

# FLFPSP Global Issues Rules and Regulations

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## Registration

Upon registration, the coach will receive necessary materials for participation in Florida's Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS) Program. Materials in the registration packet may be duplicated for use with multiple teams and/or individuals, but only registered teams and individuals are eligible for evaluation. A registration entitles one team/individual to receive evaluation of two practice problems and one Qualifying Problem (District Competition). Should a team/individual be in a region where a District Competition is held for the Qualifying Problem, an additional fee may be assessed by the District Representative to offset the cost of ribbons/trophies, custodian and school usage, etc.

## Team Composition

An FPS GIPS team is defined as four members (no less than three without prior permission) whose actual grade level placement is within or below the confines of the division in which they participate. The divisions are as follows: Junior grades 4 - 6; Middle grades 7 - 9; Senior grades 10 -12.

- a. School/District affiliation must be designated on the FPSP registration form.
- b. Students attending adult education or home school and working towards a high school diploma may still participate on an FPS team with the school in their designated area during that school year. This team would retain school affiliation status.
- c. If all team members attend the same school, they will be identified as representatives of that school. If the team is composed of students from different schools, the team may choose an appropriate team name reflecting their mutual affiliation.

## Practice/Qualifying Problems and Evaluation

1. Each coach **must** attend at least one evaluation training session each year. Every effort will be made to schedule training sessions at times and in locations convenient to all coaches. Special evaluation training for coaches who have not been able to attend scheduled sessions will be made available upon request of Coach to the District Representative and approval by Affiliate Director.
2. Every team invited to the Affiliate (State) Competition **must** be accompanied by an adult Certified GIPS Evaluator, and may be accompanied by one individual and one Multi-School competitor OR by two Multi-School competitors. If a school has more individuals that qualify for the Affiliate Competition than they have teams, each

additional individual **must** also be accompanied by an adult Certified GIPS Evaluator.  
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3. Each practice problem submitted for evaluation **must be received on or before the date cited on the cover sheet provided in the registration packet.**
4. It is acceptable to conduct the first two **practice problems** over a period of several days and with more than four students participating. Practice Problems #1 and #2 are exactly that - **practice**. The third problem is the Qualifying Problem, which must be completed under competition conditions. The results of this competition determine invitations to the Affiliate (State) Competition. Only teams participating in the Qualifying Problem may receive invitations to the Affiliate (State) Competition.
5. The first two practice problems and qualifying problem include TWO future scenes: one for the JUNIOR LEVEL teams, and one for the MIDDLE/SENIOR LEVEL teams. Junior teams/individuals **must** use the Junior Future Scene and Middle/Senior teams/individuals **must** use the Middle/Senior Future Scene. At the Qualifying Problem (District Competition), the Competition Director may choose to use only the Middle/Senior Future Scene for all levels to increase efficiency in evaluation. Junior coaches will be notified in advance of this decision.
6. Should a team win an invitation to the Affiliate (State) Competition or International Conference, it is the four team members whose names appear on the Qualifying Problem who will be invited. (FPSPI Rule II.2:6)
  - a. The four original members that composed a winning team in the Qualifying Problem (District Competition) must be the same four members who comprise that team at the Affiliate (State) Competition, up to two members may be substituted in an event of an emergency as decided by the coach.
  - b. Members of a winning team may not be replaced by other students so that they can participate in the Individual or Multi-School Competitions at the Affiliate (State) Competition.
  - c. Should a Multi-School team member be used to replace an original member in a competition and that team earns an invitation to the next level of competition, that student will be considered a permanent member of that team and must compete at the next level with the team. This rule may only be waived if the extenuating circumstances are approved by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees
7. A supplemental Future Scene for the Affiliate (State) Competition may be available for practice. No evaluation of it will be provided. The actual competition Future Scene will be different and more focused.
8. The future scenes are hypothetical situations based on current information. In cases where information may be found to dispute or contradict the information presented in the future scenes, the competitors should work within the boundaries of the given situation.

9. Coaches should make copies of their mailed submissions to protect against the possibility of mail loss.
10. Any identifying pictures, doodles, highlighting, or other markings in a completed booklet may be penalized. Anonymity is crucial to unbiased evaluation.
11. Only the following extra sheets will be evaluated: one page only for all extra Step 1 and Step 3 (combined), and two pages for extra Step 6 (one for extra writing and one for charts, diagrams, pictures, or graphics). These three extra pages will be included in the booklet.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. Coaches must notify the Florida FPSP office of all address changes or team/individual level status changes immediately.
2. A deadline for registering teams and individuals for participation in the yearly program will be included with the registration materials. Teams and individuals that have not completed the registration process, including payment in full (check or purchase order), will not be allowed to compete in the Qualifying Problem (District Competition). No exceptions will be allowed.
3. At the Affiliate (State) Competition, all teams will be required to create a presentation of the Action Plan based on Step 6 of their booklet, and perform the skit before an audience. Districts may or may not require a Presentation of Action Plan for the Qualifying Problem. Multi-School and individual competitors are invited to join their school's team or another team in the skit, with a maximum of seven (7) performers.
4. A student who is competing in Scenario or CmPS components at the Affiliate (State) Competition may also compete in the Multi-school competition. In this case, the student must be proficient in the 6-step problem solving process, and must have participated in GIPS formal practice during the current school year. Students MAY NOT attempt to compete in the Multi-School competition if not proficient in the 6-step problem solving process.
5. Although invitations to the International Conference are customarily offered to the top teams and individuals in each division, the Evaluation Coordinator will determine the final invitations based on the actual evaluations.
6. The International Office has no jurisdiction over the selection of the winners of the Affiliate (State) Competition, nor any other aspect of the specific competitions held in any Affiliate Program.
7. Rules for the Scenario Writing, Scenario Performance, and the Community Problem Solving components are available on the website at [FLFPSP.org](http://FLFPSP.org).

Any concerns regarding competitions for the Florida Affiliate Program should be brought to the attention of your District Representative(s) and/or the Affiliate Director.