§ 1

#### **General provisions**

- 1. These regulations set forth the terms and conditions of the "Best IOAA 2023 Poster" contest.
- 2. The organizer of the competition is the Nicolaus Copernicus Planetarium and Astronomical Observatory in Chorzow, Al. Planetarium 4, 41-500 Chorzow.
- 3. The purpose of the competition is to present works that will be used by the Organizer to promote the XVI International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics, popularize knowledge and arouse interest in astronomy and astrophysics among schoolchildren, and to select the best poster of the Olympiad.
- 4. The contest lasts until 16/08/2023.

§ 2

### General conditions for participation in the Competition

- 1. The competition is open to teams participating in IOAA 2023.
- 2. Participation in the Contest is free and voluntary.
- 3. By entering the contest, participants accept the rules contained in the regulations of the competition.

§ 3

### **Purpose of the Competition**

- 1. The purpose of the Competition is to select one poster prepared by contestants participating in the XVI International Olympiad in Astronomy and Astrophysics, which takes place from August 10-20 in the Silesian Voivodeship.
- 2. The topics of the posters are related to the achievements of the Olympiad participants in research programs and the history of astronomy in their related countries, as well as the presentation of team members.

§ 4

# **Voting Committee**

- 1. On August 17, 2023, the Committee will count the votes cast and announce the winner, i.e. the team whose poster received the highest number of votes.
- 2. The Commission will supervise and monitor the proper progress of the Competition.
- 3. All votes that does not meet the formal criteria specified in the Regulations will not be considered.
- 4. Minutes of the Voting Committee meeting will be taken.

§5

### **Detailed conditions for voting**

- 1. Each voter participating in the Competition may submit only one poster.
- 2. Voting is done with ballots by writing the number of the selected poster on the ballot. The ballots should be dropped into a ballot box. Each person may cast one vote only.
- 3. In order to participate in the voting, it is necessary to submit a properly completed ballot and drop it in the ballot box on August 15 or 16, 2023.
- 4. Those eligible to vote are among the following: participants, leaders, judges, IOAA 2023 observers and Planetarium staff.

# **Rules for granting awards**

1. The winning team will be awarded with distinction of their poster and the poster will earn the name of "The Best IOAA 2023 Poster."

§ 7

## **Final provisions**

- 1. The Organizer of the Competition reserves the right to interrupt and terminate, change or extend the voting period, in case of reasons beyond its control.
- 2. Entering the Competition is tantamount to acceptance of the Regulations of the Competition. Anyone who fails to meet any of the requirements set forth in the Regulations or provides false information will be automatically excluded from the Competition.