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Regulations for the 2012 International keyboarding competition by Internet



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International keyboarding competition by Internet

In addition to the world championships conducted every two years during the World Congress, in April or May of each year Intersteno conducts an international keyboarding competition over the Internet. The goal of this competition is to foster proficiency in the use of the keyboard and to engage young people in fair and healthy competition with their peers all over the world.

Article 1 – Kind of competition and age categories

The contest consists of ten-minutes of text entry, using special free software available on the website www.intersteno.org (in Java and Zav formats).

This competition is open to students from public, private schools or associations and for seniors who register through their Intersteno National group.

Results are ranked according to the following age categories:

- children: up to 12 years (born in 2000 or after),
- pupils: 13 - 16 years (born in 1999;1998, 1997or 1996),
- juniors: 17 - 20 years (born in 1995, 1994, 1993 or 1992),
- seniors: older than 20 years (born in 1991 or earlier).

To qualify competitors must perform within the following limits:

Category	Min. char/minute	Max. errors
Children	150	1,00 %
Pupils	180	1,00 %
Juniors	200	1,00 %
Seniors	240	0,50 %

Article 2 – Conduct of the competition

Public and private schools and associations are primarily responsible for conducting the competition for students within their schools. In addition, Intersteno National Groups are entitled to conduct a competition for students and seniors.

These organizers shall appoint an individual teacher or tutor to assist in conducting the competition. In countries where no Intersteno National Group is fully active, the Board may, at its discretion, designate an organization and/or teachers/tutors to conduct the contest.

The organizers are responsible for ensuring that the competitions have been carried out in a fair way. Intersteno National Groups coordinate and control the fair conduct of the competition within their own territory and are therefore entitled to visit the schools and associations and observe activities during the competitions.

The competitors shall compete in the premises designated by the local organizers, primarily their school rooms.

Article 3 – Competition forms and training

- **Mother tongue:** competitors write in their mother tongue.
- **Multilingual** competition: competitors take part in 2 or more of the 16 available languages on the Java & Zav software.

Only one attempt per each language is allowed. If several national versions of one language are available (for example German and German for Switzerland) the competitor may use only one of these language versions. If the competitor has used both Zav and Java Software for one language, the second attempt will not be listed. Nevertheless, competitors may use both software's as long as they are used in different languages.

Training exercises for each language, in both software, are available free of charge on www.intersteno.org (Training menu).

Article 4 – Evaluation and ranking

From the total amount of written characters, 50 penalty points will be deducted for each error.

Result lists are updated in realtime for competitors using Java software; results of competitors using Zav software will be consolidated each evening. Results for each competitor, including unsuccessful competitors, are shown in the **general result list**.

Separate general result lists will be released for each competition form: mother tongue and multilingual competition. Each result list will also be divided into the four age categories set out in article 1.

The multilingual result list will show the languages and the points for each of them, as well as the sum of these points which will determine the place. In any language where the competitor has not successfully qualified, either because of speed or accuracy, the number of points for that language is set to 0.

The **final lists** will include only the names of competitors who have successfully qualified and who have paid their registration fee in a timely manner. For students, the name of their school will appear and for seniors, the name of the national group on the lists.

Article 5 – Medals and certificates

All successful competitors will receive an Intersteno certificate, which will be sent to the organizing School or Association or to the Intersteno National Group. Medals are awarded to the three highest ranking competitors in each age category.

A certificate of participation will also be given to any teacher who has participated with at least 3 students.

Article 6 – Misuse of software

Intersteno is a worldwide community of motivated people who voluntarily organize and participate in fair, open and healthy competition during Intersteno competition. Intersteno uses the Internet to conduct this contest, in order to make using the Internet as a positive and productive experience and to make participation accessible to competitors throughout the world.

When registering for this competition, students, seniors, teachers and organizers agree to respect all applicable policies, regulations, and laws governing the use of computers and telecommunication networks in their local jurisdictions.

Any attempt to manipulate procedures, interfere with software operations, or engage in hacker activity will lead to automatic disqualification from the current competition and possibility of being banned from any future participation in the competition.

Offences which are in violation of laws may result in the restriction of computing privileges, and will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Article 7 – Responsibility

The Intersteno Board is the final authority in the interpretation of these rules and for any decisions needed for the good management of this competition.

Article 8 – Schedule, fees and payments

The schedule (dates of registration, competition and payment), the amount of the fees (for competition in the mother language and for the multilingual competition) as well as other necessary information for the payment, are published on www.intersteno.org.

Due to the small amounts involved, bank transfer may not always be an ideal solution for paying registration fees. Accordingly, a direct contact with the Intersteno National Group is advisable. You can find their names and email addresses on the website of Intersteno.