



Global Issues Problem Solving Overview

GIPS competitors will complete their booklets in response to the Future Scene based on the IC topic. Below, key aspects of the competition are discussed to help you prepare for IC 2023. Coaches and students should review all competition 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

TIMELINE

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

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

Must have been noted during registration

Thursday, May 18 - FPSOnline login information provided to coaches (for Teams and Individuals)

Friday, May 19 - Wednesday, May 24 – FPSOnline Practice Session open (for Teams and Individuals)

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

Thursday, June 8 - GIPS Competition as assigned in check-in materials - 12:30-4:30 pm

Friday, June 9 - Presentation of Action Plan Competition as assigned in check-in materials - 1-4 pm

Saturday, June 10 - Presentation of Action Plan - Final Round – 9am

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

1. All competitors will complete their GIPS booklets at the same time as instructed in the official competition rooms on Thursday, June 9, between 12:30-4:30 pm as assigned.
2. Only 2 hours are permitted for student work upon receiving the Future Scene.
 - o The Future Scene will not be released before students begin the 2-hour competition session.
 - o At the end of the 2-hour competition, all student work on the booklet must stop.
3. Monitors will be present to ensure that students do not use non-permitted items and that they adhere to FPSPI rules for the duration of the competition.
4. Students cannot utilize outside resources during the 2-hour competition (except a paper dictionary and thesaurus). Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, student notes prepared before the competition, research, references, category lists, coach/parent advice, internet searches, etc.
5. All competitors will be provided with a paper copy of the Future Scene and scrap paper for notes. The Future Scene, as accessed in FPSOnline, is not an editable or downloadable file. Only student work entered into the official booklet (paper or electronic) will be scored.
6. Students must provide their own writing implements.
7. Students opting to handwrite their booklet will receive a paper copy of the official GIPS booklet. Students should make sure their writing is legible and dark enough to be read. Paper booklets will be scanned for upload into FPSOnline. IC staff will handle the upload process for all handwritten booklets.
8. All work submitted must be written in English. Any need for translations must be noted during IC registration so arrangements can be made.

TEAMS

1. As a team, students must decide whether to complete their entire booklet electronically (typed) or traditionally (handwritten).



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2. Teams that elect to complete their booklet electronically are responsible for providing their own laptops. Wi-Fi will be available. No power sources (outlets) will be provided in the team competition rooms. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their electronic devices will have sufficient power for the duration of the competition.
3. Students can all log in simultaneously to write their booklet. To review teammates' work, students may need to refresh their browsers.
4. Team members must coordinate with each other to ensure all work is captured. If multiple students enter the same field simultaneously (such as two students typing in the Action Plan field), they will overwrite each other.
5. All GIPS teams must participate in the Presentation of Action Plan competition.

INDIVIDUALS

1. Students must decide whether to complete their entire booklet electronically (typed) or traditionally (handwritten).
2. Individuals that elect to complete their booklet electronically are responsible for providing their own laptops. Wi-Fi will be available. Power sources (outlets) will be available in the individual competition rooms. It is the student's responsibility to bring any needed cord or adapter.

MAGIC

1. MAGIC competitors must be experienced in the GIPS 6-step problem solving process
2. MAGIC competitors will be assigned to a team with students from other regions. Team assignments will be provided when students arrive at the competition room.
3. All MAGIC booklets will be completed on paper (handwritten).
4. Participants must be able to converse with their teammates in English. All work submitted must be written in English. Any need for translations must be noted during IC registration so arrangements can be made.
5. Coaches will be provided with FPSOnline credentials for MAGIC students during check-in. These will only be used to access score sheets after the Award Ceremony.

FPSOnline

1. Each student has a unique username and password to access FPSOnline and is not allowed to share these with other competitors.
2. 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, though successful tests have been made using an iPad. No other devices - tablets or smartphones - have been successfully tested. Use of a non-preferred device is not recommended.
3. Students may use a collaborative writing platform, but only work entered in the FPSOnline virtual booklet will be scored. Typed booklets may not be submitted as an attachment.
4. The FPSOnline system does not support formatted text. Any pasted tables, bulleted lists, rich text, etc., will not be supported.
5. IC staff will not be able to provide technical support. In the event of device failure, the timer will not be stopped. Students will be provided with a paper booklet to continue their work.



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The FPSOnline Practice Session will open by noon EDT Friday, May 19 and close at 8pm EDT Wednesday, May 24. The practice session is intended for students to familiarize themselves with the [FPSOnline system](#) in advance of the official competition. FPSOnline login information will be provided to coaches no later than Thursday, May 18.

- No work submitted during the practice session will be reviewed by FPSPI.
- A Future Scene will be provided for the practice session.
- There will be two options available during the practice session. Both options will be available to all students.
 - Option 1 will have no timer in place, unlike the official competition window.
 - Option 2 will mimic the official competition, with a two-hour timer in place.
- The practice session is intended to assist students in becoming familiar with logging in, accessing the Future Scene, and submitting work for each step within the FPSOnline system.
- There are [instructional videos](#) available to assist students in becoming acquainted with the FPSOnline system.

RULES

The IC 2023 Global Issues Problem Solving 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 GIPS rules and competitive guidelines. GIPS booklets for the IC 2023 topic are evaluated following the official [GIPS Evaluation Guidelines](#). Please see the Scoring Process document for additional information.

When competitors register for IC 2023, they must complete the FPSP International Conference Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Competitor Rules and Regulations Contract, which indicates that violating any rules may result in disqualification. This includes all the rules and guidelines within all IC 2023 competition documents. Submission of student work during an FPSPI competition indicates that the following will be adhered to:

- All submitted work must be original and the sole creation of the registered student's(s') own efforts and ideas. The research, ideas, preparation, creation, and presentation are those of only the officially registered student(s). The work must be completed without any outside assistance – no additional students, coaches, parents, etc.
- Student work is completed within the two-hour competition without prior knowledge of the Future Scene.
- Students cannot utilize outside resources during the 2-hour competition (except a dictionary and thesaurus). Prohibited items include, but are not limited to; student notes prepared before the competition, research, references, category lists, coach/parent advice, internet searches, etc.
- Plagiarism is an offense defined as using another's words, ideas, or expressions without acknowledging their source. Non-compliance with the outlined competitive guidelines or plagiarism is grounds for immediate disqualification from FPSPI competition.
- Students should use good judgment and remember 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.

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.