

International Scenario Writing Competition Rules 2020-21



Scenario Writing Content

The Scenario Writing component provides students an opportunity to tell an original story based on one of the topics for the current competition season, including the previous competition season's International Conference topic. Scenario Writers develop a creative narrative to entertain and inform readers as they portray awareness and imaginings about possible futures.

Scenarios must take place at least 20 years in the future and be written as though the future were the present. It is a logical outgrowth of actions or events that took place earlier. Futuristic concepts and trends are incorporated into the Scenario, but a specific date is not required.

2020-21 Topics

Youth in Competitive Sports
Wearable Technology
Human Environmental Impact
Personalized Medicine
Terraforming

Relation to Topic

The Scenario must have a **recognizable** relationship to one of the annual topics. Descriptors for the topics [are provided on the FPSP website](#). Summaries and research are found in the publication *Readings, Research, and Resources* that may be purchased at fspimart.org.

INTERNATIONAL SCENARIO WRITING COMPETITION RULES

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- The Scenario submitted to the International Scenario Writing Competition must be identical to the one submitted at the Affiliate level.
- The Scenario must not exceed 1500 words (excluding the title).
- Scenarios must be submitted in English.
 - If a story has originally been written in a language other than English, the 1500 maximum word count may be based on either the original language or the English translation, as determined by the student. (If the word count is based on another language, a copy of the Scenario in the original language must be submitted to elizabeth@fspspi.org along with the English translation.)
- The title must appear at the top of the first page – in the header is ideal.
- The font must be 12pt and readable (no script).
- Scenarios must have a single author.
- Scenarios must be set at least 20 years in the future.
- Submissions must have a recognizable relationship to a valid FPSP topic.
- The author must not put any identifying information into their Scenario, including their name, school, and Affiliate program.

A note on word count: Words after the 1500-word limit will be removed from the end of the Scenario by the International Office and will not be provided to evaluators.

Scenarios may be disqualified if any of these conditions are not met.



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Submission Information

Georgia FPSP, not coaches, will be responsible for submitting winning state Scenarios to the International Scenario Writing Competition through the FPSONline system: All ISWC entries will be submitted on FPSONline. The Scenario itself must be submitted as both a Microsoft Word file (.doc/.docx) and a PDF (.pdf). Each Scenario Writing submission must also include a completed copy of the official FPSPI **Publication Release & Statement of Authenticity** as a PDF.

EVALUATION

Experienced evaluators consider the following elements during authentic assessment :

- Creative Thinkng
- Futuristic Thinking
- Idea Development
- Style/Voice
- Character Development
- Mechanics
- Topic-Related Research



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