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IFED World Challenge 2025/26



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Rules of the Game

Admission Criteria

1. The World Challenge is reserved for young 'under 40' dentists being maximum 40 years old with interest in esthetic dentistry.
2. The World Challenge wants to motivate especially younger dentists to participate, therefore the age of the participants will play a role.
3. To make it more fair, every team should play at least 3 times in the competition. When all registrations for the challenge have been done, a competition schedule will be developed and published.
4. The Academy where the participant belongs should be part of IFED.
5. The Academy interested in participating will select five active participants as a team. Regarding each game 2 players of the team shall be named and an additional third player in case that one player has to cancel shortly.
6. Every team should have an experienced dentist as (godfather/godmother) **Team Capitan.**
7. Every team should nominate 2 judges being older and experienced dentists in the field of esthetic dentistry.
8. Deadline to enroll will be 30/08/2025
9. The 'game' will begin end of 2025 or latest beginning of 2026 depending on the number of participating teams. The calendar will be published at least 6 weeks before depending on the number of teams running.
10. The participants will be named as 'players'

Rules of the Game

1. Every team (Country) will have **up to four players (two playing each game)**.
2. Every game has a specific restoration topic the cases have to present about (like single tooth, anterior or posterior restorations, full mouth or quadrant). Clearly complexity of the case will gather more points.
3. Depending on the number of participating academies there will be a first qualifying round where the team will be assigned to groups having 4 members. In every group the members have to play against each other.
4. After the qualifying round there will be a playoff of the best teams to find the finalists.
5. Each game consists out of two matches each time with 2 players playing against each other. Every match will last about 30 minutes, so the game has two matches every time (qualification rounds). A game has 7 minutes of presentation for each player plus about 5 minutes of discussion each, voting will take place at the end after both matches.
6. The format of presentation will have to be 16:9 to best fit Zoom screen
7. There will be no limitation to the number of slides for each presentation for as long as they will fit in the given time. But don't forget that time will earn bonus/malus points.
8. The order of presentations will be drawn at the beginning of the challenge
9. There will be three judges 'Master Clinicians' (preferred is a prosthodontist, a surgeon and a restorative dentist) of neutral countries managing the games. One of the judges should be a young specialist having already participated in the challenge as a player. It is strived for a fourth "public" judge by public voting of the audience.
10. In case of tie, the tie-breaker will be the score of the single players, and in case of further tie the three judges will vote again.

Rounds and scores

1. Each presentation will last 7 minutes
2. Following the four presentations and discussion the three judges, and if possible the audience, will vote
3. Evaluating criteria: the judges will vote according to:
 - a. quality of documentation (pictures)
 - b. quality, style and clearness of presentation
 - c. rationale and treatment plan
 - d. complexity of the case, originality, novelty
 - e. take home message/outcomes
4. Judges can score from 0 (scarce) to 5 (excellent) in all categories (25 points for each judge).
5. These five categories will give a maximum score of 75 points for a player.
6. The audience shall evaluate the whole presentation and shall give points to the players according to a ranking 5-10-15-20-25 points.
7. Every player gets a bonus according to his age. This will be one point for every year he/she is younger than 40 years.

8. Bonus Malus: Time will be a factor as if candidate will finish within the assigned time will score + 10 points but also – 10 if will not finish within 7 minutes.
9. Maximum score will be 110 points (75 from judges + 25 from audience + 10 time bonus) plus bonus points related to the age of the player.
10. If there is a competition organized in groups, the Winning Team is determined after all matches of the group. The Winning teams will advance to the next round.
11. Within 2026 two teams with four 'finalists' will be selected and will play the final four in 2026 on the IFED World Congress in Seoul (12-14th of November). The finalists get sponsored the congress fee and the hotel accommodation during the IFED World Congress. There should be a travel support by sponsors of the challenge.
12. In the final there will be a winner elected by the jury and based on the votes of the public audience.

Organization

1. A Challenge Committee will be implemented consisting out of one head (Roberto Rossi/IAED), his deputy (Robert Sader/IFED) and 4 further members (2 coming from IFED and 2 coming from IAED).
2. Administrative and technical organization will be done by the IFED office and the Quintessence Co..
3. The final will take place during the 14th IFED World Congress in Seoul/Korea on Saturday, 14th of November, 2026. The finalists or academies must cover the participating costs for themselves.

Prizes

The two winner players will receive the David Klaff IFED award, sponsored by Henry Schein Co. and being equipped with a personal plaque and a money prize of 1.000,- USD. They also will be invited to lecture on the next IFED congress in 2028.