

REGULATIONS
on the organization and conduct of the competitive selection for
participation in the INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE
FOR PEACE at the federal state budgetary educational institution
«International Children's Center «Artek»

for participation in the educational program of the 7th session of 2026
at the International Children's Center «Artek

1. General Provisions

These Regulations define the procedure for organizing and conducting the competitive selection for participation in the INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE FOR PEACE (hereinafter referred to as the Competition), held as part of the 7th shift in 2026 at the federal state budgetary educational institution «International Children's Center «Artek» (hereinafter – the Center «Artek»). The dates of the 7th session are from June 21-22, 2026 to July 11-12, 2026.

1.1 The purpose of the Competition is to form generations of young leaders with skills in intercultural dialogue, capable of proposing and implementing joint solutions to global challenges, and conveying to society and authorities the importance of children and youth participation in building a peaceful future based on mutual respect, shared dreams, and equal opportunities for the development of every child.

1.2 The organizer of the Competition is the Autonomous Non-Commercial Organization «Young Technicians and Innovative Leaders» (hereinafter - the Organizer).

1.3 The Partner of the Competition is federal state budgetary educational institution «International Children's Center «Artek» (hereinafter - Partner).

1.4 The co-organizer of the Competition is the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Compatriots Living Abroad, and International Humanitarian Cooperation (hereinafter - Co-organizer).

1.5 These Regulations shall be subject to open publication on the official website of the Organizer <https://wyffest.com/events/child-peace> and <http://artek.org> from the moment of their approval.

1.6 Participation in the Competition is free of charge.

2. Conditions of participation in the Competition

2.1 Children aged 14 to 17 years are eligible to participate in the Competition. In accordance with the Rules for Admission of Children to the International Children's Center «Artek» (<http://artek.org/informaciya-dlya-roditelyay/kak-poluchitsya-putevku-v-artek/>), children aged 8 to 17 years inclusive are admitted during the summer period, and children aged 11 to 17 years inclusive are admitted during the autumn-winter-spring period, provided that they must not have turned 18 by the end of the shift to which they are sent. Compliance with the age restrictions for stay at the Center «Artek» during the summer and academic periods is mandatory. A child can be sent to the Center «Artek» no more than once a year, regardless of the quota type: thematic, regional, special or commercial.

2.2 The competition consists of several stages (qualifying, main and final) and is held within the following timeframes:

March 20, 2026 - announcement of the Competition;

until April 20 2026 - acceptance of applications (selection stage);

until May 20 2026 - examination of the competition task and interviews with the participants of the Competition who have passed the selection stage (main stage);

until May 25 2026 – summing up the results of the Competition (final).

2.3 Registration of participants in the qualifying round of the Competition is carried out by submitting an application on the website <https://wyffest.com/events/child-peace> no later than the last day of the qualifying stage of the Competition.

2.4. Submission of an application for participation in the Competition is carried out by the legal representatives of the participant and/or persons replacing them (hereinafter referred to as the Applicant).

2.5. A completed application, by default, confirms: the Applicant's familiarization with these Regulations and voluntary consent to the collection, storage, use, distribution (transfer) and publication of the participant's personal data, as well as the results of his work, including on the Internet.

2.6. Before submitting an application for participation in the Competition, the Applicant is obliged to familiarize themselves with the procedure for admitting children and the rules for their stay at the Center «Artek», indicated on the official website <https://artek.org/> in the section "Information for Parents", in order to subsequently comply with them.

2.7. All documents and the application provided by the Applicant are subject to verification by the Competition Organizer to ensure that the data provided therein is accurate.

2.8. The applicant has no right to exert any influence on the representatives of the expert committee, on the results of the Competition and the procedure for its implementation.

2.9. In case of violation of the rules of the Competition by a participant, the Organizer may refuse him further participation in the Competition.

3. Procedure for participation in the Competition

3.1. Children who are foreign citizens living abroad (hereinafter referred to as Participants) are invited to participate in the Competition.

