

37th AEHT ANNUAL CONFERENCE & COMPETITIONS 4th - 9th November, 2024 Riga, Latvia



HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT COMPETITION Competition details

Objective

- Demonstrate general Hospitality Management knowledges, through an individual test.
- Demonstrate Hospitality Management knowledges and skills, by playing a business simulator.
- Make a team presentation regarding the strategy, decision making, results (previewed and actual) and other subjects concerning the simulator use.

Teams & Language

Teams:

Teams will consist of two students from different schools and countries and drawn by the jury. It is possible to exist a team of three students in one of the following cases:

- o The final number of candidates is unpaired.
- Disqualification of one of the competitors.
- o Competitors last minute abandonment.

Language

- English (oral and written) is the compulsory language at all the competition phases: briefings, work plan (written), communication with teammates and judges during the different tasks.
 Minimum level of English: B2 (according to AQF).
- o Immediately after the announcement of the teams' constitution, team members should check whether correct communication in English within the team is possible. If there is serious doubt, the team should report this to the Head Judge immediately. Complaints about language problems will not be accepted after written test is launched.

RESPONSIBLES & TASKS

Judges (responsible – Paulo Morais Vaz)

In charge of the overall coordination of the competition, decision maker in case of any misunderstanding or non-conformity.

Responsible for sending to the participants, by mail, all info about the assessment process and the presentation mode and create conditions for the online phase along with local coordinator. In charge of managing judges and all their needs in terms of the competition.

Professional judge (responsible – Anda Rezgale)

Chosen within local professionals (general manager, revenue manager or F.O. manager) If possible, should be present at Briefing (1st day) to meet the students. In Presentation Day (last day) it would be fantastic if he/she could do a short Talk presenting him/herself and giving his/her vision over the industry

CESIM Presentation (responsible – Andrés Velasquez & Paulo Morais Vaz)

Presentation of the simulator game allowing students to be familiarised.

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Important notes

- o Participants should have their own laptop and a USB stick.
- Competitors must wear their full professional uniform.
- o All rules and regulations must be adhered including the General AEHT Competition Rules.
- Teams will be assessed by the jury, for a maximum classification of 100 points, according to the following guidelines:
 - Online Written test: 15 points (max)
 Based upon Mr. Robert Bosma Masterclass and general knowledge on Hospitality
 Management
 - Pitch: 30 points by the jury
 Evaluation criteria assessed during the presentation: Team engagement and professional attitude, Adopted strategy, Presentation support, Fluency and Communication skills, Q&A
 - Simulator Results: 35 points
 - Other Teams assessment: 20 points given by other teams based on each team Pitch
- Team members must observe all competition schedules and attend the Masterclass "Mind Your Guest" presented by Mr. Robert Bosma (place and time to be announced during the Annual Conference).
- Each team will have up to 30 minutes to present their strategy, decisions and appraise the results of the Simulator and justify its decisions and business options, in front of a jury.
- The final duration of each pitch will be defined based on number of participating teams and will be fully informed in time.
- The presentation should show evidence of research, teamwork, and hospitality management knowledge.
- The jury will then appraise the results of each team and will classify them according with the best operational and financial results.
- o If a judge has a participant from his own school, his evaluation will be the average evaluation of other judges (no one will be allowed to judge its own student)
- The jury decision is final. In case of any conflict, the Head Judge will have the final decision.
- The briefing and the final presentations are both open to the public, as well as the feedback exchange.
- o Research is limited to students' own textbooks and personal notes. No books will be supplied.

Launching Day - online (26th September)

- Head Judge and Local Coordinator Presentation
- Competitors Presentations
- o General briefing & announcement of the teams by Head Judge.
- CESIM Presentation
- Game launching



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Briefing Day - on site (5th November)

- Short presentation by the Professional Judge
- Written Test (online)
- On site competition

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

