

Regulations of the First International Student Competition in Colorectal Surgery

1. General Provisions

1.1. The First International Student Competition in Colorectal Surgery (hereinafter referred to as the Competition) is an educational, academic and practical event aimed at developing professional competencies, increasing students' interest in surgery, and fostering a new generation of specialists in the field of colorectal surgery.

1.2. The Competition is held within the framework of cooperation between the Russian Society of Colorectal Surgeons and I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, with the participation of leading medical universities of the Russian Federation and other countries.

1.3. These Regulations define the objectives, tasks, organizational structure, and procedures for organizing and conducting the Competition.

2. Objectives and Tasks

2.1. Main Objectives of the Competition:

- to develop medical students' interest in colorectal surgery;
- to support professional orientation and scientific development of students;
- to promote inter-university and international collaboration and exchange of experience among young specialists in colorectal surgery;
- to enhance participants' practical skills and theoretical knowledge.

2.2. Main Tasks of the Competition:

- to improve student training in general and colorectal surgery;
- to create a platform for interaction between student communities, scientific clubs, and educational institutions;
- to popularize contemporary achievements in colorectal surgery;
- to identify and support talented students demonstrating outstanding abilities in surgery.

3. Organizers of the Competition

3.1. The organizers of the Competition are:

- the Russian Society of Colorectal Surgeons (RSCS);
- I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Sechenov University).

3.2. For the purpose of organizing and conducting the Competition, the following bodies are established:

- Organizing Committee – responsible for overall management of the Competition; approval of these Regulations; notification and registration of participants; formation of the Jury from faculty members of the Department of Surgery of Sechenov University and other participating medical universities; organizational support; determination of competition tasks and timelines; monitoring of all Competition stages; approval of winners and runners-up based on the Jury decisions.
- Competition Jury – evaluates submitted materials and determines the winners and runners-up.
- Appeals Committee – considers disputes and appeals arising during the Competition.

4. Participants

4.1. Students of medical universities of the Russian Federation and foreign countries are eligible to participate in the Competition.

4.2. Participation is conducted in a team format consisting of three (3) members per team. The number of teams from one university is not limited.

4.3. To participate in the Competition, teams must submit an application in the prescribed form via the official Competition website: <https://colobattle.siterscs.com> within the established deadlines.

4.4. Participation in the Competition is free of charge. Travel and accommodation expenses are covered by the sending organization.

5. Competition Procedures

5.1. The Competition is conducted in two language tracks: Russian and English.

5.2. Medical universities shall inform students of these Regulations, which are published on the RSCS website and the official Competition website.

5.3. Each team shall prepare a video recording demonstrating the performance of a single-row end-to-end intestinal anastomosis by team members on a wet biological specimen (human cadaver small intestine or animal small intestine). The video duration must not exceed 40 minutes. Technical and methodological requirements for the video and anastomosis technique are published on the official Competition website.

5.4. The completed video must be uploaded to any accessible cloud storage service (e.g., Google Drive, Dropbox, Yandex Disk) with open access via a link.

5.5. Teams must submit the official application form via the Competition website no later than March 15, 2026, including an active link to the video in the designated field of the registration form.

5.6. Jury members review the submitted applications and videos and evaluate them using a ten-point scale no later than April 10, 2026.

5.7. The selection stage is conducted online via a digital platform in April–May 2026.

5.8. As part of the selection stage, each team will be required to solve a case-based task focused on key current issues in colorectal surgery. The maximum score for this task is 10 points.

5.9. The scores obtained for the video and the situational task are summed. The maximum total score is 20 points.

5.10. Teams with the highest total scores advance to the final stage of the Competition, which is held in an in-person format from September 4 to September 6, 2026, within the framework of the Russian School of Colorectal Surgery (RSCS).

5.11. Teams advancing to the final stage are provided with preparation guidelines, including a list of theoretical topics and types of surgical interventions.

5.12. The final stage consists of theoretical and practical components covering the most relevant areas of general and oncological colorectal surgery.

5.13. The format and list of tasks for the final stage are approved by the Organizing Committee and published on the official Competition information website.

5.14. To optimize preparation for the final stage, the RSCS organizes educational webinars on the “Colorectal Surgery of the Future” Youth Council platform, covering topics included in the final stage.

5.15. Teams participating in the final stage must prepare a short video introduction presenting their members. This video is presented and evaluated during the team introduction session at the Russian School of Colorectal Surgery.

5.16. The final ranking is determined based on the cumulative number of points obtained across all stages of the Competition.

5.17. Appeals regarding Competition results are reviewed by the Appeals Committee. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

6. Results

6.1. Winners of the Competition are determined based on the cumulative score accumulated across all stages.

6.2. The Organizing Committee prepares the final protocols, which are approved by the Chair of the Competition Jury.

6.3. The Competition results are officially published on the Competition website.

7. Awards

7.1. Russian-Language Track: participants placing 1st–3rd are awarded a one-week internship in clinics in China under the supervision of leading colorectal surgeons.

7.2. English-Language Track: participants placing 1st–3rd are awarded a one-week internship under the supervision of leading colorectal surgeons at Sechenov University, Moscow, Russian Federation.

7.3. Winners and runners-up receive diplomas and commemorative prizes from the Russian Society of Colorectal Surgeons and Sechenov University.

7.4. All participants receive certificates of participation.

7.5. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to establish special awards and additional nominations.

8. Final Provisions

8.1. These Regulations enter into force upon approval by the Organizing Committee.

8.2. All amendments and additions to these Regulations are subject to approval by the Organizing Committee and will be published on the official Competition website.

9. Contact Information

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