Oceania Region ICC Qualifier Selection Criteria

Round 1 -> Round 2 Qualification

We will select 30 finalists for Round 2. In most situations, we will use the overall score to select qualifying participants for Round 2. The goal for the organisers is to assemble the best team for Oceania.

The top scorer from each category (General, Cryptography, Web, Reverse Engineering, and Forensics) will be selected for the list of the top 30 finalists.

To ensure a diverse team from Oceania, and in line with expectations from the ICC steering committee, we will ensure that there are:

1. At least 6 non-male participants (female and non-binary) are in the top 30 selected for Round 2.
2. The spread of participants' resident nations are based on the final registration nation distribution ratio:
   a. *Illustrative example:* If our final ratio upon the closure of registration is 100 registered participants at the following distribution: Australia 60%, NZ 20%, Pacific Island Countries (PIC) 20%, we will then select the top 30 to be inclusive of the ratio of representation (rounded down to the lower integer).
   Hence, in this example, there will be at least 18 from Australia, at least 6 from NZ and at least 6 from PIC.

In the case of a tie in scoring when we are tallying, the first person to reach that particular score (I.e. the participant who took the shortest time) will be ranked higher.

The organisers reserve the right to make adjustments to balance the gender and country diversity, or to remove participants due to ethical or conduct breaches.

Round 2 -> Final Team Qualification

In Round 2, we will select 15 finalists, 1 reserve, and 2 waiting list participants for Team Oceania. By participating in Round 2, all participants have agreed to comply to the Team Rules, Media Policy and Team Expectations before (e.g. training schedule), during, and after the event and are reminded to be mindful of their roles representing their nation and their continent. The participants are also expected to book their travel bookings through the University of Queensland's recommended travel agent for consistency and economies of scale. Due to the timeframe of visa applications, participants are expected to apply for the relevant visa to Greece/EU according to their own passport requirements, and are expected to comply to all COVID-19-related travel requirements. When required, guidance for visa applications will be provided.

In most situations, we will use the overall score to select qualifying participants for Team Oceania. To ensure diversity from Team Oceania, and in line with expectations from the ICC steering committee, we will ensure that the 15 finalists will have:

1. At least 2 non-male participants (female and non-binary) are in the top 15 selected for Team Oceania.

2. The spread of participants' resident nations are based on the final-15 nation distribution ratio:
   a. *Illustrative example:* If our final ratio of Round 2 finalists (15 participants) are at the following distribution: Australia 60%, NZ 20%, Pacific Island Countries (PIC) 20%, we will then select the top 15 to be inclusive of the ratio of representation (rounded down to the lower integer).
   Hence, in this example, there will be at least 9 from Australia, at least 3 from NZ and at least 3 from PIC.

We will select 1 reserve to travel with our team to the ICC finals in Greece.

All finalist participants and the reserve are expected to pay for (or fundraise) their own travel to Greece and will be booking through the UQ travel agent for consistency. They are expected to confirm their travel itineraries within 5 working days after they are notified of their selection. If they are unable to confirm their travel plans within 5 working days of being notified, they will lose their finalist status and their positions will be filled by the reserve.

Due to the current uncertainties with COVID-19 and travel visas, we will also select 2 waiting list participants (ranked by score) just in case we need to fill our team reserve spot due to unforeseen circumstances. The 2 waiting list participants will not be travelling to Greece but are expected to train with the team and reserve, and be ready to be called upon to travel. Due to the short timeframe for such waiting list participants to book flights and accommodation, the main sponsor UQ Cyber may pay for their travel if required.

In the case of a tie in scoring when we are tallying, the first person to reach that particular score (I.e. the participant who took the shortest time to obtain the points) will be ranked higher.

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