

GIPS: Overview of the 2016-17 Competition Year



For each topic, individuals or teams of 4 or fewer persons research and study a topic area and complete a written problem solving booklet based on the provided Future Scene. A team of evaluators assesses the booklets and provides extensive written feedback focused on improvement of writing and thinking skills. See your Affiliate Calendar for submission due dates.

Practice Problem 1

Topic for study: EDUCATIONAL DISPARITIES
Steps completed: Steps 1-3: Challenges, Underlying Problem, Solutions
Participants: Any students of registered coach
Working conditions: Flexible, based on educational needs of students, guidance recommended for young or beginning students

Practice Problem 2

Topic for study: IT'S ALL IN THE GENES
Steps completed: All 6 steps
Participants: Any students of registered coach
Working conditions: Flexible - based on educational needs of students, some guidance recommended for students in first couple of years, may do booklet work in 2 hour practice session to prepare for Qualifying Problem

Qualifying Problem

Topic for study: 3D PRINTING
Steps completed: All 6 steps
Participants: All registered teams/individuals
Working conditions: "Competitive" conditions in place:
2 consecutive hours, unassisted, no notes
Note: Top teams qualify for Affiliate/National Competition

Affiliate Bowl (also called State Bowl or National Finals)

Topic for study: IDENTITY THEFT
Steps completed: All 6 steps
Participants: Teams/Individuals advancing from Qualifying Problem (Affiliates may vary selection of participants for advancement.)
Working conditions: "Competitive" conditions must be met:
2 consecutive hours, unassisted, no notes, usually on-site

International Conference

Topic for study: TOPIC ANNOUNCED BEGINNING OF MARCH
Steps completed: All 6 steps
Participants: First place teams from Affiliate Bowls/National Competitions and Mentored Regions are invited; Affiliates may qualify for additional invitations according to scale (size of program)
Working conditions: "Competitive" conditions are in place:
2 consecutive hours, unassisted, no notes; on-site only