

# **“Youth for Rare Diseases”**

## **Competition Rules**

### **§1 General provisions**

1. These Regulations define the rules for conducting the Competition entitled "Youth for Rare Diseases," hereinafter referred to as the "Competition."
2. The Competition is organized by the **AGO Alliance Poland Foundation**, with its registered office in Warsaw, ul. Świeradowska 51B, entered in the National Court Register under the number 0001093832 (hereinafter referred to as the "Organizer" or "Foundation").
3. These Rules constitute the legal basis for conducting the Competition, open to secondary schools located in the Capital City of Warsaw, and define the rights and obligations of its participants and the schools registering competition teams.
4. These Rules are the sole binding document specifying the rules of the Competition.
5. The prize is sponsored by the AGO Alliance Poland Foundation.
6. The aim of the Competition is to promote awareness of rare diseases, particularly AGO syndrome, through the activity of secondary school students in the area of education on this topic and fundraising, the aim of which is to raise funds for the development of research on rare diseases, particularly AGO syndrome.
7. The Organizer does not cover any costs associated with participation in the Competition, including travel costs, the implementation of competition tasks at schools, the preparation of materials, correspondence, or the costs of organizing the Nobel Prize winner's visit to the winning school.

### **§2 Objectives of the Competition**

The competition aims to:

1. Develop knowledge and awareness of rare diseases among young people.
2. Promote civic and pro-social attitudes, including organizational skills and teamwork.
3. Create creative educational and fundraising activities that engage the local community.
4. Raise funds for rare disease research through the AGO Alliance Poland Foundation.

## **§3 Subject of the Competition**

1. The Competition requires student teams from Warsaw secondary schools to prepare, organize, and conduct an educational campaign and fundraising event. The goals of the event are:
  - a. to raise public awareness of these diseases among students, parents, and the local community,
  - b. to raise funds for research on rare diseases, particularly AGO syndrome,
  - c. to develop organizational skills, teamwork, and creativity.
2. The format of the fundraising event is flexible and depends on the team's concept. However, it must meet the evaluation criteria specified in the Rules and Regulations and must not involve gambling or violate gambling regulations.
3. Funds raised during the event should be donated through a specially created school collection box to the AGO Alliance Poland Foundation at [www.siepomaga.pl/argonaute](http://www.siepomaga.pl/argonaute) or directly to the Foundation's account.
4. The educational campaign may take the form of a lecture, workshop, information campaign, multimedia materials, or any other activity that increases public awareness.
5. The final description of the educational and fundraising activities is part of the final report, which serves as the basis for assessing the completion of the Competition tasks.
6. The activities and report may be conducted in either Polish or English.

## **§4 Participants and applications**

1. The competition is open to students of secondary schools in Warsaw.
2. Each school may register any number of teams.
3. Each team should consist of two to a maximum of eight students and must be supervised by one teacher acting as the team coordinator.
4. Teams must consist of students from the same school.
5. The team composition may change during the Competition, but the list of members presented in the final report is binding.
6. Participation in the Competition is voluntary and free.
7. The Competition consists of one central stage.

8. Registration is completed via the application form on the AGO Alliance Poland Foundation website, available at [agoresearch.org](http://agoresearch.org). The application must include: the name of the school, the team composition, the Team Coordinator's details, acceptance of these regulations, and information on how to participate in the kick-off meeting (in person/remotely).
9. All adult participants must provide written consent to participate in the Competition (Appendix 3). Minor students must provide the team coordinator with written consent from their parent or legal guardian (Appendix 2). The Coordinator is responsible for collecting all consents from adult and minor participants and then sending scans or photos of these consents along with the Competition Activity Report (see §10).
10. The necessary conditions for participation in the Competition are:
  - a. Registering the team via the registration form by November 18, 2025 (see §5).
  - b. Participating in the Competition Kick-off Event, either in person or remotely (see §5.3).
  - c. Accepting these rules, including the Competition schedule (see §5).
  - d. Obtaining consent from adult participants and the parents of minor participants to participate in the Competition by the Coordinator.

