Annual Regulations for
virtual BMO 2021 (BMO 2021V)

6-10 September 2021

1. Because of the pandemic situation in Balkan region countries, the present annual regulations will apply only for the special virtual BMO 2021V. In the next years, as usual, the organizing country will apply the standard MASSEE regulations for BMO.
2. The Special Host Country for the 38th Balkan Mathematical Olympiad (BMO 2021V) is Cyprus.
3. The Host Organization for BMO 2021V is the Cyprus Mathematical Society, which will appoint the Balkan Mathematical Olympiad Board (BMOB) for 2021. All the decisions (except the problem selection and the marking scheme) will be made by BMOB.
4. The official language for BMO 2021V is English.
5. An official delegation of a participating country of the 38th Balkan Mathematical Olympiad (BMO 2021V) consists of no more than six Contestants, the Leader and the Deputy Leader, jointly called Participants, as well as accompanying Observers.
6. Registration must be confirmed no later than the 27th of August 2021.
7. According to the decision of MASSEE Council of 25 May 2021 all non-member country participants in BMO 2021 ONLINE will pay participation fee. Invited countries participating in BMO 2021V are subject to approval by the MASSEE members. Each invited country team should pay a fee of 400 euros. A second team of the Host Country may participate as an invited country.
8. Registration of Leaders, Deputy Leaders, Observers and Contestants must be completed no later than August 27th, 2021.
9. The exam must take place in one (or by exception, maximum two) national BMO Exam Centres, approved by the BMOB of the Host Organization. Any expenses associated with hiring facilities are the responsibility of participating countries, who are also responsible for ensuring that an Exam Centre is a suitable and safe environment, with all appropriate facilities that are expected at a normal BMO.
10. The Contest Day for BMO 2021V will be September 8th, 2021.
11. All Contestants must have been born on or after May 7th, 2001. Note that at BMO 2021V students just enrolled at the University in 2021 are allowed to participate as contestants but

they should give the exam in the same national BMO Exam Centres.

12. The Official Program begins on September 6th 2021 and ends on September 10th 2021.

13. Proposals for problems must be received by 20th of August 2021. Proposals must be submitted to cms1@org.ac.cy and to the Chairman of the Problem Selection Committee on the e-mail address christofidesdemetres@gmail.com.

14. There will be an online Opening Ceremony on September 7th, 2021.

15. The Contest problems will be selected by the Problem Selection Committee. There will be no Jury meeting for choosing the paper.

16. The contest problems will not be released until shortly (three hours) before sitting the exam, for translation, where necessary. Leaders will send their translations in national languages (if needed) to the Problem Selection Committee and BMOB (only for information) no later than one hour before sitting the exam. The Leader will provide on time to each contestant a copy of the paper in English and a copy of the translation in their national language (if needed). It is the responsibility of the Leader to provide an exact, correct and complete translation of the paper. Solutions and marking schemes will be released to Leaders after the last student has finished the paper and the full scanned paper is sent to the Jury. Leaders do not have to provide the translations of their student's exam papers into the official language, unless asked by the coordinators. The Leader is responsible so nobody, except the Participants, will have access to the papers before the ending the official contest time.

17. After the exam, each leader is responsible to send scans of the scripts to the Problem Coordinators in a period of no more than one hour from the official finishing time. The procedure will be given to the leaders.

18. BMO exams should take place in a sufficiently large room or hall to facilitate social distancing (to the extent required by local authorities and the state of the pandemic). Desks should be widely spaced. It is compulsory that Leaders arrange to use webcams to provide the IT-Coordinator a live feed of pictures of examinations taking place.

19. The exam must start for all Participating Countries at the time **EET 11.00 AM** (the Host Country official time), finishing 4 hours 30 minutes later.

20. Contestants are allowed to ask written questions in the first half hour of the Contest. Questions do not need to be considered by the Jury. The Leader may give a written answer to a question shown in the zoom chat with the chief coordinator. A special link for all leaders will be provided for this purpose. The Records of all questions and answers must be supplied to the BMOB .

21. The coordination will be using the zoom platform with link to be provided. The coordination days will be 9, 10, September. There will be problem coordinators and a Chief Coordinator, as usual. A final appeal to the Jury will not be possible at this virtual competition. Instead, in the

event that a final appeal is necessary, there will be a meeting of the BMOB and the chief coordinator.

22. The boundaries for the medals and other awards will be decided by a BMOB. They will use exactly the same protocols as in normal BMO.
23. Certificates will be sent by email and the medals will be sent to the Leaders by the regular mail.
24. There will be an online closing ceremony on 10 September 2021.
25. During the meetings of BMOB it will discuss proposals for future BMO starting from 2023 and a recommendation will be made to the Council of MASSEE for final approval as a host country for BMO 2023 or later.
26. The Host Organization, with the approval of the BMOB, may vary protocols concerning the conduct of the virtual BMO 2021 as and when necessary. This contest is unrehearsed, so some flexibility may be required to make matters run as smoothly as possible.
27. The present special regulations have been sent for approval by the member of the Executive Board of MASSEE.