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REGULATIONS

**Petrocup World Student Olympics (PWSO)
Oil & Gas Field Development Management and Planning**

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1. General Provisions

1.1. These Regulations govern the Petrocup World Student Olympics (PWSO), a competition focused on the gas field development management and planning using PetroCup interactive training simulator. The event is open to students of higher education institutions in Russia and abroad. These Regulations define the rules for organizing and conducting the Olympics (hereinafter, the "Olympics"), outline its organizational and methodological framework, establish participation procedures, and set out the criteria for determining winners and prize recipients (hereinafter, the "Awardees").

1.2. The Olympics represent an innovative approach to oil and gas education, offering a unique analytical and technological simulation in which participants design and develop oil fields within a virtual environment. The competition is highly relevant for oil and gas companies, who serve as potential employers. For students, participation provides an opportunity to showcase their knowledge and competencies, while companies can evaluate how well these skills align with real industry challenges and future employment needs.

1.3. The main objectives of the Olympics include:

- Stimulating academic, cognitive, and research activities among senior students of specialized higher education institutions in Russia and abroad (hereinafter referred to as "Educational Institutions") majoring in "Oil and Gas Engineering" and related fields (geology, exploration, development, and operation of oil and gas fields).
- Fostering creative abilities, enhancing knowledge and competencies, and creating conditions to support talented students pursuing academic or professional careers.

Key goals of the Olympics:

- Aligning higher education programs with labor market demands and employer requirements using PetroCup standards;
- Evaluating students' competencies against industry technological challenges;
- Developing effective decision-making processes in field development;
- Enhancing multidisciplinary data interpretation and integration skills;
- Promoting team-based problem-solving among geology students;
- Facilitating knowledge exchange among students of different geological specializations;
- Certifying and assessing students' knowledge.

1.4. The Olympics aims to address the following tasks:

1.4.1. Identifying talented students with deep expertise in their field and providing them with opportunities for professional growth;

1.4.2. Building a talent pipeline for research, administration, production, and entrepreneurship with support from major industry employers, research organizations, and design institutes;

1.4.3. Raising knowledge levels, encouraging creative growth, and increasing professional mobility among students from federal and regional educational institutions;

1.4.4. Enhancing the prestige of industry-specific higher education and identifying the need to update higher education programs in response to modern challenges and evolving professional standards;

1.4.5. Implementing PetroCup simulator standards into educational processes to improve the training system and level of petroleum engineering students, ensuring alignment with the requirements set by industry employers for graduates.

1.5. The organizer of the Olympics is the Russian company LLC "Nafta College" (hereinafter referred to as "Nafta College").

1.6. The Olympics are intended for upper-year students of specialized educational institutions, particularly those studying in the following fields:

- Geology (including applied) and oil & gas geophysics,
- Oil and gas exploration,
- Oil and gas field development,
- Oil and gas field operation, design, construction, and infrastructure development,
- Economics and management,
- Engineering mechanics,
- Automation and computer engineering,
- International energy business.

1.7. Each educational institution may enter one (1) student team, with a maximum of 10-11 members.

1.8. The maximum number of participating teams in a single Olympics stage is 30 (thirty).

1.9. Based on these Regulations, the Olympics Rules (hereinafter referred to as the "Rules") are developed, specifying the sequence, timelines, conditions, and procedures for participation in Olympics tournaments. The Rules are approved by the Chair of the Olympics Organizing Committee.

1.10. To ensure a unified information space for participants, the official Olympics website has been created: <https://pws0.petrocup.com/ru/>. The website is available and maintained in two languages: Russian and English.

1.11. Additionally, an Olympics page has been established on the corporate website of Nafta College: <https://nafta.college/ru/etrocup/projects/student-league/>. This page is also bilingual (Russian and English).

1.12. For further accessibility, Russian and English-language Olympics pages have been created on Telegram: https://t.me/Petro_Cup (Russian) and https://t.me/PetroCup_En (English).

2. Organization and Conduct of the Olympics

2.1. For organizational and methodological support, an Organizing Committee and an Olympics Jury (hereinafter referred to as the "Jury") are established. The Rector of Nafta College serves as the Chair of the Organizing Committee.

