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Dear ICPC World Finals Invitational Participant,

Here are a few updates about the Team Preparation Week that will run from 9/20 – 9/27.

1. Hopefully you have selected a time for your team to participate in the practice contest and will set up your team work area exactly the same way it will be configured for the actual contest. This includes:
 - a. Each contestant having their own machine. The university may provide you with a machine or you may use your own machine - this is a decision for your coach.
 - b. Having a camera that will capture the activity in the team room with sufficient video and audio quality to allow the judges to determine that only the team was in the room
 - c. Taking a short video of the team area to demonstrate that only approved materials are in the team area
 - d. Installing and using the workstation desktop capture software. Be sure that the software is configured to capture ALL activity occurring on the monitor.
 - e. Making sure the proctor and institutional representative understand their responsibilities as defined in the World Finals Rules.
<https://icpc.global/worldfinals/rules>
 - f. If your team cannot be in a single location, these requirements must be met at all sites. If your team is separated, you may also use communication software (e.g. skype, Discord) to communicate with your team members, and only your team members. Again, the burden is on the university and the coach to prove that the team did not use the internet in a way not allowed by the contest.
1. You will be emailed a team login and a password for the practice contest which starts at 16:00 Moscow time on 9/20 and should be completed before midnight 9/27. Note that a new team login and password will be emailed to the contestants and coach approximately 2 hours before the start of the Invitational. The link for the practice contest, which will activate when the contest begins, is: <http://icpc-moscow.contest.codeforces.com>
 - a. Be sure to test the clarification system. This is the only communication channel available to the contestants during the practice contest and the Invitational. Since teams will do the practice contest in a variety of time zones, we cannot guarantee an immediate reply to questions submitted during the practice contest.
 - b. A Zoom meeting will be running prior to, during, and after the Invitational. After the start of the contest, only the coach may remain in the meeting. This will be the mechanism for the coach to ask questions or report problems that cannot be handled by the clarification system.
1. When you have completed the practice contest – and we suggest doing it as early as possible so you have time to address any issues - you will need to:
 - a. Send links to the video you have taken to invitational@icpc.global. A reviewer will examine your videos and let you know if they are of sufficient quality for participating in the Invitational. If not, you are welcome to try again and resubmit new videos. Having your team proctoring mechanism

approved is a critical step in your preparations. Note: Tools like OBS have an option to allow for the two videos to be combined into a single stream/file. As long as we are able to see the desktop activity and the contestant area clearly, a single file is fine and arguably simplifies things.

- b. Complete the contestant checklist. A link will be sent in a separate email soon.
1. If you have questions about:
 - a. The World Finals image – please contact John Clevenger clevenger@icpc.global
 - b. Codeforces – please contact Mike Mirzayanov mirzayanovmr@gmail.com
 - c. Open Broadcasting System – please contact Lidia Perovskaya lidia@icpc.global
 - d. All other inquiries; invitational@icpc.global

Congratulations again on qualifying for the ICPC World Finals Invitational!

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