

International Abilympics Helsinki 2027

Competition Rules

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1. Introduction

The following set of rules introduces all the dispositions pertaining to the organisation of the 11th International Abilympics in Helsinki, Finland, in May 2027 (hereinafter referred to as IA 2027).

Their role is to define the competition's terms and conditions to ensure its success. The International Abilympics Helsinki 2027 Competition Rules are based on the Rules of Implementation of the International Abilympic Federation (IAF).

All participants are required to comply with the Competition Rules.

1.1. Purpose of the Competition

The International Abilympics is a global vocational skills competition for people with disabilities. Participants qualify by succeeding in national or regional Abilympics events. The competition highlights the professional skills and talents of individuals with disabilities who are entering or already working in various skilled professions.

The IA 2027 competition event is designed to increase employment and to promote the quality of vocational education through collaboration with various networks, while also presenting educational opportunities to prospective students in order to increase the number of applicants.

A key focus of the event is to highlight the societal importance of special education and the development of targeted skills. Additionally, IA 2027 aims to showcase the expertise of Finnish vocational education and training, particularly in the field of special needs education.

In line with these goals, the event is directed toward several main target groups: Finnish VET students and upper secondary school students, International Abilympics delegations and other international organisations, decision-makers, companies and organisations both in Finland and abroad, media representatives, and the general public, especially individuals with disabilities.

1.2. Code of Ethics

The International Abilympics Competition is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, respect, and inclusivity. All participants, organisers, volunteers, and partners are expected to adhere to the following ethical principles to ensure a fair competition and a positive experience for all:

Fairness and Integrity

Competitions must be conducted fairly, transparently, and ethically. Competitors are expected to compete honestly, avoiding any form of cheating, plagiarism, or misconduct. Judges and competition personnel must act impartially and uphold the integrity of the evaluation process.

Inclusion and Empowerment

All individuals shall be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of ability, background, or identity. The competition fosters an inclusive and accessible environment that celebrates diversity and promotes equal opportunities for all. The International Abilympics also aims to empower people with disabilities by showcasing their talents and vocational excellence, inspiring all

participants to be ambassadors of inclusion and advocates for positive change in their communities.

1.3. Values of the Competition

The IA 2027 competition is founded on the core values of Skills Finland: collaboration, inspiration, and innovation. These values are reflected throughout the planning and execution of the event. IA 2027 is organised in close cooperation with a broad network of partners, with the aim of creating an inspiring experience for all participants. The event encourages innovative approaches to skill development and competition delivery.

Through participation in IA 2027, individuals have the opportunity to demonstrate their vocational skills, expand their professional networks, explore potential employment opportunities, and be inspired by the possibilities offered through vocational education and training.

The event is organised in an environmentally responsible and socially sustainable manner, ensuring that all planning, operations, and partnership activities minimise ecological footprint and foster positive social impact.

1.4. Ownership of Materials Produced During the Competition

All materials produced during the 11th International Abilympics Helsinki 2027—including, but not limited to, completed Task Assignments, photographs, video recordings, and other media featuring Competitors, delegations, and event activities—are the property of the Competition Organiser. This includes any content captured before, during, or after the competition within the official event framework. The Competition Organiser reserves the right to use these materials for promotional, educational, and documentation purposes related to the Abilympics movement. This may include publication on websites, social media, printed materials, press releases, and other communication channels aimed at raising awareness of vocational skills and promoting inclusion and accessibility in professional environments.

By participating in the competition, all individuals and delegations acknowledge and accept that their image and work may be used in this manner, and grant the Competition Organiser the necessary rights to do so without additional consent or compensation.

Finished Task Assignments will be in safekeeping under the responsibility of the Competition Organiser until the end of the Closing Ceremony. The Competition Organiser reserves the right to determine the final disposition of the finished works.

2. Roles and Definitions

2.1. Roles registered by delegations

Competitor

Competitor is a participant in an Abilympics skill who is responsible for completing the Task Assignment independently, ethically, and to the best of their abilities. The International Abilympics competition is for professionals who require special support, and all Competitors must have a disability—whether developmental, cognitive, psychological, physical, or sensory—that affects daily functioning or interaction. Competitors must be able to prove their need for special support in the registration by submitting a medical certificate. Competitors must be at least 15 years old on the first day of the competition (C1). Each delegation may enter up to two Competitors per skill.