## **§5 Schedule**

1. Application deadline: October 20, 2025.
2. Team registration: October 20 – November 18, 2025.
3. Competition launch: November 19, 2025, live event at FORUM, 14 Postępu Street in Warsaw (with online broadcast via Zoom, the link will be sent via email).
4. School activities: November 20, 2025 – February 1, 2026.
5. Submission of Competition Activity Reports: by February 2, 2026, 12:00 AM.
6. Results announcement: February 15, 2026.
7. February - March 2026: preparations for the Nobel Prize winner's visit by the AGO Alliance Poland Foundation and the winning school.
8. Nobel Prize Winner's visit: March 12, 2026.
9. The organizer reserves the right to change the schedule for important reasons, which will be announced on the website and via email to the supervisors of teams entered in the competition.

## **§6 Evaluation criteria and jury**

1. Reports will be evaluated by the Competition Jury according to the following criteria:

- Creativity (idea, communication consistency) – 50%
  - Reach of the campaign – 10%
  - Funds raised – 20%
  - Educational campaign (form, creativity, reach) – 20%
2. The Competition Jury will consist of a maximum of five experts appointed by the Organizer, who will be experts in the field of rare diseases, social media communication, and fundraising. The Jury's decisions are final.

## **§7 Awards**

1. The main prize: a visit by the Nobel Prize winner to the winning school (lecture and meeting with students).
2. Details of the visit will be agreed upon after the winner is announced with the school administration and the Organizer, with the participation of the winning team's supervisor.
3. Possible special awards:
  - "Most Creative Campaign"
  - "Widest Reach"
  - "Fundraising Champion"
  - "Broadest Educational Campaign"
  - "Viral Champion"
4. The Organizer reserves the right to award additional awards.
5. Teams with special distinctions may be invited to a meeting at the school hosting the Nobel Prize winner.

## **§8 Special conditions**

1. The Organizer will make every effort to ensure the Nobel Prize Winner's visit takes place as planned.
2. In the event of unforeseen events (illness, unexpected events, travel restrictions), the Organizer reserves the right to:
  - change the date of the visit,
  - change the meeting format (e.g., to an online meeting),
  - and, as a last resort, cancel the visit.
3. Changing or canceling a visit does not constitute grounds for any claims against the Organizer, and the Organizer is not liable for any costs incurred by participants due to the cancellation of the visit.

## **§9 Educational materials and support**

1. Participants will receive training in fundraising and rare disease awareness during the launch event.
2. The organizer will provide participants with educational materials on rare diseases and fundraising in PDF format and audio files about rare diseases prior to the launch event.

## **§10 Competition Actions Report**

- The Competition Activity Report must be submitted electronically (PDF) via email to [konkurs@agoresearch.org](mailto:konkurs@agoresearch.org) by 12:00 AM on February 2, 2026.
- The core of the report is the completed "Competition Activity Report" form, available for download on the website (Appendix 1). Additional elements include:
  - A minimum of five photos documenting the event or a 90-second video about the event.
  - Promotional materials developed by the team (e.g., poster, flyer, social media screenshots) – these can be photos or graphic designs in PDF format.
  - Confirmation of transferring the collected funds to the Foundation's account (the Siepomaga moneybox details or a transfer confirmation if another platform was used).
  - Scans of consent from students and parents of underage students to participate in the competition (Appendix 2 or 3).
- Incomplete or late reports will not be evaluated.
- Final reports containing participants' personal data and materials documenting the Competition (including photos and videos) will be processed by the AGO Alliance Poland Foundation solely for the purposes of organizing and conducting the Competition, promoting the event on social media/the Foundation's website, reporting on the event, reporting on the Nobel Prize winner's visit to the winning school, and the Foundation's activities, as well as informing about selected activities of the Organizer, and further promoting the event in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (GDPR). Participants have the right to access, rectify, erase, restrict processing of their data, and the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Personal Data Protection Office. Personal data will be stored for the period necessary to achieve the objectives of the Competition and the Organizer's reporting obligations.

## **§11 Final provisions**

1. Participation in the Competition constitutes acceptance of the Rules and Regulations.
2. The Organizer reserves the right to interpret the Rules and Regulations in the event of any doubts or disputes.

3. Participants' personal data will be processed in accordance with the GDPR for the purpose of organizing and conducting the Competition, as well as for further promotion of the event on social media/the Foundation's website, educational campaigns, event coverage, the Nobel Prize winner's visit to the winning school, and the Foundation's activities.
4. Contact with the Foundation will be via the contact form (details on the Foundation's Competition website; the Organizer will respond via email).
5. It is recommended that the Competition Teams use the official hashtag: #MisjaAGO in their communication activities.