

i- Olympiad

An International School Hybrid Sport Training and Competition Project

“Compete Locally.....Win Globally”

2012-13 Competition Rules



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Introduction

Each International School around the world is separated by time, space, facility restrictions and / or insufficient faculty or funds to host numerous track and field events. Many schools have athletically talented students but no team in which to train or travel to a regional international school sporting event. For the first time, the **i-Olympiad** will allow students from international schools to participate in numerous track and field events locally (on the campus of their own school or nearby facilities) while actually participating in a global event for that sport.

How? With the power of the internet and the **World Virtual School Global Services, schools (WVSGEO)**, schools are already positioned to collaborate online through the WVS Moodle Network. As described on the WVSGEO Site; which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Office of Overseas Schools, the WVS is to assist participating schools and regions in terms of curriculum quality and continuity, opportunities for collaboration, progressive professional development. The **i-Olympiad** will meet each of the above by creating a richer quality in Physical Education and Sports programs for students and faculty. It will create new opportunities for student athletes to compete in sports and it will stimulate students to train individually or in groups due to the new opportunities available. The **i-Olympiad** is a hybrid sporting event. The idea of competing in an international competition without travelling could not be presented for project development without the online collaborative and e-platform tools now available to WVS participating schools.

To give a brief example: Imagine a student at AS Madrid has excellent swimming skills and prior to attending this school trained and competed in the states in a district or state level competitions. Upon arriving at AS Madrid, they found out that there is no ability to compete in large scale swim meets. Although the school has a pool, there is no chance to compete where as other sports such as soccer, basketball, volleyball have team practices and will travel to a multi- school sporting event

somewhere in their international school region. With the **i-Olympiad**, this student can register to swim the events that are listed for swimming (i.e. 100m butterfly, 400m freestyle, etc) and be timed and verified. Dozens of similar swimmers will be doing the same event at their respective international schools around the globe. Times will be posted via the **Moodle i-Olympiad Platform** at specific times and the athletes will see if they won their “heat” and will progress to the next level. Eventually winners are listed and medals are given. So imagine a student could actually say, “I won the silver medal in the International School **i-Olympiad** in the 400m Freestyle Event and I never left the campus of AS Madrid.

Events that can be hosted by the **i-Olympiad** project will be individual and team events that do not require an opposing team (soccer, tennis, volleyball, basketball, etc).The **i-Olympiad** sports venue would hold track and field events that would be divided in to three broad categories: track events, field events, and combined events, swimming, bowling, archery and other sports will be presented. Schools can pick and choose from upwards of 50 sporting events for their students to participate in locally, while competing globally.

The i-Olympiad can:

Educational –help every child in middle and high school experience athletics through the school curriculum and have the chance to compete in an international venue. The **i-Olympiad core team** will work alongside physical education teachers to help their school’s students experience and enjoy athletics by allowing for a greater range of activities.

Recreational – The **i-Olympiad core team** will promote athletics as a key part of a healthy lifestyle that contributes to a positive student learning balance.

Sporting – The **i-Olympiad core team** will strive to ensure that everyone with athletic talent reaches their full potential by providing the appropriate pathways and coaching. The **i-Olympiad** core team will also

provide the competitive opportunities and programs to assist local students at each international school to compete with distinction on the international school world athletic stage.

Strategic Objectives of the i-Olympiad

The **i-Olympiad** aims to:

- Increase participation in athletics at each school and within each intra-international school region as well international participation.
- Identify athletes with athletic talent and develop them to their full potential
- Support elite athletes to enhance their performances at international competitions
- To provide support to schools and Physical Education Programs
- Develop coaching expertise
- Provide appropriate competition for all middle and high school students.
- Promote the activities of **i-Olympiad** membership to a widespread audience

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Eligibility:

The i-Olympiad is open to registered students that are attending an international school and a full member of the following umbrella organizations: NESAs (Near East South Asia), AISA (Africa), EARCOS (East Asia), ECIS (Europe), MAIS (Mediterranean States), CEESA (Central and Eastern Europe), TRI-STATES, AASSA (South America), AASCA (Central America)

Independent, International Schools will be accepted only upon the recommendation of the I-Olympiad Executive Committee. Priority is given to international schools participating in the above associations.

***yearly refers to the i-Olympiad calendar year and not from the time that a school registers to participate.**

Registration costs (school)

International School Registration: \$600

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Independent, International School Registration: \$1,000

What does your registration payment cover?

- 1) Participation in the I-Olympiad and / or the Ultimate Fitness Event for the competition year**
- 2) Access to support and training for Athletic Instructors and IT**
- 3) Funding helps cover costs with IT Support**
- 4) Executive Committee Travel and Stipends for yearly training meetings**
- 5) Awards and Medals**

Student Eligibility for winter – spring 2012, and 2012-13 Year

The i-Olympiad is open for students whose ages range:

- “ Age 16 or above on or before 7/31/2011**
- “ Age 13 to 15 on or before 7/31/2011**
- “ Age 12 or below on or before 7/31/2011**

For 2012-2013 School Year

The i-Olympiad is open for students whose ages range:

- “ Age 16 or above on or before 7/31/2012**
- “ Age 13 to 15 on or before 7/31/2012**
- “ Age 12 or below on or before 7/31/2012**