Judge

Judges act on behalf of the competition to ensure that every Competitor is assessed fairly, respectfully and according to the approved Assessment Framework. The role requires integrity, neutrality and professionalism, strict confidentiality, and support for a safe and inclusive competition environment. Judges are requested to have common understanding on the competition procedure and evaluation criteria. Each skill must have at least three Judges, and no single country may form a majority of the panel. Organiser may make an exception if there are insufficient applicants, while ensuring fairness and neutrality. Judges are selected by Competition Organiser based on applications.

Chief Judge

The Chief Judge leads and coordinates the judging and assessment teams throughout the competition. They ensure that assessment procedures are carried out consistently, fairly, and in full alignment with the official Competition Rules and Technical Descriptions. The Chief Judge is responsible for guiding the Judges within their skill area, resolving any assessment-related questions, and overseeing the assessment process from start to finish. Each skill has one designated Chief Judge.

Interpreter

Each delegation may bring interpreters to assist with communication during the competition, including sign-language interpreters and speech-to-text interpreters. They help translate and explain Task Assignments, but Competitors must not gain any additional information through the interpreter's involvement. Former Judges or Competitors are not permitted to serve as interpreters. Interpreters should be familiar with the technical terminology relevant to the specific skill competition they are supporting. The Interpreter may access the workshops (= the competition areas) of the skills their delegation has registered Competitors in.

Assistant

An Assistant provides necessary support to a Competitor or Judge who requires help due to a disability. This support may include medical assistance, mobility support, or any other personal help needed to ensure the participant can safely and fully take part in the competition. Assistants must follow all Competition Rules, offer aid only when requested or permitted, and avoid influencing performance or outcomes. The Assistant may access the workshop of the participant they are assisting.

Team Leader

Each delegation appoints at least one Team Leader to support their Competitors during the competition. Their main role is to ensure the well-being of the Competitors during the competition event, including side events such as excursion and ceremonies. Team Leader may access the workshop in case their Competitor is unwell, but Team Leaders are not permitted to help by giving any information related to the competition task or any other technical information.

Competition Official

The Competition Official ensures that the delegation members have the information provided by the Competition Organiser before and during the event, including all materials relevant to their role in the competition. They are responsible for overseeing compliance with Competition Rules and serve as the primary point of consultation if any issues arise involving members of their delegation. The Competition Official also has the right to make direct appeals when necessary. They are permitted access to the workshop area as part of their duties. Each delegation must have at least one and no more than three Competition Officials. Large delegations may petition to register up to three Competition Officials, if needed.

Observer

Observers are delegation members who do not hold any of the designated official roles and they do not have access to the workshops. A delegation may include multiple Observers.

2.2. Roles registered by Competition Organiser

Skill Manager

The Skill Manager is responsible for organising the skill competition and ensuring its smooth operation. They prepare the key technical documents for the skill: the Technical Description, Task Assignment, and Assessment Framework. The Skill Manager works closely with the Assessment Advisors, Chief Judge, and other officials to ensure all competition activities follow the required standards.

Assessment Advisor

The Assessment Advisor works with the Skill Manager to create the assessment structure and to develop the assessment materials. During the competition days, the Assessment Advisor provides assistance to both the Skill Manager and the Chief Judge, helping ensure smooth and consistent implementation of assessment procedures. Among the Assessment Advisors, one is designated as the Lead Assessment Advisor, who coordinates their work and provides guidance within the group.

Appeal Committee

The Appeal Committee is a neutral and independent body that becomes involved only when other resolution efforts have not succeeded. It serves as the final instance for reviewing and deciding on formal appeals. The Competition Organiser is responsible for selecting the members of the Appeal Committee.

Special Needs Advisor

The Special Needs Advisor makes sure that all Competitors receive appropriate support to participate in the Abilympics competition. They coordinate accessibility arrangements and work closely with Skill Managers to ensure inclusive competition environment in all Abilympics skills.

