

## MAIN TEAM ORGANIZATION, NEO SCIENCE OLYMPIAD & CODING OLYMPIAD GRAND FINALS GROUP APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JULY 27 - AUGUST 2, 2026/ NEW YORK - USA)

This agreement must be digitally approved by the group supervisors via the provided link. **Moreover, signing this agreement and returning it by email is not required.**

The following conditions set out the terms of this agreement between the Supervisor (on behalf of students, parents and teachers) and Main Team Organization LLC.

Students, parents and supervisors intending to take part in the Grand Final program acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this agreement.

### 1) BASIC CONDITIONS

- a. The Grand Final program is organized by Main Team Organization LLC, hereinafter referred to as "MTO" in this agreement.
- b. The parties to this agreement are Supervisors (on behalf of students and parents) and MTO.
- c. This is a fee-based program.
- d. The official language of communication and exams of the Grand Final program is English.

### 2) APPLICATION CONDITIONS

- a. The Grand Final is open to all students in grades 3 to 11, with no age-related restrictions.
- b. Students in grades 3 can only participate in the Grand Final with an accompanying adult (parent, relative or teacher) as part of a group.
- c. Students in grades 4 to 11 can participate with their supervisors (teachers).
- d. Only supervisors are authorized to submit group applications on behalf of students, parents and guardians.
- e. A supervisor must be accompanied by a minimum of 8 participants (students and parents) to take part in the program. Students in grades 3 must be accompanied by one adult; in this case, the student and accompanying adult are counted as two individuals toward the 8-person minimum. If additional spots are required for students, parent participation may be limited.
- f. If a supervisor participates in the program with fewer than 8 participants, the full participation fee for the supervisor must be paid.
- g. A supervisor may participate in the program with a group of 8-15 participants. If the group consists of 16 or more participants, a second supervisor must be added to the group.
- h. Students who have participated in the online exams of the same Olympiad are eligible to apply for its Grand Final.
- i. Students who have taken the online MTO exams are not required to hold a specific achievement level to participate in the Grand Final.
- j. Students who were unable to attend the previous MTO online exams are required to take the **Paid Placement Test** a certain time before the Grand Final in order to participate in the Grand Final. The outcome of the Placement Test will not revoke or otherwise affect eligibility for participation in the Grand Final.

### 3) VISA APPLICATION CONDITIONS

- a. Participants from countries that require a visa must comply with the Official Visa Application Conditions.
- b. Visa applications must be submitted to the consulates or official/authorized visa application centers of the country in which the Grand Final program is taking place.
- c. Supervisors will receive an email containing the required supporting documents for the visa application process (including an information letter, invitation letter, daily schedule, hotel reservations, etc.).
- d. Applicants are responsible for submitting any additional documents requested by the relevant consulate. While consulates evaluate these documents, the visa decision primarily depends on the documents or consulate interview.
- e. Some consulates may request an original invitation letter. In such cases, the group will be charged a postage fee of 150 €/\$.  

- f. Consulates may request a parental consent letter for students attending the Grand Final with accompanying supervisors. When handling this document, supervisors should take into account that some parents may be separated or reside abroad. In addition consulate may require that both parents be present at the visa appointment at the same time, or that a legally authorized guardian with a notarized letter of consent be present on the visa appointment date.
- g. Students and their accompanying supervisors are responsible for obtaining visas, travel health insurance and covering all related processing fees.
- h. Supervisors are responsible for coordinating and overseeing all visa and consulate arrangements for their groups.

