



Community Problem Solving Overview

All CmPS Projects will submit materials in advance of IC, as well as on-site. Below, key aspects of the competition are discussed to help you prepare for IC 2023. Coaches and students should review all CmPS documents in advance of IC 2023. All of these, as well as the latest information about IC 2023, can always be found on our website at www.fpspi.org/ic-information. Additional information about project requirements available [here](#).

TIMELINE

Beginning April 6 - Login information for FPSOnline will be provided to coaches as they are submitted by Affiliates to the International Office.

Wednesday, May 3 - Registration closes www.icfpspi.org. All payments due.

All students who worked on a project (even if not participating in IC) must have completed the FPSP International Conference Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Competitor Rules and Regulations Contract.

Thursday, May 4 - Proposal, Written Report, and Promotional Video due via FPSOnline by 8pm EDT

Monday, May 8 - All documentation for accommodations (504, educational, disability, etc.) due.

Must have been noted during registration

Tuesday, June 6, noon EDT – Electronic Portfolios due to cmops@fpspi.org

Wednesday, June 7 – Coach Q & A for Display setup and Showcase prep 3pm

Thursday, June 8 - International Conference Opening Ceremony 9:45 am

Thursday, June 8 – Project Display setup as assigned in check-in materials - 12:30-4:30 pm

Thursday-Friday, June 8-9 – Interviews as assigned in check-in materials

Friday, June 10 – CmPS Showcase - 7-9 pm

Saturday, June 11 – Display removal - 5 pm

Sunday, June 11 - International Conference Award Ceremony – 8:45-11:30 am

Sunday, June 11 – Score sheets available on FPSOnline after the Award Ceremony

COMPETITION DETAILS

- Only students registered for IC 2023 may participate in IC activities (including the Interview and Showcase).
- The Proposal, Written Report, and Promotional Video must be uploaded into FPSOnline at the same time.
- All work submitted in FPSOnline must be provided in English. Any need for interview translations must be noted during IC registration.
- Chrome, Firefox, and Safari are the recommended browsers for the FPSOnline system. Other browsers have not been tested, and may not provide the best user experience. FPSOnline is designed for access via a computer – not a tablet or smartphone. Use of non-preferred devices is not recommended.
- Late or incorrectly formatted/submitted entries will be evaluated but may not be eligible for awards.

Project Proposal - Due in FPSOnline by Thursday, May 4, 8 pm EDT

- Must be submitted as both a Word document and a PDF file.
- Must be written in legible 12-point font (not script).
- Must not exceed 2000 words.
- The Proposal should not be re-written or modified from what was submitted at the Affiliate level.

Written Report - Due in FPSOnline by Thursday, May 4, 8 pm EDT

- Must be submitted as both a Word document and a PDF file.
- Must not exceed 3500 words.
- Must be written in legible 12-point font (not script).
- Reports should begin with the Underlying Problem (original from Proposal and revised if applicable).



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Promotional Video - Due in FPSOnline by Thursday, May 4, 8 pm EDT

- Must be submitted as an unlisted YouTube video link on FPSOnline. Participants in countries that have blocked YouTube must contact cmps@fpspi.org to make alternate arrangements.
- May or may not include students in the video.
- May be created using multimedia software, videography, PowerPoint, storytelling software, etc.
- Must be no more than 3 minutes in length.

Portfolio – Electronic Portfolios due via cmps@fpspi.org by Tuesday, June 6, noon EDT.

Physical Portfolio must be left with the project Display during Project set-up Thursday, June 8, by 4:30 pm

- Must be accessible offline.
- Not to exceed 20 double-sided or 40 single-sided pages/slides
 - not including one-page “updates”
 - standard size paper (Letter or A4)
- May not include animations or videos.
- Projects are encouraged to include one page (front and back) at the beginning of the Portfolio that recounts “updates” since the Proposal and Report were submitted for IC. This should also include the Underlying Problem (original from Proposal and revised if applicable).
- Projects may submit the Portfolio electronically. Electronic submissions must be received via cmps@fpspi.org as a single PDF file (compressed size) by Tuesday, June 6, noon EDT.

Interview – As assigned in check-in materials

- Interview timeslots are planned for Thursday, June 8, 7-9pm and Friday, June 9, 8am-3:30pm.
- Assigned interview times will be provided to coaches with their IC check-in materials.
- If translators are needed for the interview to be conducted in English, this must be noted during registration.
- Team project interviews will last up to 30 minutes. Individual project interviews will last up to 15 minutes.
- Every interview will include the question, “Which step in the problem solving process made the biggest difference to your project and why?” Other potential interview questions are available in [Interview Details](#).

Display – Project set-up Thursday, June 8, 12:30-4:30 pm as assigned

- One standard tri-fold display board will be provided for all projects. This display board must be used.
- Tabletop display only. No freestanding or under-table items permitted.
- Height of display must not exceed 50 inches (127 cm) from tabletop.
- Additional Information in [Display Details](#)

RULES

The IC 2023 Community Problem Solving (CmPS) competition will be scored within the [FPSOnline system](#). FPSPI competitive submissions are used to determine International Conference champions. Therefore, the submission of student work must follow CmPS rules and competitive guidelines. CmPS projects for IC 2023 are evaluated following the official CmPS [Evaluation Guidelines](#). Please see the Scoring Process document for additional information.

When competitors register for IC 2023, they are required to complete the FPSP International Conference Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Competitor Rules and Regulations Contract, which indicates violation of any rules may result in disqualification. This includes all the rules and guidelines set forth within all IC 2023 competition documents. Please note the following:



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- All submitted work must be the original work and sole creation of the designated student's own efforts and ideas. The research, ideas, preparation, creation, design, and presentation are those of only the officially designated student(s).
- Students should use good judgment and remember that all submitted work should be appropriate for all audiences.
- Students are encouraged to think creatively and futuristically. Taking conceptual risks is part of the creative thinking process, but these risks may not pay off or may push the boundaries too far. All participants should consider the impact of their work and words on others, accounting for the diversity of age, ethnicity, religion, culture, and experience that make up the FPSPI community.
- All specific requirements for each submitted item must be adhered to (word count, page limit, height, etc.)

QUESTIONS?

Competition questions should be directed to Kyla Mocharnuk, FPSPI Competition Director, kyla@fpspi.org. Technical concerns with FPSOnline should be directed to Damien Milner, FPSPI IT Administrator, damien@fpspi.org. Registration or payment concerns should be directed to Debbie Pruneau, FPSPI Administrative Director, debbie@fpspi.org. Email is the preferred method of communication for IC related questions. Please allow 48 hours for a response.