3.2. The following may participate in the competitive selection:

- children from 14 to 17 years old, with at least conversational knowledge of English;
- children who have demonstrated abilities and achieved high results in education, science, sports, art or other significant areas of activity;
- children are opinion leaders and active participants in the life of society.

3.3. Application documents must be sent no later than the last day of the qualifying round of the Competition on the website <https://wyffest.com/events/child-peace> in separate attached files in the form of scanned copies in jpg or pdf format :

- application form of the established form;
- a valid document confirming the participant's identity (international passport). Participants permanently residing abroad in a country other than the country where the document was issued must provide a valid document confirming temporary residence in another country.

At least 5 copies of diplomas (certificates) confirming the achievements of project-research activities over the last three calendar years or a letter of recommendation indicating the achievements of the recommended participant (an extract from the final protocol of the competition/contest/Olympiad), which are provided by the Organizer to the Department for the Development of International Relations along with the protocol of the winners of the Competition.

3.4. Application documents that do not meet the requirements of these Regulations and are completed in violation of the requirements of these Regulations will be rejected by the Organizers without explanation of the reasons for the refusal.

3.5. Participants who successfully register gain access to the competitive task of the qualifying round.

3.6. Restrictions on participation in the Competition:

Participants may be denied entry into the Competition due to the epidemiological situation in their country of residence or medical contraindications to admission the Center «Artek» (specified in the "Medical Requirements" subsection of the Center «Artek» section on the Artek International

Children's Center Website). The organizer will coordinate any medical contraindications for participants with disabilities with the Center «Artek» medical department in advance and receive official confirmation of their admission to the Center «Artek».

3.7. The Participant is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in his application for participation in the Competition and, if necessary, must provide supporting documents at the request of the Organizer.

3.8. Participants are responsible for the authorship of the content of their completed competition task. Claims related to the infringement of third-party rights resulting from the submission of a completed competition task by a participant in the Competition shall be sent directly to the person who submitted the completed task.

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3.11. By submitting an application and participating in the Competition, the participant of the Competition, who is the holder of the exclusive right in full to the result of intellectual activity created by the participant of the Competition during the period of participation in the shift, including, but not limited to: a video clip, song, project (hereinafter referred to as the Work) or his parents/legal representatives grant the Organizer, Partner and Co-Organizer, free of charge, a simple (non-exclusive) license to use the Work in the following ways:

- public display of the Work, that is, any demonstration of the Work directly or on a screen using film, slide, television frame or other technical means, including the publication of the Work on the Internet;
- broadcast of the Work;
- Message of the Work by Cable;
- reproduction of the Work (including, but not limited to: use in any information, photo, video and other materials);
- distribution of the Work.

3.12. The Organizer, Partner, and Co-Organizer have the right to use the Work in all countries of the world for the entire duration of the exclusive right to the Work. Neither the Organizer, nor the Partner, nor the Co-Organizer will provide the Competition participant or their parents/legal representatives with reports on the use of the Work.

3.13. The moment of transfer of the right to use the Work during the period of participation in the shift is the moment of creation of the Work in objective form.

3.14. The Organizer, Partner, and Co-Organizer have the right to make changes, abbreviations, and additions to the Work, and to provide it with illustrations, comments, and explanations, and this will not be considered a violation of the right of the author – participant in the Competition to the integrity of the Work.

3.15. Participant's materials submitted within the Competition will not be returned.

3.16. The Contest Participant or their parent/legal representative bears full responsibility for the content of the Work, including any violations of copyright, related rights, or other rights committed during the creation of the Work. If it is established that a Contest Participant violates the rights of third parties during the creation of the Work, including exclusive rights and copyright, the Contest Participant bears sole responsibility for such violation. Neither the Organizer, Partner, nor Co-Organizer may be held as a co-defendant or be obligated to compensate third parties for damages or penalties arising from the Contest Participant's violation of the provisions.

3.17. The Participant of the Competition agrees that he will not be entitled to receive payment (remuneration) from the Organizer, Partner and Co-Organizer for the use of the Work (results of his intellectual activity) by the Organizer, Partner and Co-Organizer.