IAF Secretariat

The IAF Secretariat supports the Competition Organiser in all matters related to the implementation of IAF regulations. It ensures that all IAF rules and procedures are correctly applied throughout the competition and assists in maintaining consistency and compliance across all organisational processes.

2.3. Key Roles of the Competition Organiser Team

Competition Director

The Competition Director provides overall leadership for the competition and ensures that all skills operate in accordance with the official rules, procedures, and quality standards. They oversee the planning and delivery of the competition at the highest level.

Competition Manager

The Competition Manager is responsible for coordinating the operational and logistical aspects of the competition. They support the execution of schedules, resources, and processes across all skills to ensure smooth and consistent implementation.

Event Director

The Event Director oversees the overall planning of the major event and coordinates the work of the Abilympics team. They secure event funding, manage finances, lead and recruit the team, support partnerships and stakeholder relations, and make key decisions when needed. The Event Director ensures that all functional groups (competitions, communications, logistics, and side events) work together seamlessly to deliver a memorable experience for all participants.

3. Participation and Accreditation

Each country or region is invited to send one delegation to the competition. All countries or regions participating in the Abilympics must be members of the International Abilympic Federation.

The registration fee is 480 € for all registered participants. The fee covers the event accreditation, lunch and dinner during the competition, excursion and ceremonies, as well as transportation during the event. The fee does not cover travel costs to Helsinki or accommodation. The fee is paid in advance and failure to pay will result in delegation not being able to participate in the event.

3.1. Registration

Registration

Registration for the event opens 9 months prior to the event and new registrations can be made until 6 months prior to the event. The registrations will be binding at 6 months prior to the event.

Names and other necessary information of Competitors must be filled in 6 months prior to the event. After this it is still possible to change Competitors if necessary, but the number of Competitors per delegation will be binding from 6 months prior to the event. This is due to having enough time to prepare the workshops.

All necessary information regarding participants will be collected through the registration system maintained by WorldSkills International. The delegation appoints a person in charge of the registration who will have access to enter all details on behalf of the entire delegation.

An individual's personal data will only ever be used for the purposes for which it is collected and will not be transferred to any third party. WorldSkills International is subject to the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (2016).

More about privacy regarding WSI's systems: <https://worldskills.org/site/privacy/>

Medical Certificate

A Medical Certificate, signed by a licensed healthcare professional, is required from all Competitors to confirm their disability. The Competition Organiser will provide delegations with the official certificate form. Medical Certificates are collected through the registration system.

All medical certificates are treated as confidential medical information. Certificates are stored securely in compliance with GDPR, and access is restricted to personnel with a legitimate need to know. The documents are securely destroyed 12 months after the competition.

3.2. Accreditation and Access

Access to the venue

The competition venue is generally closed to Observers, media, and the public before and after the competition. Limited exceptions may be authorised by the Competition Organiser on an individual basis.

Access to the workshops

Access to workshops is restricted to individuals holding official accreditation. Accredited roles include Skill Managers, Chief Judges, Judges, Competitors, Interpreters and Assistants. These individuals are permitted entry only to the specific workshop for which they are accredited.

The following individuals have unrestricted access to workshops at any time: Competition Officials, Competition Support staff and Assessment Advisors. They are not allowed to engage with Competitors from their own country unless they are accompanied by a Skill Manager, a Chief Judge, or a Judge from another delegation. Individuals may access workshops only under specific conditions. They are required to announce themselves to the Skill Manager or Chief Judge. Team Leaders are permitted to enter any workshop where their Competitors are present. Access for other individuals must be approved by the Competition Director.

3.3. Scholarship Programme

Delegations participating in IA 2027 can apply for a reduced registration fee. The application period for the Scholarship Programme is scheduled to run from March to May 2026, and applications must be submitted by the delegation, not by individuals. If approved, the program can cover up to 50% of the total costs—including participation fees, flights, and accommodation. The delegation must be prepared to cover the remaining part themselves.

The Competition Organiser has a restricted budget for the Scholarship Programme and might not be able to include all applicants in the Scholarship Programme. Delegations will be submitting applications to be included in the program and selections will be based on how effectively the organisation integrates IA competitions into its operations, as well as the significance of its need for the scholarship. All applicants will be notified of the outcome once the application period has ended.

