

# SPARKS

## Competition Entry Terms and Conditions

The terms and conditions apply to the SPARKS Learner of the Year competition.

### Participant Rules

- Two learners must be entered per college or campus.
- The participants must be aged between 16-24 years on the date of application.
- The participants must be level 2 or 3 students at the time of the competition who have successfully completed the previous year's practical test.
- The first round must be invigilated by a lecturer or member of staff, who should be present in the workshop or the duration of the competition.
- The competing colleges will be sent the materials to be used ahead of the competition day, which will be collected by the HIP team the day after. By entering the competition, the colleges agree to store these materials safely. If for any reason the college must withdraw their entry, they agree to return the materials to the HIP team at their own cost.
- Once Round 1 has been completed, the college will remove the materials from the bay ready for the HIP team to collect them the following day.
- The participants will wear the competition t-shirt at all times.
- The participants/lecturer must truthfully and accurately complete the application form. If you supply or have supplied any untruthful, inaccurate or misleading details and/or information and/or have failed to abide by the Rules the participant may be disqualified.
- The participants/lecturer may not take photos of the competition until permission is granted and no photos are to be published on public forums until all the regional events have taken place. This is so no participant has an unfair advantage.
- The entrants and their colleges/employers may use the official competition photographs after all the rounds have been completed.
- The participants and staff will adhere to all Health & Safety rules and guidance given by the college.
- The winner of Round 1 from each college will be automatically entered into Round 2, which will take the form of a written test that can be completed at college or at home.
- The winners of Round 2 must be prepared to take part in the Grand Final, taking place at the offices of Schneider Electric in Coventry in April 2021.
- The judges' decisions are final.
- The participant/lecturer agree not to distribute any piece of negative PR verbally or in writing on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn or any other public platforms.
- Other than personally identifiable information, any information you provide shall be considered non-confidential and non-proprietary.
- The participant warrants they are in good health and have no health problems that might stop them from participating fully in the competition.

### Round 1 – In-house Practical Assessment

- All competitors and staff should be ready to begin the test at 10am.
- Competitors will start and finish work as instructed by the overseeing lecturer.
- Competitors who arrive late for their competition will not receive additional time support.
- No mobile telephones are allowed in the competition workshops. These will be collected from you at the start of the day and you will be granted access to them during specified break times and after the competition has finished.
- If there is a power stoppage, breakdown of equipment or accident, the competitors must act according to the instructions of the college.
- The competitors name must correspond to the name submitted on the application form. The organisers will only deviate from this rule in the case of exceptional circumstances, to be determined at the organisers' sole discretion.
- During the SPARKS Learner of the Year, you and all others in your party agree to adhere to the rules and regulations of the venue/college.

## **Round 2 – Inter-college Written Test**

- The winner of Round 1 from each college will be automatically entered into Round 2, which will take the form of a written test that can be completed at college or at home.
- The test must be completed in the time allowed without assistance from any other party.
- The test will be marked and combined with the regional heat scores, and the highest scoring competitor from each college will be automatically entered into the live final.

## **Live Grand Final**

- To gain entry to the SPARKS Learner of the Year Final event, you must be pre-registered and your name must be on the registration list on the day of the event. This includes all competitors, college staff, employers and spectators. SPARKS reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone attempting to gain entry without prior registration.
- By attending the SPARKS Learner of the Year Grand Final you agree to comply with any age restrictions that apply at the venue, as well as the laws and regulations of England and Wales.
- The right to admission to the SPARKS Learner of the Year Grand Final is reserved by SPARKS and the venue, who may take health and safety, environmental and security concerns into account, and may carry out security searches. You consent to such searches and waive any related claims that may arise from such a search. If you elect not to consent to being searched, you may be denied entry to the SPARKS Learner of the Year Grand Final.
- Photographs will be taken during the competition that may be used for marketing/publicity purposes – if the competitor/support staff cannot have their photo taken it is the responsibility of the college entering the competition to notify the organisers beforehand and at the event.
- By taking part in the final, competitors are allowing SNG Publishing to use the photos and any materials, videos and images taken on the day for use on the SPARKS Website, social media pages, promotion of the SPARKS Learner of the Year events, PR content print and online, editorial, advertising and advertorial content, trade press and competition promotion print and online and educational or internal purposes.
- Competitors in the final must wear the t-shirt provided.

## **General**

- SNG Publishing reserves the right in its absolute discretion to, acting in the interests of fairness, add to or waive any of these terms and conditions. SNG Publishing reserves the right to cancel the competition at any stage, in the event of circumstances arising beyond its reasonable control.
- By entering this competition, entrants will be deemed to be bound by and have accepted these terms and conditions.
- Please note that the venue management and SNG Publishing accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or theft of personal property taken into the SPARKS Learner of the Year Grand Final venues.
- SNG Publishing reserves the right in its absolute discretion to disqualify any individual who conducts himself/herself in any manner that may bring SPARKS, its sponsors or its affiliates into disrepute. This includes, but is not limited to, bullying or aggressive behaviour towards others (for example only, threats or violence towards members of staff, crew, other entrants and/or venue staff), racism, homophobia, misogyny, religious intolerance.