3.18. The Competition Participant and his/her parents/legal representatives do not have the right to exert any influence on the members of the expert committee, on the results of the Competition and the procedure for its implementation.

3.19. In case of violation of the rules of the Competition, the Organizer has the right to refuse further participation of the Competition participants in the Competition.

4. Procedure for the Competition

4.1. To select the winners, an expert committee is formed, the composition of which is formed and approved by the Competition Organizer.

4.2. The competition consists of several stages, each of which requires completing a specific competition task. Participation in all stages is mandatory.

4.3. Participants will receive information about their Competition results (interim and final) after registering and completing the Competition assignment on the website <https://wyffest.com> in their personal accounts.

4.4. Following the results of the Competition, the winners will receive a Certificate confirming successful completion of the competitive procedures defined by these Regulations.

4.5. The examination of application documents and the quality of the completion of competitive tasks is carried out by an expert committee in three stages.

4.5.1. **The first qualifying stage of the Competition** will be held from March 20, 2026 to April 20, 2026. At this stage, the working group of the expert commission will accept applications for participation in the Competition and reject applications from those participants who do not meet the requirements of these Regulations (clause 3).

4.5.2. **The 2nd main stage of the Competition** will be held from April 20, 2026 to May 20, 2026 and will consist of an analysis of the content and quality of the submitted competition material from the main stage of the Competition by those who have passed the first stage.

4.5.3. **The 3rd final stage of the Competition (summing up the results)** will be held no later than May 25, 2026, in accordance with the regulations specified in Section 6 of these Regulations.

5. Competition tasks

5.1. Competition Task for the Main Stage of the Competition. Participants in the Main Stage are invited to complete special competition tasks:

Submit your application on the official website of the Competition <https://wyffest.com/events/child-peace> indicating:

- Full name
- Age
- Country and city
- Contact information (e - mail , telephone)

Attach to your application:

- brief description of the project/work (up to 500 characters);
- a link to a video with the completed competition task;
- consent to the processing of personal data and public materials.

Attach a copy of the foreign citizen's valid international passport.

Please indicate your English level.

Additionally:

- Team participation is permitted (up to 5 people) with roles indicated in the application (author, presenter, director, screenwriter, cameraman, etc.)

- For teams: one common project from one country, applications are submitted for each participant separately, indicating the topic.

Competition task:

Create a **short video** (up to 3 minutes). Tell us about your hero – a citizen of your country, whose actions, decisions, or life path contributed to:

- protection of peace;
- prevention or resolution of political/military conflicts;
- strengthening interethnic harmony;
- humanitarian and other public initiatives in crisis situations for your country.

Who can be a hero:

- a diplomat,
- a doctor,
- a journalist,
- a public figure,
- a politician,
- a teacher,
- a volunteer,
- any person whose contribution is worthy of memory and inspiration.

Addition: Both historical and modern heroes are allowed (provided sources are available).

Video requirements:

- Time limit: up to 3 minutes;
- Format: MP4, MOV; resolution not less than 854×480;
- Language: English
- File size: no more than 50 MB;
- Adherence to diplomatic etiquette (formal tone, clear, logical, structured speech).

Recommended structure:

- Context: what threat to peace existed in his time/region;
- Key actions/decisions of the hero that changed the situation;
- Quotes, metaphors (from documents, interviews, memoirs);
- Conclusion: why their example is important today, and how it relates to contemporary challenges.

Visuals:

- Archival photos/videos (with sources indicated);
- Contemporary footage of locations associated with hero;
- Infographics (dates, maps, statistics);
- Possibly interviews with experts, relatives, eyewitnesses;
- Possibly text inserts with key facts and milestones in the author's life.

Audio:

- Clear narration or lively narration by the author;
- Background music that does not drown out speech (no copyright infringement);
- Sound effects (if necessary).

What is unacceptable:

- plagiarism (using other people's videos/texts without indicating the source);
- incitement to violence or discrimination;
- unreliable false facts;
- excessive use of stock footage without original editing;
- advertising for commercial products or political parties.