4. Skills Competition

4.1. Code of Conduct

Competitors and Judges have the responsibility to compete and to judge fairly and transparently. Participants are expected to perform their assigned activities to the best of their abilities throughout the competition. Competitors (or Teams in team skills) are to complete their Task Assignment independently, without receiving assistance from other participants or external sources. Anyone violating the Code of Ethics (1.2) may be disqualified or removed from the event.

The competition event will last five days, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

The maximum duration of the competition tasks is six hours per skill.

Minimum of five competitors from at least three delegations should participate in a skill to make it an official competition. If that minimum is not reached, the Competition Organiser may decide to keep the skill in the competition as Skill Demonstration or cancel the organisation of the skill.

The Competitor has the right to use the competition documents in their own language. Translations of the competition documents may be prepared in advance by the delegation. No additional text may be added to the translations.

Finished works will be in safekeeping under the responsibility of the Competition Organiser until the end of the Closing Ceremony. The Competition Organiser reserves the right to determine the final disposition of the Task Assignments.

4.2. Competition Documents

Technical Description

Each skill has its own Technical Description prepared by the Skill Manager. The Technical Description outlines the scope of the skill and specifies what Competitors must be prepared for. Technical Description has been previously known as the Pre-Task Assignment.

Content of each Technical Description:

1. Skill Overview
 - 1.1. Skill name and Category
 - 1.2. Number of Competitors
 - 1.3. Competition time
 - 1.4. Description of the skill
2. Task Assignment Overview
 - 2.1. Task Assignment and Familiarisation Session
 - 2.2. Task Assignment Structure
 - 2.3. Task Assignment Technical Requirements
3. Materials and Equipment
 - 3.1. Materials and Equipment provided by Competition Organiser
 - 3.2. Materials and Equipment Supplied by Competitors
 - 3.3. Prohibited Materials and Equipment
4. Skill-Specific Requirements
5. Assessment Framework

- 5.1. Assessment Principles
- 5.2. Assessment areas

In the event of any discrepancy between language versions of the Technical Description, the English version will take precedence. Technical Description will be released by 6 months before the competition.

Task Assignment

Each skill has its own Task Assignment prepared by the Skill Manager. The Task Assignment is the competition task or set of tasks that Competitors must complete, as defined by the Technical Description. Task Assignment has been previously known as the Final Task Assignment. If differences appear between language versions of the Task Assignment, the English version is the authoritative one. The Task Assignment will be released by 2 months before the competition.

Content of each Task Assignment:

1. Introduction
 - 1.1. General Information
 - 1.2. Allocated time
 - 1.3. Familiarisation Day
2. Task Assignment
 - 2.1. Task Assignment Overview
 - 2.2. Requirements
 - 2.3. Modules
3. Assessment Framework
 - 3.1. Assessment Principles
 - 3.2. Assessment Areas
 - 3.3. Detailed Assessment Criteria

Charter of Judges

The Charter of Judges, prepared by the Competition Organiser, defines the standards and expectations for assessment in the competition. Its purpose is to ensure that every Competitor is evaluated fairly, consistently, and in accordance with agreed assessment principles and procedures. Charter of Judges will be released 12 months before the competition.

Content of the Charter of Judges:

- Purpose of the Charter of Judges
- Assessment principles
- Assessment procedure
- Appeals and conflict resolution
- Responsibilities and commitments of Judges
- Supporting fairness throughout the competition

Skill Management Plan

Each skill will have its own Skill Management Plan (SMP) that includes the overall event timetable as well as the Skill specific timetable. The first version of the Skill Management Plan is available for delegations 1-2 months before the event.

4.3. Timeline of the Competition

Familiarisation

The Competition Familiarisation takes place one day before the competition (C-1). The schedule will include time for Competitors to familiarise themselves with the competition area, tools, equipment, and materials. Safety regulation instructions will also be provided during this session.

Workstations for Competitors are allocated in advance by the Competition Organiser. All workstation assignments will be announced simultaneously to Competitors during the familiarisation day.

Competitors' own tools and equipment will be inspected during the familiarisation day.

