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1. INTRODUCTION

The scope of this document is to present a guideline for the jury members. An independent jury composed by three experts will be selected by ENISA to attend the competition. Additionally, if this is needed and agreed by the Steering Committee (SC), two members from the organization (ideally future hosting countries) may join the jury.

Before that, a full list of potential candidates will be proposed to the SC, which has the capacity of exercising a veto to any of the candidates. The list of potential candidates will be updated when needed and can be used between different ECSC editions.

All jury members are expected to behave with objectivity and impartiality in any situation.

2. WHEN DO WE NEED A JURY?

	Reason	When?	How?
1	To resolve any complaints or issues	Available anytime as required	Contact Jury Coordinator
2	To judge any challenges that may not have a simple answer (for most challenges a word or phrase can be used as input onto the platform to score, a small number may need to be scored by a jury as the answer is too complicated to be simply used as input, if any).	Available anytime as required	Contact with watchdogs, or Jury Coordinator
3	To determine the score after a team has given a presentation	Limited	See Presentation guidelines document

Therefore, the role of the jury is as follows:

- Attend jury meetings.
- Resolve disputes with impartiality.
- Attend and evaluate presentations if needed and selected for the committee.
- Coordinate with the watchdogs and the watchdogs group.
- Attend to any other issue that may need the expertise of the jury.

3. JURY SELECTION PROCESS

For the composition of the jury the process is the following:

1. ENISA will collect a list of potential candidates; the SC members can propose potential candidates considered suitable for the role.
2. A full list of potential candidates will be circulated to the SC and any name on the list can be considered eligible.
3. The candidate list will be updated by ENISA and will be used in future ECSC editions.
4. If a member of the SC objects to the eligibility of a name on the list of candidates becoming a member of the jury has full veto possibility and the name will then be removed from the list following communication with ENISA.
5. There is no limit on the number of names an SC member can remove from the list.
6. The communication for removing a name from the list of potential candidates can be made in private, directly to ENISA, or publicly using the list or other means.
7. Once the final deadline for exercising the possibility of veto is reached, the list of candidates is considered final. Any name on the list is considered equally eligible.
8. The final selection of candidates from the list will be done by ENISA, considering that every candidate in the list is equally valid.
9. ENISA will proceed to contact the candidates and check their availability and willingness to participate on that date.
10. ENISA will cover travel expenses and daily allowances of the participants (except in case they are part of the organization).
11. The number of jury members must be odd and more than 1 (namely 3, 5 or 7, ideally 3).
12. The final list of candidates will be kept confidential to avoid possible interferences or contact with the jury members before the competition.
13. A telco meeting will be established prior to the event, where the context of the competition, as well as explanations on what is expected from the jury members will be given.
14. The jury will be officially composed and presented prior to the competition.

4. JURY SKILLS AND CONSIDERATIONS

A jury member should meet the following requirements:

- “Wise” with good communication skills, able to take and communicate decisions in a good manner and with a solid “posture”/attitude. Senior in the industry or academia preferred.
- Background/relation with cyber security in order to be able to understand problems that may occur.
- Independent and objective in decision-making

In addition, to appoint jury members from the Steering Committee, the following general regulations need to be considered:

- SC members can propose any name they may consider interesting for this role.
- There is no limitation in the number of members that can be appointed.
- It is not mandatory or limited to names from an SC member’s own country, actually it is encouraged to appoint people from other countries.
- There is no limitation regarding non-EU countries (USA, Japan, etc), however, EU countries are recommended for budget purposes.
- The proposed candidates cannot be members of the competing teams / University / labs leading a national team.
- Proposal of female jury members is encouraged.
- It is recommended to provide as much information as possible in order to get an idea about the candidates.