Edits:

- File size limit has been introduced;
- A clause prohibiting advertising has been added.

Evaluation criteria

1. **Accuracy of information** – reliability of facts, absence of distortions.
2. **The narrative logic** is clear structure, smooth transitions between blocks.
3. **Visual appeal** – quality of images, harmony of colors and fonts.
4. **Emotional impact** is the ability to inspire the viewer to reflect on the world and the role of public figures.
5. **Compliance with the timing** is no more than 3 minutes.

How to submit your work:

1. Upload the video to the platform <https://vk.com/> or Google Drive .
2. Make sure that the link opens for viewing without registration;
3. Please provide a link to the competition website in your application;
4. Save the original video.

6. Summing up the results of the Competition.

6.1. The results of the Competition are calculated based on the total number of points in the rating system.

6.2. Scoring scale for evaluating competition materials:

6.2.1. Analysis of the content and quality of the competition task.

No.	<i>Criterion</i>	<i>maximum number of points</i>
1	Accuracy of information	15
2	Logic of the narrative	10
3	Visual appeal	5
4	Emotional impact	15
5	Keeping time	5

The maximum number of points based on the results of the competitive selection is 50 points.

6.3. The winners of the Competition are the participants who score the highest number of points.

6.4. If identical results for completed competition tasks are received, the result submitted earlier in time and date will be evaluated. An application for participation in the Competition with an identical result for a completed competition task submitted later will be rejected.

6.5. Competitive applications are evaluated by an expert committee in a closed process in accordance with established criteria. The committee reviews the submitted materials independently, without any further interaction with the participants. Information regarding the review process and evaluation results will not be made publicly available, nor will it be provided to participants through individual notifications, including by mail, email, phone, instant messaging, or other means of communication.

6.6. In line with the Competition's goal of developing intercultural dialogue and sharing experiences, the Expert Committee will consider the geographical diversity of the participants when deciding on the winners. This is aimed at ensuring international representation among the winners and contributing to the achievement of the Competition's goals. The Committee's decision on each specific case will be made taking into account all established evaluation criteria and within the framework of current legislation.

6.7. The results of the competitive selection are final and cannot be adjusted.

7. Results of the competitive selection

7.1. The decision of the Competition expert committee is formalized in the form of a written protocol, including summary information on the conduct and results of all stages of the Competition, which is signed by the Competition Organizer.

7.2. The results of the Competition will be published on the website of the Competition Organizer no later than May 20, 2026.

7.3. In accordance with the decision of the Competition expert committee, Competition participants will be awarded a Competition Winner's Certificate (hereinafter referred to as the Certificate), confirming successful completion of all stages of the competition procedures (Section 4 of these Regulations) and a reward voucher for a 2026 themed session at the Center «Artek». The organizer will send this certificate to the email address specified by the winning participant when submitting their Application, no later than five (5) business days.

7.4. Along with the Certificate, an information letter will be sent to the parents (legal representatives) of the Competition winner regarding the procedure for preparing the necessary documents for a trip to the Center «Artek».

7.5. The Competition Winner's Certificate is personal and cannot be transferred to third parties, either from among the Competition participants or the participant's relatives, or to any other persons not specified in the Certificate.

7.6. Within 10 days of receiving the Certificate, the participant must register independently in the Center «Artek» automated information system (AIS Artek) at www.artek.deti. Upon registration, the Participant must fully complete their profile in their personal account, first adding the Certificate and documents confirming their best personal achievements over the past three (3) years. Applications without the Certificate will be rejected.

7.7. The parents (legal representatives) of the Competition winner must, no later than 10 days from the date of publication of the Competition results, send a free-form letter to the email address info@ytleader.ru confirming the child's readiness to participate in the Program within the specified timeframe.

7.8. In the event of any personal circumstances preventing the winner of the Competition from participating in the Program, his representative must notify the Organizer no later than 5 (Five) days and send the completed refusal form (Appendix 1) to the e-mail info@ytleader.ru. If one of the participants who has passed the competitive selection refuses to receive a travel voucher, the right to receive a free travel voucher is transferred to the participant next in the ranked list.