Information about the familiarisation period will be provided to Competitors in the Skill Management Plan before the competition.

Each Competitor's identity will be verified on the familiarisation day using their passport.

It is strictly prohibited to start any part of the Task Assignment during the familiarisation session.

Competition Days

The competition will take place over three days (C1 to C3). The Skill Manager, together with the Chief Judge, is responsible for planning the schedule for each skill. The Skill Management Plan explains the timetable for the competition days. The Skill Manager will update the Skill Management Plan before the competition.

Depending on the number of Competitors in the skill, the modules will be organised in several groups, and the Competitors might be divided into groups that perform different modules at the same time. Competitors from the same delegation who compete at the same time will be placed in the same group.

If there is an uncontrollable number of Competitors in a skill, the Competition Organiser has the right, if necessary, to hold the skill competition at another location, or to shorten the competition task(s) and competition time. The Competition Organiser reserves the right to decide the method of implementation.

4.4. Tools and Equipment

The Infrastructure List (IL) specifies all tools and equipment that the Competition Organiser must provide for use during the Abilympics Competition. The IL is included as part of the Technical Description.

Competitors must bring certain personal tools with them. These permitted items are also listed in the Technical Description. Competitors are allowed to use only the materials specified in the Infrastructure List within the Technical Description.

The Technical Description additionally provides guidelines on required uniforms and clothing for all skills and Competitors.

4.5. Insurance and Safety Guidelines

All participants must be insured by their sending member organisation. Each delegation is responsible for ensuring that all its participants have appropriate and valid travel insurance, that also covers personal items, e.g. Competitor's own tools used in the competition.

The Competition Organiser is responsible for providing event insurance and for insuring all tools and equipment provided by the Competition Organiser.

All skills must follow the safety regulations established by the Competition Organiser. These safety requirements are detailed in the Technical Description for each skill. Safety instructions will also be provided during the familiarisation day.

5. Assessment and Results

The Abilympics Helsinki 2027 Assessment Framework establishes the principles and techniques to which Abilympics assessment must conform.

Assessment at the Abilympics competition involves two main methods – measurement and judgement – as defined below. Explicit benchmarks are essential for both methods. The benchmarks must relate to best practice in industry and business.

The main instruments used to support assessment are the Technical Description, Assessment Framework, Task Assignment and the Competition Information System (CIS).

5.1. Assessment Methods and Procedures

All Competitors must be assessed according to the same standards and the same Assessment Framework. Fair assessment is guided by five core principles: transparency, authenticity, reliability, validity and fairness.

A total of 100 marks is awarded in every skill competition. Marks are divided between criteria that reflect the skills and outcomes required by the competition task. To protect accuracy and balance, it is recommended that each competition includes at least 15 criteria.

All criteria and descriptions must be described in Task Assignments before the competition begins.

Assessment uses two complementary methods: measurement and judgement. Both methods are equally important and must be applied exactly as written in the Assessment Framework.

Measurement is used when performance can be verified objectively and the outcome is binary (criteria met / criteria not met). A full mark is awarded when the requirement is met, and no mark is awarded when it is not met. If the Assessment Framework includes deductions, they must be applied exactly as written.

Measurement does not involve personal opinion. Two identical results must receive identical marks.

Judgement is used when assessing the quality of a process or result. It applies to aspects such as technique, finish, precision, presentation, workflow, problem-solving, functionality or other qualities defined in the Assessment Framework. Judgement does not compare Competitors to one another — it evaluates how well the Competitor meets the approved standard of quality.

All marks are recorded in the Competition Information System (CIS). Only marks that have been agreed and validated according to the assessment procedure may be entered into CIS.

Once scores are locked in CIS, they are considered final. Any correction after confirmation requires approval from the Assessment Advisor and must be based on documentation of an input error, not on new interpretation or discussion.

5.2. Publication of Results

Rankings, scores and final results remain confidential until the official announcement at the Closing Ceremony. During the competition days, results are not communicated to Competitors. Delegation leaders may consult provisional rankings to ensure transparency, but this information is not shared with Competitors before the ceremony. Confidentiality protects fairness and allows all Competitors to enjoy the Closing Ceremony without prior knowledge of the results.

