



Ad Hoc Regulations for Hybrid SEEMOUS 2026

Due to the situation in the Middle East and flight cancellations to Cyprus, SEEMOUS 2026 will be conducted in a hybrid mode. In case of any conflict between this Addendum and the SEEMOUS Regulations, this Addendum shall prevail. All provisions of the SEEMOUS Regulations not addressed herein remain in force.

- 1) Any participating institution may choose to participate onsite in Cyprus, or remotely, or both. Only students that have already been registered may take part.
- 2) Remote participation must take place at a single designated **Local Exam Centre** per institution (one exam room for all contestants from that institution), supervised according to regulations below.
- 3) Any costs related to securing suitable facilities for remote participation (room hire, printing/scanning equipment, invigilators, etc.) are borne by the participating institution.
- 4) Each remotely participating institution shall appoint:
 - A **Local Leader** responsible for the proper conduct of the contest at the Local Exam Centre; and
 - a **Technical Contact** available throughout the contest and scanning/submission window.

Each institution shall provide the contact details of the Local Leader.

- 5) The Local Exam Centre must ensure an environment equivalent to a standard SEEMOUS exam room: quiet, safe, and suitable for examinations. Seating shall ensure appropriate spacing. At least one invigilator must be present in the room for the entire duration; the Local Leader may serve as invigilator.
- 6) The Contest Day is **Thursday 5 March 2026, 09:30–14:30 Cyprus local time (EET, UTC+2)**. All remote centres must start and end strictly according to Cyprus local time. No local time-zone adjustments are permitted.
- 7) Each Local Exam Centre must maintain a continuous, live video connection via the official Zoom link provided by the Organizers throughout the entire contest duration. The connection must be active from 09:00 Cyprus local time, until the scanning and submission of all student scripts as described in later parts of the regulations. The camera must be positioned to provide a **wide-angle view** of the entire examination room, clearly showing all contestants, their desks, and the invigilator(s). The video feed must remain uninterrupted with the microphone unmuted.
- 8) The Technical Contact must be available to resolve any connectivity issues immediately. In the event of an internet disruption, the Technical Contact is strictly responsible for restoring the connection within a maximum of two (2) minutes, utilizing a pre-arranged backup solution such as a 5G/mobile data hotspot.

9) Prior to the start of the examination, a mandatory visual identity check must be conducted for all participating students via the live video feed. The Local Leader will call each contestant individually to approach the camera. The contestant must present a valid, official photo identification document to the camera, ensuring that both their face and the document's photo and full name are clearly visible to the Organizers for verification. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- A valid Passport
- A National Identity Card
- An official University Student ID Card (provided it includes a clear photograph and the student's full name in Latin characters)

Students who fail to complete the visual identity verification process will not be permitted to take the exam. The Local Leader should verify in the chat of the Zoom Link that this process has been completed.

- 10) Jury meetings for paper selection will be held online. No official translations will be provided. The official language remains English. The final contest paper will be distributed electronically to Local Leaders 15 minutes before the start time of the competition and after we receive a confirmation from the Local Leaders that the identification process has been completed. Local Leaders are responsible for secure printing at the Local Exam Centre and maintaining confidentiality.
- 11) Each student contestant must submit solutions in the English language. (As per usual SEEMOUS Regulations.)
- 12) During the first 30 minutes only, contestants may submit clarification questions in writing to the Local Leader. The Local Leader submits the question in English via the designated official channel (Zoom chat in a separate link provided by the Organizers). There will be no discussions by the Jury. The Chief Problem Coordinator will provide the official response, which the Local Leader will write on the contestant's question sheet, show the written answer for a few seconds on the camera, and return to the contestant.
- 13) The official marking schemes will be provided by the Problem Selection Committee (PSC). Due to the active invigilation duties required of remote Local Leaders during the contest, there will be no official online discussion of the marking schemes. However, Leaders who are physically present onsite, **as well as remote official Leaders who are not acting as invigilators**, may review and provide written comments on the preliminary versions. The PSC will consider this feedback but retains the final authority on whether to adopt it for the final marking schemes.
- 14) All solutions must be written in English on blank A4 paper provided locally, and must clearly indicate: contestant code, problem number, page numbering (e.g., "page 1 of 3"), and any crossed-out work.
- 15) Immediately after the exam ends, scripts must be scanned in the exam room using a portable scanner or mobile phone scanning app, ensuring legibility. The submission should be in a **one legible PDF per student per problem**.
- 16) **File naming convention:** XXXX-S0Y-PZ.pdf where XXXX-S0Y is the student code as in the Programme Booklet and PZ is the problem number (P1–P4).
- 17) All files must be uploaded **within 60 minutes after the end of the exam in the Google folder that will be provided**. Late submissions may be accepted only at the discretion of the Chair of the Jury.

- 18) Coordination will be conducted via Zoom using a link provided by the Organizers. The Coordination Day is **Friday 6 March 2026**. Problem Coordinators and a Chief Problem Coordinator will be appointed as usual.
- 19) A final hybrid Jury meeting will be held to consider appeals and to set medal boundaries.
- 20) Certificates will be sent electronically. Medals will be shipped to Leaders by post/courier.
- 21) The Host Organization may introduce reasonable operational adjustments, when necessary, to ensure the secure and smooth running of Hybrid SEEMOUS 2026, provided that the core principles of fairness, confidentiality, and integrity are preserved.