00 – 16:00	Lunch
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
28 October 2026 — Round 2	
08:00 – 08:45	Breakfast
09:00 – 14:00	Round 2 of the Olympiad (5 hours)
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:30 – 18:00	Excursion to the Botanical Garden or cinema
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
19:00	Gala dinner for team leaders and members of the Organizing Committee

29 October 2026 — Closing ceremony and excursion	
08:00 – 08:45	Breakfast
09:00 – 11:00	Closing ceremony of the Olympiad
11:00 – 18:00	Excursion to the mountains, bowling or cinema
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
19:30	Departure of teams (evening flights)
30 October 2026 — Departure day	
08:00 – 08:45	Breakfast
from 09:00	Departure of teams

This is a preliminary programme. Minor changes are possible; participants will be informed of them in advance.

3. Competition rules

3.1. Rounds. The Final consists of two rounds, each lasting 5 hours. Teams compete in the same composition in which they are registered.

3.2. Content. Tasks may test knowledge and practical skills in various fields of artificial intelligence and data analysis, including but not limited to: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Reinforcement Learning, Data Science, Generative AI, Algorithms and Programming. Tasks may be theoretical or practical and may require mathematical methods, programming, algorithms, data analysis and machine learning. The specific topics, format and number of tasks are determined by the Organizing Committee and may differ between rounds.

3.3. Permitted materials. Only devices, software and materials explicitly permitted by the organizers may be used. Personal notes, mobile phones, messengers and other gadgets not listed as permitted are prohibited during the rounds.

3.4. Violations and disqualification. The following are violations: outside help, direct assistance of third parties, unauthorized software tools, ready-made solutions from sources not allowed by the rules of the round. Plagiarism (copying someone else's code, reports, presentations or research results) and any form of cheating may lead to disqualification. Using automated bots or unauthorized third-party software, falsifying results, attempting to hack the system or interfering with its operation lead to immediate disqualification. Disrespect towards the organizers, Jury members or other participants — including insults, threats or deliberate disruption of the event — may also lead to disqualification. If a violation is discovered after the results are announced, the Jury may annul the team's results and withdraw any diploma or prize awarded.

3.5. Results and awards. Winners and prize-winners are determined by the total results of the teams in the Final. Diplomas of the I, II and III degree are awarded to no more than 50% of the participants of the Final (I degree — up to 10%, II degree — up to 20%, III degree — up to 50%). All participants of the Final receive certificates of participation; team leaders (coaches / teachers) also receive certificates. Winners and prize-winners may be awarded cash and/or other prizes from the prize fund; its amount and structure will be announced before the Final.

4. Requirements for participants

- Participants are students of grades 9–12 (students of grade 8 are admitted on the terms set out in the Regulations).
- Arrive in Almaty on 26 October 2026 and complete registration on arrival (registration is also possible on 27 October, 08:00–08:45, before the opening ceremony).
- Carry a valid passport or other identity document and present it at registration.

- Be present at the venue on time for both rounds and follow the instructions of the organizers and the Jury.
- Comply with the competition rules (Section 3) and with the rules of conduct at the venue and at the place of accommodation.
- Treat the organizers, the Jury and other participants with respect.

5. Requirements for accompanying adults

- Accompany the team during the trip and throughout the Final and be responsible for the students outside the competition rounds.
- Send the team's flight details (arrival and departure dates, times, flight numbers) to info@faio.kz in advance so that airport transfers can be arranged.
- Attend the organizational briefing for team leaders on 26 October at 20:00.
- Not communicate with the students or help them in any way during the competition rounds.
- Ensure that the students follow the programme, the competition rules and the rules of conduct.

6. Financial conditions

Participation in the Olympiad is free of charge. The organizers cover accommodation (26–30 October), meals according to the programme and airport transfers in Almaty for the students and the accompanying adult. Travel to and from Almaty and any additional expenses not listed above are covered by the sending party.

7. Photo and video

Photo and video recording is carried out during the Olympiad; participants are notified by announcements and signs at the venue. Registration and presence at the venue mean consent to photo and video recording in accordance with applicable law. The materials may be used to cover the Olympiad on the official website, social media and in reports. The image of an individual participant is not used as the main subject of advertising materials without separate written consent of their legal representative, where such consent is required by law.

8. Contacts

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