**4) SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE**

- a. Upon arrival at the airport, the MTO team will meet the groups and arrange their transfer to the hotels. For transfer service, arrivals and departures are recommended between 05:00 - 17:00 (5:00 AM - 5:00 PM).
- b. Transfers will be arranged according to the nearest scheduled group transfer times and are not provided as individual services. Therefore, waiting times may occur.
- c. Reservations are made at 3 or 4-star hotels.
- d. The participation fee includes breakfast only; lunch and dinner are not included.
- e. MTO will arrange hotel accommodations for the duration of the Grand Final.
- f. Accommodation assignments at the hotels will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, taking into account the number of group members, type of the rooms and availability. The hotel sequence is determined based on their booking conditions. Average reservation costs for hotels are the same and do not affect the Grand Final participation fee.
- g. Accommodation details organized by MTO are provided at the end of this agreement.
- h. MTO will provide transfer services for the activities listed in the program. Transfers will be by private coach or public transportation, including buses, trams, metro and trains. Full details are provided at the end of this agreement.
- i. MTO will provide tickets for the paid activities included in the Grand Final program.
- j. Each participant will receive T-shirts to wear during the program. Wearing these T-shirts is mandatory for all participants throughout the program.
- k. City and hotel taxes are included in the participation fee.

**5) CATEGORIES, CHALLENGES AND EXAM CONDITIONS**

- a. At the Grand Final in Rome, 2 Olympiads will be conducted together on the same dates.

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Mathematics, Natural Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology	Arena Battles by CodeCombat
	Challenges by Codementum

- b. Each student may participate in up to 2 categories in total, either 2 categories within the same Olympiad or 1 category from each Olympiad.
- c. Participants must select their competition categories through the Grand Final menu in their student panel. Further details will be shared via announcements.
- d. Participants who do not select their categories will be automatically assigned two relevant categories within their registered Olympiad.
- e. Additional Challenges & Rewards: In addition to the 2 main categories, there will be additional challenges. Participation criteria for these challenges will be announced later, depending on the total number of students and grade levels. Spots for these challenges are limited. Beyond the 2 medals from the main categories, some students may also have the opportunity to earn a bonus medal from the additional challenges, allowing them to receive a total of 3 medals.

Information about all categories, challenges, and exam conditions that students can participate in during the Grand Final is available at the following link: [https://neoscience.org/grand\\_final/](https://neoscience.org/grand_final/)

**6) ACCOMMODATION**

- a. Accommodation during the Grand Final program will be in 3 or 4-star hotels.
- b. Hotel check-in starts after 17:00 (5 PM). Groups arriving early may wait at the hotel if there is enough space; otherwise, they may need to wait at the airport.
- c. Students will be accommodated in twin, double or where available, triple rooms. In triple rooms, the third bed may be a sofa or an extra bed, which may differ in comfort from the other two beds.
- d. Students in a group will be accommodated on the same floor (subject to availability) according to their gender, first with other students from their group, then with students from their home country. As a last option, they may share a room with a student from a different country. Students who wish to stay in a single room must pay an additional fee for the program period, subject to availability. Details are provided at the end of this agreement.
- e. Housekeeping in some hotels may not be provided daily during long-term stays, unless requested by the guest.
- f. Participants are required to fully comply with hotel rules and policies. If the fire alarm or automated emergency systems are triggered due to smoking, a matchstick fire, bath steam or other causes, a penalty fee of 1.500 €/€ to 3.000 €/€ will be charged for the services of police, medical teams and the fire brigade. These alarm systems are activated automatically and the room or corridor where the alarm was triggered can be easily identified. In such cases, the responsible individuals or groups will be liable for the fine.
- g. If a participant is asked to leave their room at the hotel because of inappropriate behavior, MTO will not arrange alternative accommodation and the participant will need to make their own lodging.

- h. Hotels have different room types depending on their own operating systems and building structures. There may be differences in size or certain technical details among these rooms. These differences do not affect the organization's pricing. Additionally, participants do not have the right to choose their rooms.
- i. Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that all participants' rooms are kept in an orderly and undamaged condition. Supervisors must inspect the rooms the evening before check-out and on the morning of check-out. Any damage caused to the hotel by a participant must be paid for by the student or the supervisor prior to departure.
- j. If any damage or loss is detected by the hotel after check-out, it will be reported to MTO within 3 days. The amount requested by the hotel based on this report will be charged to the group supervisor and the participants who stayed in the damaged room.