5.3. Medals

The following awards will be presented at the conclusion of the International Abilympics 2027 for all official skills that have at least five Competitors:

- 1st place: Gold medal
- 2nd place: Silver medal
- 3rd place: Bronze medal

If there are less than five Competitors, only gold medal will be awarded.

In addition to these, a special medal is presented to the Competitor who receives the highest total score among all Competitors from their delegation.

Equally Placed Medals

If the competitors have exactly the same score in 100 scale, the medals will be shared.

Two gold medals:

Award two gold medals, no silver medal, and then award one or more bronze medals as normal.

Three or more gold medals:

Award three or more gold medals and no silver and bronze medal.

One gold medal + two or more silver medals:

Award one gold medal, then two or more silver medals. No bronze medal.

Two or more bronze medals:

One gold medal, one silver medal, and two or more bronze medals if they have exactly same score.

6. Issues and Disputes

The process for handling issues and disputes applies to all situations during the setup, management, and operation (C-1 to C3) of an Abilympics competition. The process must be followed if the parties cannot reach a fair and timely agreement, or if there is any indication that rules or ethical guidelines have been violated.

Issue

An issue is any disagreement or differing viewpoint about how the skill competition is set up or carried out. Most issues should be handled directly by the Chief Judge. If a penalty is necessary, it must be decided together with the Appeal Committee.

Dispute

A dispute is created when an issue cannot be resolved by the Chief Judge or when someone reports a possible breach of the Code of Ethics (1.2). Everyone involved must behave fairly and professionally, keeping in mind that all parties are considered innocent until a final decision is made. The person raising the dispute must supply the evidence. Decisions are based on what is most likely to have happened. The more serious the allegation, the more convincing the evidence must be. Competitors must continue their work during the process, and no one may discuss the dispute with them unless formally permitted. Only Competition Officials may submit appeals to Judges during the competition, with interpreter support available if required.

6.1. Principles

The appeals process ensures that concerns about assessment are handled fairly, transparently and without disrupting the competition. An appeal may be made only when there is a concern that assessment procedures or competition arrangements may have affected the results. Appeals are not intended to express disappointment or disagreement with scores. Personal disagreement with a judgement score is not a valid basis for an appeal.

The rules for appeals, including deadlines and the composition of the Appeal Committee, are communicated to all delegations before the competition begins. The competition organising team may establish reasonable measures to prevent repeated or excessive appeals that do not relate to assessment procedures or competition arrangements affecting results.

The judging team shares the responsibility to resolve concerns early and constructively, so that the Appeal Committee is needed only in exceptional situations.

Most issues should be resolved within the judging team and should not require a formal appeal. If a Judge believes that a scoring decision may be incorrect or inconsistent, they raise the concern with the Chief Judge as soon as possible. The concern must refer to the Assessment Framework or evidence of performance.

The Chief Judge reviews the situation and guides the next steps. This process takes place entirely within the judging team and does not involve Competitors or delegations. Judges do not discuss scores or rankings with Competitors or delegations. The competition continues while an appeal is under review unless the Chief Judge decides otherwise. When concerns are addressed early and collaboratively, the need for a formal appeal is largely avoided.

A successful appeals process protects fairness for all Competitors and supports the credibility of the event.

6.2. Appeal process

Only Competition Officials of the delegation are entitled to make an appeal. The appeal may be submitted on behalf of persons directly involved in the original dispute. A formal appeal is submitted only if the concern cannot be resolved within the judging team. An appeal is submitted by the Competition Official using the Appeal Form. Appeals must be submitted to the Chief Judge within the published time window and as soon as possible after the issue arises.

The Chief Judge forwards the appeal to the Appeal Committee along with all relevant documentation and does not advocate for a particular outcome.

The Appeal Committee is a neutral body and is used only when previous resolution attempts are insufficient. The Committee is composed of:

- persons from at least three different delegations
- representatives of the International Abilympics Federation
- Competition Organiser's competition specialists
- a representative with expertise in accessibility and inclusion

Appeals Process



In case of a conflict of interest between the delegation's appeal and the Judge's function with the Appeal Committee, the Judge will be replaced by another one, to be selected by the Competition Organiser.

