

In the Name of Allah the Merciful the Compassionate

## **Arabian Gulf Cooperation Council Countries – General Secretariat**

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### **Vocational Skills Contest Regulations For Arabian Gulf Cooperation Council Countries**

#### Article 1

##### **Holding the Contest**

An event shall hereby regularly be held under the name “Vocational Skills Contest for Arabian Gulf Cooperation Council Countries”, hereafter referred to as the “Contest”.

#### Articles 2

##### **Terms and Meanings**

Unless otherwise required by context, the terms below have the meanings stated next to each one of them:

Cooperation Council: The Arabian Gulf Cooperation Council

The Council Countries: Member States of the Cooperation Council

The Committee: The Technical Education and Vocational Training Officers Committee

The General Secretariat: The General Secretariat of the Arabian Gulf Cooperation Council Countries

Educational Establishments: universities, colleges, higher education institutes and technical education and vocational training establishments

The Award: the award of Vocational Skills Contest

The Board: the Contest Board

Session: The lapse of time that starts from the time the Award is given until the time the next one is given.

Host Country: the country in which the Contest is held

#### Article 3

##### **The Contest Objectives**

The Contest aims at achieving the following:

1. encourage youth from the Council countries to continue education and join vocational jobs

2. encourage technicians from the Council Countries to innovate and excel in vocational fields through material and moral incentives
3. entice individuals to compete for lifting their vocational standards
4. contribute to raise the standards of vocational training in Council Countries
5. exchange experience and ideas on vocational matters through contests and competitions
6. help winners qualify for world competitions for vocational skills

#### Article 4

##### **The Contest Skills**

The Contest skills shall be selected from the list of the approved skills for world skill contests subject to minimum of five skills for each contest.

#### Article 5

##### **The Contest Conditions**

1. The contestant shall be from one of the Council Countries.
2. The contestant shall not be older than 22 at the time the contest starts. Contestants in some skills may be relieved from this conditions as specified by rules of international contests.
3. Each country shall nominate 1 contestant for each of the Contest skills.
4. Only tools and equipment provided by the host country may be used by contestants.
5. The number of the countries taking part in any of the Contest skills shall not be less than four.
6. In addition to contestants, a participant country shall nominate:
  - an official representative
  - a technical representative
  - an expert in each skill
  - a leader to head the group of the contestantsThe mission of the above representatives shall be similar to that of their counterparts in international contests.
7. The host country shall appoint an individual to be in charge of the equipment.

#### Article 6

##### **The Contest Timetable**

1. The Contest shall be announced six months before it is held provided it takes place in not more than a year from an international contest.
2. The member countries shall send their nominations to host country two months prior to the Contest commencement.

3. The Contest is held once every two years and is scheduled by the host country.
4. The host country shall prepare and submit the contest timetable to the Board for approval.

#### Article 7

#### **Nomination and Appointment**

1. A contestant may be nominated for any of the skills provided for by Article 4 hereof.
2. Nominations shall be sent to host country after announcement of the Contest, and the Secretariat General shall do the follow up with member states.

#### Article 8

#### **The Board:**

1. The Contest shall have a Board made up of the General Secretariat and 2 representatives of each of the Council Countries.
2. The tenure of the Board members shall be four years (2 sessions) renewable once.
3. In each session, the Board shall be chaired by the host country.
4. The Council Countries shall nominate candidates to fill any vacancies for any reason whatsoever, within three months as stated in clause 2 above.

#### Article 9

#### **The Board Powers**

1. amend the Contest rules
2. oversee the procedures of giving the Contest awards
3. form the technical committees of the Contest according to skills involved and specify the missions of such committees and suggest the number of their members as well as their tenures.
4. approve the Contest skills for each session as well as its technical conditions
5. approve and submit recommendations of the technical committees on nominations of winners to the Board
6. suggest suitable ways and means for increasing the required resources of the Contest
7. approve the Contest conception submitted by the host country

## Article 10

### **The Board Chairman**

The Board members shall, during their first meeting, choose a chairman to chair the Board for two years. The chairman shall have the following powers:

1. approve the Board decisions
2. decide on all financial and organizing matters of the Contest
3. The Chairman shall nominate his replacement in the event he is unable to attend the Board meetings.

## Article 11

### **The Board Meetings**

1. The Board decisions and recommendations shall be made with absolute majority of present members. The meetings shall be deemed legal if attended by not less than two thirds of the members.
2. The Board shall hold its meetings regularly, and shall, in each meeting, determine the time of the next meeting. An emergency meeting may be held at request of the General Secretariat or two thirds of the Board members.
3. The Board may seek the service of each expert it deems proper to carry out its duties.

## Article 12

### **The Contest Secretariat**

The Education Department in the General Secretariat shall be the secretariat of the Contest, and shall have the following powers:

1. liaise with educational establishments and relevant departments
2. follow up financial and administrative matters relative to coordination, writing minutes and announcement of meetings, and follow up and submission of nominations to the Board and technical committees
3. organise the work of the Board and its committees, draft and distribute meetings schedules to members before time
4. arrange with host country for the event of honouring winners

## Article 13

### **Tasks of the Host Country**

1. welcome and prepare accommodation for participant delegations
2. provide transport for participant delegations
3. prepare suitable venue, equipment and tools for the contest
4. coordinate with the Board and the General Secretariat subject to Article 16

#### Article 14

##### **Giving and Withholding the Award**

The award is given to the winner in each competed skill. The award may be withheld if the conditions are not met.

#### Article 15

##### **Awards and Certificates**

1. An award is given for each competed vocational skills as follows:
  - First Position: Gold Medal
  - Second Position: Silver Medal
  - Third Position: Bronze Medal
2. The Contest cup shall be given to the country that scores the greatest number of points. The points shall be awarded as follows:
  - Gold Medal: 3 points
  - Silver Medal: 2 Points
  - Bronze Medal: 1 Points
3. The three first contestants shall be given certificates. The rest of the contestants shall be given participation certificates.

#### Article 16

##### **Financing the Contest**

1. The host country shall bear the costs of holding the Contest including the values of the awards and certificates.
2. Every participant state shall bear the costs of travel and stay of its delegations
3. The host country may diversify the financial resources of the contest.

#### Article 17

##### **General Provisions**

1. The Board may interpret and modify the provisions of these regulations.