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SHANGHAI, CHINA

IMO 2026 – Annual Regulations

23 December 2025

Overview

- All deadlines are at 17:00 Beijing Time (UTC +8:00).
- All sums of money mentioned are denominated in CNY (RMB).
- The 67th International Mathematical Olympiad is henceforth known as IMO 2026.
- IMO 2026 is governed by these regulations and the [IMO General Regulations](#).
- Where there is a conflict between the IMO 2026 Annual Regulations and the IMO General Regulations, the Annual Regulations take precedence.

Official Information

- The host organizations for IMO 2026 are the [Chinese Mathematical Society](#) and the [Shanghai Municipal Education Commission](#).
- Invoices will be sent from 67imo2026@sina.com.
- The IMO 2026 official website: <https://www.imo2026.cn>.
- The Host Region for IMO 2026 is [Shanghai, China](#).
- The IMO 2026 Exam will be held at [Shanghai High School](#).



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Summary of Key Dates

Official Invitations (Country / Territory) issued	30 December 2025
Final date for online registration of countries / territories	13 February 2026
Final date for online registration of Leaders / Deputies / Observers	20 March 2026
Final date for online registration of Student numbers	20 March 2026
Final date for online submission of problem proposals for the shortlist	17 April 2026
Final date to request remote sitting	17 April 2026
Final date for online registration of contestants / Obs details	29 May 2026
Official invitations (Individual) sent	29 May 2026
Full payment of fees	29 May 2026
Online registration of travel details	5 June 2026
Arrival Day - IMOB Members	9 July 2026
Arrival Day - Leaders / Observer A	10 July 2026
Shortlisted problems available	10 July 2026
Arrival Day - Coordinators	12 July 2026
Arrival Day - Students / Deputy Leaders / Observer B / Observer C	13 July 2026
Request by Deputy Leaders / Observer B to undertake IMO Exam	14 July 2026
Contest Day 1	15 July 2026
Contest Day 2 (Leaders move sites)	16 July 2026
Departure Day	21 July 2026



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Program

1. The official program begins on Friday 10 July 2026.
2. Official Arrival Days are:
 - a) IMO Board (IMOB) - Thursday 9 July 2026
 - b) Leaders - Friday 10 July 2026
 - c) Observer A (Obs A) - Friday 10 July 2026
 - d) Coordinators - Sunday 12 July 2026
 - e) Students - Monday 13 July 2026
 - f) Deputy Leaders - Monday 13 July 2026
 - g) Observer B (Obs B) - Monday 13 July 2026
 - h) Observer C (Obs C) - Monday 13 July 2026
3. The official program terminates on Tuesday 21 July 2026 (Departure Day) for all attendees.
4. The Contest Days for IMO 2026 are:
 - a) Wednesday 15 July 2026
 - b) Thursday 16 July 2026

Deadlines

5. Deadlines:
 - a) Friday 13 February 2026 - Online registration of countries / territories
 - b) Friday 20 March 2026 - Online registration of Leaders / Deputies / Observers
 - c) Friday 20 March 2026 - Online registration of student numbers
 - d) Friday 17 April 2026 - Final date to submit problems for the Shortlist
 - e) Friday 17 April 2026 - Final date to request remote sitting



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- f) Friday 29 May 2026 - Online registration of contestants / Obs details
- g) Friday 29 May 2026 - Official invitations (Individual) sent
- h) Friday 29 May 2026 - Full payment of fees
- i) Friday 5 June 2026 - Online registration of travel details

Transport and Arrivals

6. Official Arrival Sites:

- a) [Shanghai Pudong International Airport](#)
- b) [Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport](#)

Official Arrival Dates:

- a) 9 July - **IMOB**
- b) 10 July - **Leaders / Obs A**
- c) 12 July - **Coordinators**
- d) 13 July - **Students / Deputy / Obs B / Obs C**

7. The organizers will arrange the following transportations:

- a) Buses will be organized from the Official Arriving Sites to attendee's accommodation, on the official arrival days only;
- b) Buses will be organized for the leaders and coordinators from the Leaders' Site to Deputy / Obs B / Obs C Site on 16 July 2026;
- c) Shuttle buses will operate between the Deputy / Obs B / Obs C Sites and the Students' Sites from 13 to 20 July 2026, 8:00 am to 9:00 pm daily (with additional buses during "peak times");
- d) Buses on Departure Day will transfer attendees to both Shanghai Pudong International Airport and Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport.



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8. Early Arrivals can be booked independently into Hua Ting Hotel by telephone at 86-21-64391000. (For leaders who arrive earlier and stay at Hua Ting Hotel, shuttles may be arranged or requested to move to the Leader's Site on 10 July 2026.)
9. Students who arrive before the event and stay at Hua Ting Hotel are required to move to the on-campus dormitories of Shanghai High School on 13 July 2026.
10. Transport outside of these parameters will not be supported by IMO 2026.

