

## Rules of the competition

When you register to take part in the CIMA Global Business Challenge, you agree to comply with the following rules and terms of the competition.

### ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM RULES

- The competition is open to full time and part time students who are undergraduates or equivalent, studying in universities, colleges or education institutions, doing their first degree, at the point of registration.
- Each team must have four members, a team leader and a team name for reference purposes.
- All members of a team must belong to the same university/ institution.
- **There can be up to two members per team who are currently also studying or holding a professional qualification, and/or up to four members who are studying CIMA full time or part time, at Certificate or Operations level.**
- Each student may join only one team.
- Postgraduates and MBA students and holders are NOT eligible to participate in this competition.
- Mentors or supervisors are not mandatory to form a team.
- For teams that make it through to regional, national and/or the global final all members of the team must contribute verbally during the presentation.
- CIMA's decision is final should there be any discrepancy.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Failure to comply with any rules, terms and conditions of the competition may result in the participating team's disqualification and/or the forfeit of the team's prize (*the prize will be awarded to another winner*).
- The assessors' and/or judges' decision is final and no appeals will be entertained.
- All correspondence throughout the competition must be in the English language.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- CIMA assumes no responsibility or liability for any loss arising out of or from: (i) technical issues, system or software failures experienced by a participant in submitting their registration/submission or accessing the competition website; (ii) user errors; (iii) negligent use of the competition website; or (iv) late, lost, delayed, damaged, misdirected, incomplete or unintelligible registrations/submissions. Proof of sending will not be accepted as proof of receipt.
- All participants should be dressed in business attire at all times unless specified of the business competition and expected to behave in a professional/ business manner.
- Participants must be punctual at the competition; those who arrive late to any competition related activity will be penalised and could be disqualified.
- Proof of eligibility will be required for every entry.

- CIMA reserves the right to check the validity of the registration information submitted by a participant at any stage during the competition and to ask for evidence of student status from the university or equivalent establishment cited by the participant.
- All participants must provide a valid e-mail address as part of the registration process. Participants are responsible for updating their e-mail address if it changes during the competition period.
- Participants must be available to travel locally or abroad to participate in the subsequent stages of the competition if necessary.
- CIMA will organise and pay for economy-class travel and reasonable accommodation expenses before and/or after the Global Business Challenge Final in order to enable each participant to attend the final competition.
- All material submitted must be participants' own work.
- Any kind of plagiarism is strictly prohibited and will lead to disqualification of participants. Duplication of the thoughts or work of another source must be referenced.
- CIMA holds the intellectual property rights for all materials submitted by the participating teams for the competition (*Intellectual property rights are the legally recognized exclusive rights to creations of the mind/ variety of intangible assets, such as musical, literary, and artistic works; discoveries and inventions; and words, phrases, symbols, and designs.*)
- Participants may be requested to take part in promotional activity relating to their involvement in the competition and CIMA reserves the right to use the name(s) of participants, their photographs and audio/visual recordings of them in any publicity. Participants may also be required to take part in further reasonable promotional activities arranged by CIMA.
- CIMA reserves the right to modify or amend the prizes, rules, terms and conditions of the competition at any time. Any changes to the rules and regulations will be advertised on CIMA's [website](#).
- For the avoidance of doubt, the competition is not part of CIMA's recruitment process and participation in the competition will not influence any subsequent application made by a participant for a CIMA qualification, job, apprenticeship, internship or any other training scheme with CIMA or its partnering companies.
- The competition website will aim to cover many of the questions that participants and other interested parties may have. Any additional questions or comments concerning the competition should be sent via email to [gbc@cimaglobal.com](mailto:gbc@cimaglobal.com).