## 7) TERMS OF PARTICIPATION, CANCELLATION AND REFUND

- a. If a student or group cancels their participation for any reason after paying the deposit, the amount paid will not be refunded.
- b. If a student or group cancels their participation for any reason after paying the balance, the amount paid will not be refunded.
- c. If a student or group cancels their participation for any reason in the optional tour program after paying the participation fee, the amount paid will not be refunded.
- d. If a student or group who has been issued a visa decides not to participate for any reason, they will forfeit their deposit and may not transfer their participation rights to another student.
- e. The deposit amount paid will not be refunded if a visa cannot be obtained or if the visa application is rejected by the consulate. Visa rejections are based on the individual documents provided by students, parents or teachers and are evaluated solely by the consulate.
- f. If a visa application is refused, the deposit may be transferred to another participant within the same group or to the next scheduled Grand Final programme. Transfer is only applicable in case of visa rejection. (The form needs to be filled out.)
- g. If the government where the Grand Final is taking place closes its borders to all countries due to any unforeseen reasons, 50% of the total amount paid will be refunded.
- h. If the government where the Grand Final is taking place closes entries from specific countries due to unforeseen reasons (high-risk regions), participants from these countries will receive a refund of 25% of the total paid amount.

## 8) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUPERVISORS

- a. This agreement appoints the supervisor as the only authorized and responsible person on behalf of the student group.
- b. The supervisor is responsible for informing and explaining the terms of this agreement to the parents and students. Supervisors are advised to obtain a signed consent from the parents.
- c. Once the participation of students in a group has been confirmed, the supervisor ensures that the deposit fee is collected and paid. This payment can be made by credit card or through a bank transfer. For online payments via the provided link, a 4% transaction fee will be added to the main price. MTO will provide the necessary information along with the invoice.
- d. Before paying the deposit fees, the supervisor is advised to check with the consulate or an official/authorized visa center regarding appointment availability.
- e. The supervisor is required to coordinate the collection of documents requested by the consulate as well as flight reservations.
- f. Flight ticket dates must correspond with the program schedule. If no flights are available from any country on the specified dates, MTO must be contacted before issuing invitations.
- g. Flight tickets should be finalized once the visa results have been confirmed.
- h. The supervisor is responsible for the due payment.
- i. The supervisor must share the most up-to-date information about the Grand Final with the students and if necessary, with the parents.
- j. The supervisor must complete all the necessary preparations before the flight.
- k. The supervisor must ensure group members behave appropriately and are punctual during the program, including adherence to boarding times, meal times, bus departures and scheduled activities.
- l. During the Grand Final program, the supervisor must ensure that students are in harmony within their group as well as with all other participants.
- m. The supervisor is responsible for all material and moral damages caused by students at the hotel, public or private transportation, at science centers, museums and the exam venue.
- n. The supervisor is responsible for remaining with their students at all times, including overseeing breaks and accompanying them between their accommodation and the program venue as needed.
- o. We strongly advise supervisors to collect a refundable security deposit of 250 €//\$ from each student before the flight. We recommend returning the received security deposits no earlier than 3 weeks after you have returned to your country.
- p. If a participant who has made a payment within the group files a dispute for any credit card payment at any time, the supervisor or the remaining members of the group shall be responsible for covering the full refunded amount, including any dispute-related fees.
- q. Supervisors or parents are strictly prohibited from collecting contact information from MTO Grand Final participants, including students, parents or other supervisors, for the purpose of promoting, advertising or disseminating activities unrelated to the MTO Olympiads, both during their stay and after the program.

9) ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

- a. All correspondence must be conducted via email.
- b. Flight days must correspond to the program schedule. MTO will not be able to provide additional accommodations or transportation for early arrivals or late departures.
- c. If the group arrives late for any reason, no refunds or additional activity arrangements will be provided for the missed days. Upon arrival, the group must transfer to the hotel on their own and resume the current part of the program.
- d. All participants must comply with the schedule stated in the program. Late groups or participants must arrange their own transportation to the relevant part of the program.
- e. The breakfast concept, including its menu and the designated breakfast area for olympiad groups, may differ from the hotel's regular breakfast service and may vary depending on the hotel's capacity and the size of the participating group. Furthermore, breakfast culture differs from country to country.
- f. Lunches and dinners are not included in the program fee. The average cost is 30-40 €//\$ per meal.
- g. If planned outdoor activities (such as amusement parks, outdoor programs or free time) cannot take place due to weather conditions, alternative indoor arrangements will be sought where possible. However, paid activities such as amusement parks cannot be canceled, are non-refundable and cannot be replaced with alternative paid programs.
- h. Complaints, if any, must be raised promptly, either at the time of the issue or by the following day, to allow for timely resolution.
- i. MTO may take photos and videos during the program, which may be used for publicity and promotional purposes on social media, YouTube and the official websites.
- j. MTO bears no liability for any loss, damage, illness or injury, except where required by law.
- k. After arriving at the Grand Final, all participants must depart before their visa expires. Participants who overstay may be subject to fines, imprisonment or bans from entering the host country. MTO reserves the right to take appropriate legal action if participants fail to return to their home countries, in accordance with applicable laws.
- l. Supervisors are responsible for arranging their own SIM cards (physical or eSIM) and internet services during the Grand Final, including international roaming or prepaid options. MTO will not provide support or services in this regard.
- m. MTO will cover the costs of local transfers, accommodation, meals and program ticket expenses for a supervisor accompanying each group of 8 participants during the Grand Final program. However, visa, insurance and flight tickets are not included. This offer does not apply to paid supervisors. The Grand Final committee recommends that parents of the participating students cover the remaining expenses (visa, insurance and flight tickets) for the supervisors responsible for the students during the program.
- n. To avoid confusion on stage during the Award Ceremony and to ensure that each country's flag is visible, the flags to be used may be no larger than 50 × 70 cm. Larger flag sizes will definitely not be allowed on the stage.

10) GRAND FINAL NEW YORK PARTICIPATION FEES & PAYMENTS

	Early Registration Fee Until April 1, 2026	Regular Registration Fee Until June 15, 2026
	\$2,100 (per person)	\$2,500 (per person)
Deposit Payment	\$500 (per person)	\$500 (per person)
Remaining Payment	\$1,600 (per person)	\$2,000 (per person)

\* The MTO Olympiad Committee reserves the right to change the details of the program and daily flow without prior notice.

> A 4% transaction fee will be applied to all credit card payments.

> A total of \$900 is required to upgrade from a twin/triple room to a single room for a 6-night stay.

Payment Terms & Conditions:

- Once the agreement is approved, all participants registered in a group must complete their deposit payments within **five (5) business days**.
- Payment of the deposits guarantees the reservation. If the deposits are not paid within the specified period, the group may be transferred to the waiting list.
- Newly registered participants are also required to complete their deposit payments within **five (5) business days** from their registration date.
- The remaining amount must be paid no later than **ten (10) days** after the visas are issued.
- Participants who fail to complete their remaining payments within the given timeframe may be removed entirely from the participant list.
- The registration fee (deposit payment) is **non-refundable**.
- All payments, once made, are **non-refundable**.
- If a participant cancels their participation or if their visa application is rejected, the paid amount **will not be refunded**.