Accommodation

11. There are three (3) primary accommodation locations for IMO 2026:
 - a) "Leaders' and Coordinators' Site" (IMOB, Leaders, Obs A, Coordinators)
 - b) "Deputy, Obs B, Obs C's Site"
 - c) "Students' Site"
12. Leaders' and Coordinators' Site:
 - a) Leaders' Site
 - Check-in 10 July 2026 (IMOB on 9 July 2026)
 - Check-out 16 July 2026
 - b) IMOB / Leaders / Obs A will move sites on 16 July to Hua Ting Hotel
 - Check-in 16 July 2026
 - Check-out 21 July 2026
 - c) Standard accommodation is a single room per person.
13. Deputy, Obs B, Obs C's Site:
 - a) [The Kunlun Hua Ting Hotel & Towers, Shanghai](#) (Hua Ting Hotel for short)
 - Check-in 13 July 2026
 - Check-out 21 July 2026
 - b) Standard accommodation is a single room per person.



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14. Students' Site:

a) On-campus dormitories of Shanghai High School

- Check-in 13 July 2026
- Check-out 21 July 2026

b) Twin-share room accommodation.

15. Deputy leaders or Observers who wish to stay at the Students' Site may submit a formal request (through their leaders). The event organizers will decide on the request, in consultation with the IMO Board. We may not guarantee single rooms.

Single Rooms

16. All registered leaders, deputies, and observers (except those staying at the Students' Site) will be accommodated in single rooms.

17. Payment for participation in IMO 2026:

Obs A: CNY 20,000;

Obs B and Obs C staying at hotels: CNY 10,000;

Obs B and Obs C staying on-campus at Shanghai High School: CNY 7,000.

There are no refunds on fee payments for non-attendance or changes in circumstances.

Delegations

18. Invitations for countries/territories to attend IMO 2026 will be issued by 30 December 2025.

19. Official contacts on the IMO-Official website will receive official invitations for individuals by no later than Friday 1 May 2026 provided all details and roles have been submitted.

20. Participating countries are strongly encouraged to investigate their visa requirements for China as soon as possible.

21. Communications not sent from the official email address of a Leader or official national IMO contact will not be responded to.



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22. Participating countries are strongly encouraged to investigate their insurance requirements for travel to and while in China, with IMO 2026 organizers accepting no responsibility for travel and health insurance of the members of any delegation.
23. All persons attending IMO 2026 in any capacity will be legally bound by the laws of China.

In Loco Parentis

24. For each student less than 18 years old, Deputy Leaders must supply a legally notarized document valid in their country, signed by the parents of the student, assigning in loco parentis (legal guardianship) to the Leader, Deputy Leader or an Observer during the event.
25. This document must be completed in Chinese or English.

Exam

26. The IMO 2026 Exams will be held at Shanghai High School.
27. The Exam Room will be open from 7:30 am.
28. From 8:15 am, students will not be permitted to leave the room until after Q&A.
29. Students will sit the exam from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.
30. The Q&A period will be held from 8:30 am to 9:00 am.
31. Contestants will not be permitted entry to the exam after 9:00 am.
32. Students from the same team are not permitted to leave the Exam Room at the same time.
33. Students will not be permitted to leave the exam room in the final 15 minutes.
34. The exam will finish at 1:00 pm, with students released in an orderly manner thereafter.
35. The times listed above are all indicative only and may change due to unforeseen circumstances.



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Non-Students and the Exam

36. Deputy Leaders / Obs B will be permitted the opportunity to undertake the IMO 2026 exam under conditions determined by the host country, which will be provided on arrival.
37. Deputy Leaders / Obs B granted the opportunity to undertake the exam will not be considered participants in the contest.

Safety

38. Security protocols will be in place at venues, and unauthorised persons will not be permitted at any site, including parents who are not part of official delegations.
39. The IMO 2026 Safety and Wellbeing Manager has primary responsibility for the safety of students and will provide a report to the Jury and make recommendations regarding safety and wellbeing to the IMO 2026 Event Director, IMO Ethics Committee, IMOB and Jury where required throughout the event.
40. The laws of China take precedence over these Regulations and the IMO General Regulations, and serious allegations will be reported to police and/or may result in removal from the venue at the individual's cost.

Proposing Problems for IMO Shortlist

41. Proposals for problems must be received by Friday 17 April 2026.
42. Proposals must be submitted via the portal on the IMO Official website.
43. The final shortlisted problems will be available to Leaders and Observers A on 10 July 2026 (Leaders' Arrival Day).



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Remote Sitting

44. Remote sitting will not be provided, except in exceptional circumstances at the absolute discretion of the event organizers, in consultation with the IMOB.
45. The exam shortlist is not provided to countries/territories participating remotely.