2.2. The Organizing Committee and Jury of the Olympics are composed of department heads and experts from Nafta College, as well as other employees of Nafta College LLC involved in organizing and conducting the Olympics. The composition of both the committee and jury is approved annually by the Chair of the Olympics Organizing Committee.

2.3. The Olympics Organizing Committee shall:

- 2.3.1. Establish specific dates for the Olympics.
- 2.3.2. Determine the Olympics format: in-person, online, or hybrid.
- 2.3.3. Designate host cities for in-person tournaments.
- 2.3.4. In collaboration with the Jury, establish tournament formats and procedures.
- 2.3.5. Develop schedules for both in-person and online tournaments.
- 2.3.6. Oversee the direct implementation of the Olympics.
- 2.3.7. Compile and publish tournament standings on the official Olympics website based on team results from the PetroCup simulator.
- 2.3.8. Jointly with the Jury, determine and approve the list of Olympics award recipients.
- 2.3.9. Prepare media materials covering the Olympics's organization and execution.
- 2.3.10. Develop evaluation criteria and methodologies for assessing team performance.
- 2.3.11. Perform other functions as stipulated in the Regulations and Rules.

2.4. The Olympics Jury shall:

- 2.4.1. Review and evaluate participant results.
- 2.4.2. Revoke results for teams demonstrating unsatisfactory performance.
- 2.4.3. Nominate candidates for Olympics awards to the Organizing Committee.
- 2.4.4. Jointly with the Organizing Committee, determine and approve the list of award recipients.
- 2.4.5. Submit proposals for Olympics improvements to the Organizing Committee.
- 2.4.6. Perform other functions as stipulated in the Regulations and Rules

All Jury decisions to annul participant results must be documented in a protocol signed by at least three Jury members and the Jury Chair.

2.5. The Olympics is conducted annually as a single-stage event in either in-person, online, or hybrid format using Nafta College's online services.

2.6. Each educational institution may enter one student team consisting of no more than 10-11 members.

2.7. The maximum number of teams participating simultaneously is limited to 30.

2.8. Team registration procedures, timelines, competition conditions, and technical requirements are specified in the Olympics Rules, which are approved by the Organizing Committee Chair and published on the Nafta College website.

2.9. The official working languages of the Olympics are Russian and English.

2.10. Participation in the Olympics is not permitted for individuals who have completed education beyond the Master's level (i.e PhD or postgraduate diplomas)

2.11. The Olympics is conducted annually in accordance with the academic calendar.

2.12. Technical support and event coordination are provided by Nafta College staff and moderators.

2.13. Olympics participants with disabilities (OB3) may use necessary technical aids to participate in tournament activities according to their individual needs. To ensure accessibility, students with disabilities may submit a preliminary request. When such accommodations do not interfere with other participants or contradict the Olympics format, the organizer will provide appropriate special facilities and technical conditions. During the Olympics, an assistant from the participant's educational institution may be present to provide technical support tailored to the participant's individual requirements. The assistant is prohibited from consulting with or prompting the participant during tournament activities.

3. Participation Procedure and Determination of Olympics Awardees

3.1. Senior undergraduate or specialist-degree students from educational institutions may voluntarily participate in the Olympics. Participation is open to students of any nationality (hereinafter referred to as "Olympics participants").

3.2. The Organizing Committee provides special measures (informational and technical) to ensure equal participation conditions for students with disabilities (if applicable).

3.3. No participation fees are permitted.

3.4. Participants must register on the official Nafta College website (<https://nafta.college.ru/projects/>) in accordance with the Olympics Rules.

3.5. Registration confirms that the participant:

3.5.1. Has read the Olympics Regulations and Rules.

3.5.2. Consents to the processing of personal data, including: full name (surname, given name, patronymic), Nationality, date and place of birth, educational institution, contact details and other necessary information for participation. Data will be stored for 2 years and may be withdrawn under Russian Federation personal data laws.

3.6. Awardee status is confirmed by a digital diploma, while participant status is confirmed by a digital certificate. These documents are personalized/team-based and include a unique QR code for verification. Authenticity can be verified for 2 years after the Olympics concludes.

3.7. 1st-degree awardees: Teams ranked 1st place in the tournament.

3.8. 2nd-degree awardees: Teams ranked 2nd place.

3.9. 3rd-degree awardees: Teams ranked 3rd place in the Olympics standings.

3.10. The Olympics organizers may establish additional awards at their discretion.