The Appeal Committee reviews evidence including the Assessment Framework, CIS records, and documentation of procedures.

The Appeal Committee may:

- confirm that assessment was correct
- correct a CIS entry error
- authorise re-assessment of a specific criterion only if the assessment procedure was not followed

The Appeal Committee does not adjust scores based on opinion, comparison between Competitors or personal preference. The Appeal Committee reviews whether there are grounds for appeal. If not, the appeal is dismissed. If yes, an Appeal Hearing is held. If the process was not followed correctly, the dispute returns to the original decision-making body for re-examination. The Appeal Committee cannot change the original decision, only ensure the process was properly followed.

All appeals must be documented using an official Appeal Form.

Each appeal shall be recorded as a single case document. The initial section of the form must be completed by the Chief Judge, including a clear description of the case. The Appeal Committee records its decision, reasoning, and any relevant comments in the same document.

Once a decision has been made, it must be documented and communicated to the relevant parties within one (1) hour.

All cases must be stored in the official competition repository to ensure transparency, consistency, and traceability. Decisions are final, documented and communicated through official channels.

6.3. Penalties

If a Competitor breaks skill-specific or Competition Rules, a 5 mark deduction is applied. The Competitor can then choose to continue or withdraw. A second violation leads to disqualification.

Judges who break rules are removed from the workshop and may no longer interact with Competitors. Their assessment may also be removed from the system if needed.

Any other accredited personnel who breach rules are also removed from the workshop and may not have further contact with Competitors or Judges.

Penalties are applied consistently and based on past practice.

In case of penalty, Competitors' scores remain in the system but are adjusted before they are officially published.

7. List of Skills, Preparation and Event Timeline

7.1. List of Skills in International Abilympics Helsinki 2027

1	Basket Making	22	Crochet
2	Cabinet and Furniture Making	23	Data Management and Processing
3	Computer Programming	24	Electrical Installation
4	Computer Assembly	25	Embroidery
5	Creating Web Pages	26	Engineering Design CAD
6	Dress Making	27	Fashion and Design
7	Electronic Assembly and Testing	28	Fruit and Vegetable Carving
8	English Word Processing	29	Hairdressing
9	Floral Arrangement	30	Hand Knitting
10	Photography	31	Landscape Gardening
11	Tailoring	32	Manicure
12	Wood Carving	33	Massage
13	Administration and Management of Network Systems	34	Painting and Decorating
		35	Painting and Waste Reuse
14	Bakery	36	Pâtisserie and Confectionery
15	Bicycle Assembly	37	Poster Design
16	Cabinetmaking <i>Advanced</i>	38	Publishing
17	Character Design	39	Restaurant Service
18	Cake Decoration	40	Welding
19	Cleaning Service	41	Logistics
20	Cooking <i>Individual</i>	42	Property Management
21	Cooking <i>Team Work</i>	43	Business

7.2. Preparation Timeline

2026	May	Competition Rules and Charter of Judges released on the website
		Judge application period starts
	August	Online info for delegations
		Judge application period ends
	September	Registration for delegations opens 1 September
	October	Registration for delegations closes 31 October
	November	Registration fees are collected from delegations
		Accommodation details must be filled in on the registration system
		Technical Descriptions released on the website
	December	Judge selection completed
		Online info for delegations
		1 st online training session for Chief Judges
2027	January	All travel data must be filled in on the registration system
		2 nd online training session for Chief Judges
	February	Task Assignments and Judge selection released on the website
		Skill Management Plan released
		1 st online training session for Judges
	March	Last online info for delegations
	April	2 nd online training session for Judges
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7.3. Event Timeline

DAY	AGENDA
SUN May 9 C-2	<i>Arrivals throughout the day</i>
MON May 10 C-1	Familiarisation for Competitors
	Assessment training for Judges
	IAF EXCO meeting
	IAF General Assembly
	Opening Ceremony
TUE May 11 C1	Skills competitions DAY 1
WED May 12 C2	Skills competitions DAY 2
THU May 13 C3	Skills competitions DAY 3
	Closing Ceremony and Gala Dinner
FRI May 14 C+1	Morning Nature Excursion
	<i>Departures throughout the day</i>