7.9. Participants who are not registered in the AIS «Artek» are not allowed to participate in the educational program of the Center «Artek».

7.10. In the AIS Artek system, all other things being equal, preference is given to candidates who have a Competition Winner Certificate.

7.11. In the event of the Competition winner's refusal to receive the voucher, the monetary equivalent of the cost will not be paid or compensated.

7.12. The costs associated with the preparation of notarized translations of all necessary documents into Russian are financed by the participant.

7.13. All costs for transportation of foreign participants of the competition from their place of residence to the Center «Artek» and back are borne by the Organizer and Co-organizer.

7.14. Participation in the Competition and a trip to the Center «Artek» are provided free of charge to all selected participants.

7.15. Visas, court-approved exit visas, medical certificates, vaccination records, and other documents required for exit, entry, and participation in the camp are the responsibility of the participant or their legal representatives. The Organizer, Partner, and Co-Organizer will not bear or reimburse these costs.

8. Final Provisions

8.1. In the event of an emergency in the country or the world that prevents the holding of events that interfere with the holding of the Competition, the expert committee has the right to propose to the Organizer to suspend or terminate the Competition.

8.2. The Organizer, Partner, and Co-Organizer shall not be liable for any direct or indirect losses of Contest participants, any inaccuracies or omissions in the information provided by Contest participants; technical malfunctions; breakdowns, failures, interruptions, deletions, or failures in any telephone network, online system, computer equipment, server, provider, or software, including, without limitation, any damage to or failure of a Contest participant's or any other person's computer in connection with participation in the Contest.

If a Contest participant was unable to submit an application due to a technical failure on the Website <https://wyffest.com/events> in the last 20 minutes of the application period before 23:59 (Moscow time) on April 20, 2026, the Contest participant must provide a screenshot confirming the technical failure on the Website <https://wyffest.com/events> and a description of the problems by 01:00 (Moscow time) on April 23, 2026 to the email address of the contact person specified in paragraph 8.5 of the Regulations.

8.3. In the event of receipt of notification from a participant in the Competition in accordance with paragraph 8.2 of the Regulations, the person responsible for conducting the Competition on the part of the Organizer shall take the following actions:

- an attempt to resolve the problem that arose when submitting an application for participation in the Competition;
- sending a secure version of the form for the participant to send a completed application for participation in the Competition to the responsible person.

8.4. The application deadline may be extended by the Organizer's decision and in agreement with the Center «Artek». Information about the extension is available on the website <https://wyffest.com/events>.

8.5. The person responsible for conducting the Competition on behalf of the Organizer is Olga Polpudnikova, email address: info@ytileader.ru

Appendix No. 1
to the Regulation on the organization and
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at the INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S
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in the federal state budget
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Center "Artek"

FORM

To the Organizing Committee of the
competitive selection
for participation in the INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE FOR PEACE
in the federal state
budgetary educational institution
International Children's Center "Artek"

from _____
(full name)

(region, contact phone number)

REFUSAL

**from participation in the world children's conference "CHILDREN FOR PEACE" at the
federal state budgetary educational institution
International Children's Center "Artek"**

Address: Republic of Crimea, Yalta, Gurzuf , Leningradskaya St., 41, Federal State Budgetary
Educational Institution "International Children's Center "Artek"

I, _____,
(Full name of parent/legal representative)

parent/legal representative _____,
(Full name of the winning participant in the competitive selection),

who is the winner of the competitive selection for participation in the INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE FOR PEACE at the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution
"International Children's Center "Artek", I refuse the participation of my child in the
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE FOR PEACE at the Federal State Budgetary
Educational Institution "International Children's Center "Artek".

I have no complaints about the Organizing Committee of the competitive selection.

Date of completion _____

_____/_____
(signature) (full name of parent/legal representative)

_____/_____
(signature) (full name of the participant)