

## **Regulations of the English Language Olympiad for the students of Šiauliai and Jelgava city of the school year 2018/2019**

### **1. General**

1.1. The English Language Olympiad for students of Šiauliai and Jelgava city (hereinafter - Olympiad) is governed by these General Regulations (hereinafter – Regulations) which specify details of the annual Olympiad.

1.2. The Olympiad is a joint project of Zemgale Region Human Resource and Competences Development Centre (ZRKAC) and Šiauliai City Municipality Education Center (Lithuania). The partners of the project are: Oxford University Press, Lithuania, Šiauliai “Romuva” gymnasium, Šiauliai city Methodical Group of English Language Teachers’ Council and the Education Department of Šiauliai City Municipality.

1.3. The International English language Olympiad takes place on **22 March, 2019** in Šiauliai Romuva gymnasium, 7 Dainų street, Šiauliai.

1.4. “A Host Organisation” specified in the Regulations has overall responsibility for the organisation of the Olympiad. The Host Organisation is responsible for ensuring that the arrangements of the Olympiad support the aims of the Olympiad and competition in the spirit of fair play.

1.5. **The aims** of the Olympiad are:

- to encourage and challenge gifted young people in two twin cities - Jelgava (Latvia) and Šiauliai (Lithuania) to show and test their English language skills;
- provide an opportunity for students to use the language for communication in different situations;
- to foster friendly international relationships among pupils of these two cities;
- to create an opportunity to share experience in teaching gifted students.

### **2. Participation**

2.1. Šiauliai City Municipality Education Center (Lithuania) and Zemgale Region Human Resource and Competences Development Centre (ZRKAC) are responsible for the selection of the participants of the Olympiad. Each organisation is entitled to send a team consisting of up to 10 contestants.

2.2. The contestants should normally be from 8 students of general education establishment and selected by each partner.

2.3. Each team is accompanied by 2–4 supervising teachers.

2.4. The official programme of the Olympiad:

**10.00 - 10.30 – Registration. Tea, coffee.**

**10.30 - 11.30 – Olympiad for individual participants. Discussion for teachers**

**11.30 – 12.15 – Lunch**

**12.15 – 14.30 – Sightseeing in Šiauliai**

**14.30 – 15.00 – Closing ceremony**

2.5. The Host Organisation reserves the right to amend or revise the Programme and inform the partners.

2.6. Each partner must submit the names of the participants by e-mail to: [j.lembertiene@siauliai.lt](mailto:j.lembertiene@siauliai.lt), March 4, 2019.

### **3. Contest Regulations**

3.1. The Olympiad consists of **one round - Olympiad for individual participants.**

3.2. The competition for individual participants is held online on individual basis.

3.3. The contestants are required to do tasks to test their knowledge in reading, listening, grammar, vocabulary and writing skills.

### **4. Jury Regulations**

4.1. The Jury of the Olympiad for individual participants consists of 3 members:

- ✓ Miglė Ogorodnikovienė - Area Manager for the Baltics, Oxford University Press,
- ✓ One representative of Jelgava English language teachers,
- ✓ One representative of Šiauliai English language teachers.

### **5. Sightseeing in Šiauliai**

5.1. Sightseeing in Šiauliai. Students will visit the famous sights of Šiauliai.

### **6. Awards**

6.1. The total number of prizes (first, second and third) in the Olympiad for individual participants must be approved by the Jury and should not normally exceed one third of the total number of Contestants.

6.2. Special prizes may be awarded if proposed by the Jury.

6.3. The prizes are awarded at the Closing Ceremony. Each contestant who has not received the first, second or third prize in the Olympiad, will receive a gift of remembrance.

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