



**INTERSTENO**

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# **Regulations for the 24<sup>th</sup> International keyboarding competition by Internet**

<b>Registration</b>	from Monday, February 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	2026
<b>Contest</b>	from Friday, March 13 <sup>rd</sup> to Monday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	2026
<b>No extension of deadlines will be granted.</b>		

In addition to the world championships conducted every two years during the World Congress, in March/April of each year Intersteno conducts an international keyboarding competition over the Internet. The goal is to foster proficiency in the use of the keyboard and to engage young people in fair and healthy competition with their peers all over the world.

The contest can be done with a traditional PC keyboard but also with a chord keyboard where more than one key can be struck simultaneously.

#### Article 1 – Kind of competition and age categories

The contest consists of ten minutes of text entry, using special free software available on the website [www.intersteno.org](http://www.intersteno.org) (in Taki and Zav formats).

This competition is open to students from public, private schools or associations and for seniors who register through their Intersteno National group.

Results are ranked according to the following age categories:

- **children:** up to 12 years (born in 2014 or after),
- **pupils:** 13-16 years (born in 2013, 2012, 2011 or 2010),
- **juniors:** 17-20 years (born in 2009, 2008, 2007 or 2006),
- **seniors:** older than 20 years (born in 2005 or earlier).

To qualify competitors must perform within the following limits:

Category	Min. char/minute	Max. errors
Children	150	1,00 %
Pupils	180	1,00 %
Juniors	200	1,00 %
Seniors	240	0,50 %

#### Article 2 – Conduct of the competition

Public and private schools and associations are primarily responsible for conducting the competition for students within their schools. In addition, Intersteno National Groups are entitled to conduct a competition for students and seniors.

These organizers shall appoint an individual teacher or tutor to assist in conducting the competition. In countries where no Intersteno National Group is fully active, the Jury president may, at her discretion, designate an organization and/or teachers/tutors to conduct the contest.

The organizers are responsible for ensuring that the competitions have been carried out in a fair way. Intersteno National Groups coordinate and control the fair conduct of the competition within their own territory and are therefore entitled to visit the schools and associations and observe activities during the competitions.

The competitors shall compete in the premises designated by the local organizers, primarily their school rooms.

#### Article 3 – Competition forms and training

- **Mother tongue:** Competitors indicate one of the languages they participate in as their "mother language" and **it is compulsory to compete in this language.**
- **Multilingual:** competitors take part in 2 or more of the 18 available languages on the Taki & Zav software.

Only one attempt per each language is allowed. If several national versions of one language are available (*for example German and German for Switzerland*), or if the languages are very similar (*Croatian, Serbian, Bosnian, Montenegrin*) the competitor may use only one of these language versions.

If the competitor has used both Zav and Taki Software for one language, the second attempt will not be listed. Nevertheless, competitors may use both software formats as long as they are used in different languages.

Training exercises for each language, in both software formats, are available free of charge on [www.intersteno.org](http://www.intersteno.org) (*Competition / Internet contest / Training*).

#### Article 4 – Evaluation and ranking

Points and mistakes are counted as per the rules for the Text Production world championship and for each error, 50 penalty points will be deducted from the total of points.

Result lists are updated in real time. The results list includes results for each competitor, regardless of the technology used, which will be indicated by short forms abbreviations (KB = keyboard; CK = Chord keyboard).

Unsuccessful competitors are shown in the general results list. Separate results lists will be released for each competition form: mother tongue / multilingual competition. Each list will be divided into the 4-age categories set out in art.1.

The multilingual results list will show the languages and the points for each of them. The sum of these points will determine the place. In any language where the competitor has not successfully qualified, either because of speed or accuracy, the number of points for that language is set to 0.

These lists will include only the names of competitors who have successfully qualified and who have paid their registration fee in a timely manner. For students, the name of their school will appear on the lists & for seniors, it will be the name of the national group. Please write this in the shortest form (max. 40 characters).

#### Article 5 – Medals and certificates

All successful competitors will receive an Intersteno certificate, which will be sent in .pdf to the Intersteno National Group, or to the organizing School or Association if no National Group is available. Medals are awarded to the three highest ranking competitors in each age category only the year with a congress. A certificate of participation will also be sent in .pdf to any teacher who has registered competitors.

#### Article 6 – Misuse of software

Intersteno is a worldwide community of motivated people who voluntarily organize and participate in fair, open and healthy competition during Intersteno competition.

Intersteno uses the Internet to conduct this contest, to make using the Internet a positive and productive experience and to make participation accessible to competitors throughout the world.

When registering for this competition, students, seniors, teachers, and organizers agree to respect all applicable policies, regulations, and laws governing the use of computers and telecommunication networks in their local jurisdictions.

Any attempt to manipulate procedures, interfere with software operations, or engage in hacker activity will lead to automatic disqualification from the current competition and possibility of being banned from any future participation in the competition.

Offences which are in violation of laws may result in the restriction of computing privileges and will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

#### Article 7 – Responsibility

The Jury president is the authority in the interpretation of these rules and for any decisions needed for the good management of this competition; ex. modifying points or number of mistake when the automatic counting is not correct. If a teacher notices this kind of error, he may send an email describing the error.

#### Article 8 – Schedule, fees, and payments

For the schedule (dates of registration and competition), please refer to the first page of these rules.

Please pay the participation fee (i.e. € 5 for the competition in mother tongue and € 7 for multilingual, regardless of the number of languages chosen) to the responsible person in your school/association: he/she will forward the total amount to the national delegate, who will make a global transfer for the country to the Federation.

Other competitors will find useful payment information on [www.intersteno.org](http://www.intersteno.org). To non-Europe countries we suggest transferring payments using PayPal.