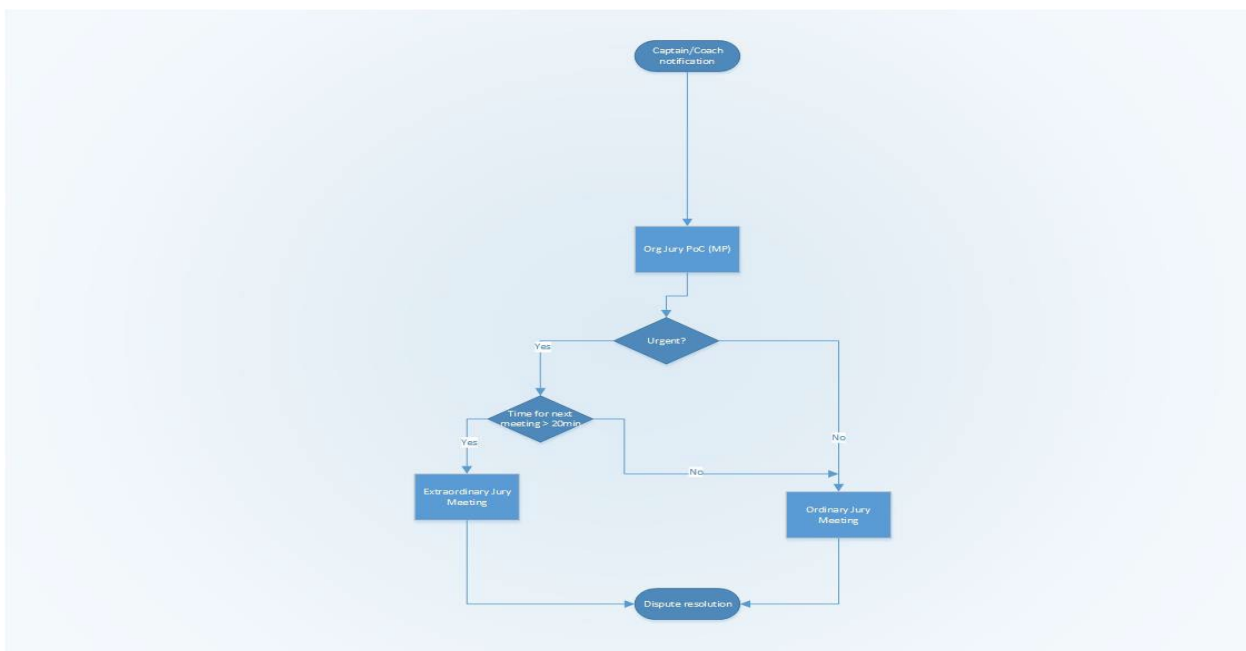
5. JURY MEETINGS

- Different jury meetings will be asked to keep free certain agreed times during the day in order to deal with the complaints and queries received during the last period between two jury meetings.
- A member of the organization will be appointed by ENISA to act as Jury Coordinator and will be responsible to collect complains, disputes, and contact-affected parts.
- Jury meetings will be attended only by jury members.
- If needed by the jury, affected countries, as well as external experts, will be consulted if additional expertise or data are needed.
- Extraordinary jury meetings can be called if the matter is urgent and the time for the next ordinary jury meeting is less than 20 min.
- A complaint is considered urgent if according to the Jury Coordinator the development of the game is affected severely.

- There will be no presentations during the jury meetings.

6. HOW CAN I PRESENT A COMPLAINT TO THE JURY?

The workflow is as follows:



For ordinary jury meetings, the procedure is the following:

1. The Jury Coordinator will present formal complaints received during this period.
2. Allegations will be presented.
3. The jury will deliberately decide on disputes, ideally using consensus, and if not, by a simple majority vote.
4. After all complaints are voted on, actions to be taken will be presented from the Jury Coordinator to the Challenge Coordinator (Steering Committee).

For extraordinary jury meetings:

1. The Jury Coordinator, having assessed the complaint, will communicate the severity to the Challenge Coordinator.
2. The Challenge Coordinator will assess if additional measures need to be taken.
 - a. If yes, a meeting together with the SC and the jury will be announced.
 - b. If not, a meeting with the jury will be announced.
3. The Jury Coordinator will present the urgent complaint.



4. Allegations will be presented.
5. The jury will deliberately decide on disputes, ideally using consensus, and if not, by a simple majority vote.
6. After all complaints are voted on, actions to be taken will be presented from the Jury Coordinator to the Game Coordinator.

Considerations:

- Support Team will be present taking minutes in all meetings.
- Decisions taken by the jury will be final.

7. EXAMPLES OF JURY CASES

- In case that one of the flags or tasks are identified as erroneous, the jury should decide on whether to keep the awarded points or not.
- In case that time goes beyond what is allowed in the rules of engagement, their right to play is suspended for X amount of time, etc.



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