## 11) GRAND FINAL NEW YORK DAILY PROGRAM

### DAY 1 - July 27, 2026 / Monday

Meet & greet at airports  
 > EWR: Newark Liberty International Airport  
 > JFK: John F. Kennedy International Airport  
 > LGA: LaGuardia Airport  
 (Flight landing times must be between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM)  
 Registration for the NEO Science and Coding Olympiads  
 Hotel Check-in (after 5:00 PM)

### DAY 2 - July 28, 2026 / Tuesday

Breakfast at the hotel  
 Daily Schedule at Montclair State University:  
 > Welcome Meeting  
 > Coding Competitions  
 > AI & DIY Challenges  
 > Robotix Challenges  
 American Dream Meadowlands Mall

### DAY 3 - July 29, 2026 / Wednesday

Breakfast at the hotel  
 Daily Schedule at Montclair State University:  
 > NEO GF Mathematics Exams  
 > NEO GF Science Exams (Physics, Biology, Chemistry)  
 Empire State Building Observatory  
 Free Time in Manhattan

### DAY 4 - July 30, 2026 / Thursday

Breakfast at the hotel  
 Transfer to "Statue Cruises" Pier  
 Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island  
 Transfer to New York City & Downtown  
 Dumbo & Brooklyn Bridge & 5th Avenue

### DAY 5 - July 31, 2026 / Friday

Breakfast at the hotel  
 Transfer to Six Flags Amusement Park  
 Six Flags Full Day Fun  
 The Mills at Jersey Gardens (Mall)

### DAY 6 - August 1, 2026 / Saturday

Breakfast at the hotel  
 Grand Central Station & New York Library  
 Transfer to Columbia University (Ivy League)  
 Awards Ceremony at Columbia University  
 Times Square & Downtown

### DAY 7 - August 2, 2026 / Sunday

Breakfast at the hotel  
 Airport transfers according to flight times:  
 > EWR: Newark Liberty International Airport  
 > JFK: John F. Kennedy International Airport  
 > LGA: LaGuardia Airport

#### a. What is included in the price?

- Grand Final New York registration fee
- All transfers during the program (private shuttle bus)
- 6-night accommodation at the hotel
- Breakfasts at the hotel
- Exams and Challenges
- Six Flags Amusement Park (Fun Park ticket)
- Medals and Certificates
- T-shirt, Lanyard, Badge
- City tax for the hotels
- Awards for winners

#### b. What is not included in the price?

- Visa fee
- Insurance
- Flight tickets
- Lunches and dinners
- Personal expenses

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## 12) OPTIONAL TRIP FEE (AUGUST 2-4, 2026)

	BOSTON	WASHINGTON DC
Price	\$850 (per person)	\$850 (per person)

## Regarding the Optional Trip

- Following the Olympiad program, an optional trip route will be available between 8-11 July 2026.
  - The deposit payment for the optional trip must be made at the same time as the deposit payment for the Olympiad program.
  - The trip has a maximum capacity of 100 participants. Reservations will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis until the capacity of 100 participants is reached.
  - A minimum of 24 students is required for the optional trips to take place. In case of fewer participants, the optional trip will be canceled, and payments will be refunded without any deductions. Groups selecting these tours must obtain "Optional Trip Approval" in order to plan and purchase their flight tickets. Please do not purchase flight tickets without confirmation.
- > A 4% transaction fee will be applied to all credit card payments.
- > For the optional trip, the additional cost to upgrade from a twin/triple room to a single room is 450 € for 3 nights.

## Payment Policies:

- The registration fee (deposit payment) is non-refundable.
- All payments, once made, are non-refundable.
- If a participant cancels their participation or their visa application is rejected, the paid amount will not be refunded

## 13) OPTIONAL TRIP - DAILY PROGRAM (Pisa - Florence - Venice - Milan) (8-11 July 2026)

### BOSTON / AUGUST 2-4, 2026

#### DAY 7 - August 2, 2026 / Sunday

Breakfast at the hotel  
Ivy League: Princeton University Campus Tour  
Transfer to New York City Center  
Central Park

