

FAQs – Intel® AI Global Impact Festival 2026

1. I want to compete in the Intel AI Global Impact Festival in the AI Changemaker category. Which age group can I submit my entries for: 13-17 Years or 18 Years & Above?

Ans:

- Any or all participant(s) born on or after 1st May 2008 shall be eligible to participate in the 13-17 age group.
- Any or all participant(s) born before 1st May 2008 shall be eligible to participate in the 18 Years & Above age group.
- However, no team member competing in the 13-17 age group can be born before 1st May 2007 and at least one team member must be between 13-17 Years old.

2. Can 13-17 age group students participate without a complete consent form?

Ans: No. Any incomplete submission form including consent form will not qualify.

3. What if one of the participants from a team nominated for the Global Competition of AI Changemaker category drops out?

Ans: The participant(s) who drops out is not eligible for the awards. The rest of the team can still compete after submitting a written acknowledgment by the dropout participant(s) to forgo the award if the entry wins the competition.

4. Are Intel interns allowed to participate in any of the Global Competitions of the Intel AI Global Impact Festival?

Ans: No. No Intel employees – including blue badges, interns, green badges, contingent workers, and ICE can compete in any category of the competition. However, relatives/families of Intel employees can participate and compete in the festival.

5. Can an incomplete entry nominated for the Global Competition continue to compete?

Ans: No. Per the competition guidelines and criteria, any incomplete entry will be disqualified.

6. Is it permissible for the project video to exceed 2 minutes?

Ans: No, the entry submission video should remain within the 2-minute duration limit. Videos that exceed 2 minutes may be subject to scoring penalties or disqualification, at the discretion of the External Judging Agency.

7. Can a participant(s) reschedule the online face-to-face interviews for the Global competition judging?

Ans: Participant(s) are allowed to request one rescheduling of their online face-to-face interviews, citing the reason for it, within the first 48 hours of receiving the original schedule. However, accommodating such rescheduling adjustments will entirely depend on the discretion of the External Judging Agency.

8. Are all the team participants required to join the online face-to-face interviews?

Ans: Yes. All the participants mentioned in the entry submission must join the online face-to-face interviews.

If any participant(s) is/are absent from the online face-to-face interviews, the entry will not be considered for the competition and can be disqualified unless:

- Absentee participant(s) have dropped out and have provided written acknowledgment for the same.
- There is a valid reason for the unavailability. However, allowing such entry will solely depend on the discretion of the External Judging Agency or panel of judges.

9. Are the participant(s) required to produce any proof of age at any stage of the competition?

Ans: Yes. The External judging agency or judge(s) can ask for proof of age before, during, or after the competition. All participants need to comply with such requests.

10. Who will nominate the projects/entries for the global competition at the Intel AI Global Impact Festival?

Ans: Country/Region/Territory partners or Intel representatives are responsible for nominating entries for the global competition following competition rules and regulations.

11. Can a teacher, guardian, or support staff join the online face-to-face interviews with the participants?

Ans: No. Only the student participant(s) should join the face-to-face interviews.

12. For the face-to-face interviews, what language will be used by judges?

Ans: English

13. Can the participant (s) who do not speak English request a translator?

Ans: Yes, participant(s) can ask for a translator. They need to inform the judging agency if selected for stage 3 via mail.

14. In the event of a team winning the global award, would they also receive a country prize and certificate?

Ans: No, the team would only secure one award, determined by whichever is higher in amount. In the specified case, the team will receive only the global award and certificate.