#### DAY 8 - August 3, 2026 / Monday

Breakfast at the hotel  
Trip to Boston (5 hours)  
Ivy League: Harvard University Campus Tour  
MIT Campus Tour  
Duck Tour (Boston City Tour)\*  
Trip back to New Jersey (5 hours)

#### DAY 9 - August 4, 2026 - Tuesday

Breakfast at the hotel  
Check-out from the hotel (before 11:00)  
Depending on Flight Times:  
° Shopping at the Mills at Jersey Gardens  
Transfer to Airports (EWR / JFK / LGA)

#### a. What is included in the optional trip price?

- Transfer by private bus
- Accommodation at 3-4 star hotels for 2 nights
- Breakfast at hotels
- City tax for the hotels
- Fees for activities included in the program

#### b. What is not included in the price?

- Visa fee
- Insurance
- Flight tickets
- Lunches and dinners
- Personal expenses

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### WASHINGTON DC / AUGUST 2-4, 2026

#### DAY 7 - August 2, 2026 / Sunday

Breakfast at the hotel  
Ivy League: Princeton University Campus Tour  
Transfer to New York City Center  
Central Park

#### DAY 8 - August 3, 2026 / Monday

Breakfast at the hotel  
Trip to Washington (5 hours)  
Nasa Museum, White House  
National Museum of American History  
Capitol Building, Washington Monument  
Trip back to New Jersey (5 hours)

#### DAY 9 - August 4, 2026 / Tuesday

Breakfast at the hotel  
Check-out from the hotel (before 11:00)  
Depending on Flight Times:  
° Shopping at the Mills at Jersey Gardens  
Transfer to Airports (EWR / JFK / LGA)

## 14) NEO SCIENCE OLYMPIAD & CODING OLYMPIAD GRAND FINAL DATES, SERVICES & LOCATIONS

- a. Grand Final Dates: July 27 - August 2, 2026 (7 Days – 6 Nights)
- b. Grand Final City: New York (USA)
- c. Accommodation:
  - Embassy Suites by Hilton Parsippany: 909 Parsippany Blvd, Parsippany, NJ, US
- d. Event Locations:
  - Arrival/Departure Airports: EWR / JFK / LGA
  - Registration Venue: Embassy Suites by Hilton Parsippany
  - Welcome Meeting: Montclair State University
  - Exams Venue: Montclair State University
  - Award Ceremony: Columbia University
- e. Information Regarding the Optional Trips:
  - Dates: August 2-4, 2026 (3 Days / 2 Nights)
  - Routes: Boston / Washington DC
  - Departure Airports: EWR / JFK / LGA
  - Transfer: By private bus

## 15) FORCE MAJEURE CIRCUMSTANCES

- a. MTO shall not be liable for failing to perform its obligations under this Application and Participation Agreement insofar as such performance is hindered or prevented by war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, actual or threatened terrorist activity, any significant risk to human health such as an outbreak of serious disease at the destination, epidemic, pandemic, chemical or biological disaster, flood, drought, earthquake, any law, guidance, or advisory issue, or any other action taken by a government (local or national), industrial dispute, cyber-attack, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, fire, or any similar cause or the failure of a third-party supplier, provided that such cause is beyond the reasonable control of MTO.
- b. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of the host country and both parties agree that the courts of the host country shall have exclusive jurisdiction.
- c. This agreement is considered approved only after the completion and submission of the Group Approval Form via the link sent separately by email. After MTO receives the agreement confirmation, the participant will be asked to make a deposit payment.
- d. This agreement has a total of 15 sections and 103 articles.

**PARTIES:** This agreement must be digitally approved by the group supervisors via the provided link. Moreover, signing this agreement and returning it by email is not required.

Organizer: Main Team Organization LLC

Teacher on behalf of the group:

Name : James Wise

Title : Co-Founder & Managing Director

Date : March 4, 2026

Place : New York City



*There is no need to sign and return it by email.  
Completion of the online form will be considered as approval of the agreement.*