

# We are excited to invite you to the 2025 Spring TKEthics Global Olympiad!

If you're passionate about exploring justice, fairness, and the ethical challenges of our tech-driven world, this competition is for you. [The TKEthics Olympiad](#) offers a platform for students to engage in meaningful ethical discussions, sharpen their reasoning skills, and present ideas with clarity and confidence.

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## Event Overview

- **Dates:** February 28 - March 1, 2025
  - **Location:** Virtual (Online)
  - **Eligibility:** Open to all teams worldwide, grades 6-12
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## Pricing

- **Early Bird Registration:** \$240 (teams of 3-5) (Deadline: January 20th, 2025)
- **Regular Registration:** \$300 (teams of 3-5)
- **Registration closes:** Feb 15th

Register here: <https://www.modusponensinstitute.com/register>

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## Format

- **Preliminary Rounds:**
  - Teams will compete in four preliminary rounds.
  - Judging is based on averaged points for these rounds.
- **Outrounds/Eliminations:**
  - The top teams advance to the quarterfinals, judged by a single judge.

- Semifinals and Finals are judged by a panel of 3 judges in a win/loss format.

## Schedule

### Event Timing: Day 1

Time Zone	Date	Time
<b>East Coast (EST)</b>	February 28th, 2025	19:00 – 23:30
<b>West Coast (PST)</b>	February 28th, 2025	16:00–20:30
<b>China (CST)</b>	March 1st, 2025	8:00 – 12:30

### Schedule (EST - East Coast North America)

Time (EST)	Activity
7:00 PM	Introduction
7:15 - 8:30 PM	Round 1
8:30 - 8:45 PM	Break
8:45 - 10:00 PM	Round 2
10:00 - 10:15 PM	Break
10:15 - 11:30 PM	Round 3

## Event Timing: Day 2

Time Zone	Date	Time
<b>East Coast (EST)</b>	March 1st, 2025	18:00-00:05
<b>West Coast (PST)</b>	March 1st, 2025	15:00-21:00
<b>China (CST)</b>	March 2nd, 2025	7:00 – 13:30

## Schedule (EST - East Coast North America)

Time (EST)	Activity
6:00 - 7:15 PM	Round 4
7:15 - 7:40 PM	Break + Announcement of Advancing Teams
7:40 - 8:55 PM	Quarterfinals
8:55 - 9:05 PM	Break
9:05 - 10:35 PM	Semifinals (3-judge panel)
10:35 PM - 12:05 AM	Finals (3-judge panel)

## Judges

*Jack M. Wells – PhD student in Sociology and Historical Studies at The New School for Social Research (NSSR), holding the Aristotle Onassis Prize Fellowship in Sociology. Adjunct professor at NSSR, specializing in race and international law. Long time judge, coach, and moderator of Pan Am, TKE, and Australian Ethics Olympiads.*

*Lance McBride – PhD in Ethics from the University of Canterbury, researching normative ethical theories. Former academic tutor and guest lecturer at the University of Canterbury. Judge, moderator, and host for the Australian Ethics Olympiad.*

*Theo Stapleton – PhD candidate in Social Anthropology at the University of Cambridge, researching Chinese Buddhist communities in Tanzania. Former Yenching Academy scholar at Peking University. Co-founder of the original Canadian Ethics Olympiad. Long time judge, coach, and moderator of Pan Am, TKE, and Australian Ethics Olympiads.*

*Cohen Brown – Researcher in applied philosophy, affiliated with the International Neuroethics Society and Sydney Health Ethics Network. Long time judge of the Australian Ethics Olympiad.*

*Calvin Xu – Philosophy student at Northwestern University, completing an honors thesis in political philosophy and ethics. Member of the first Canadian team to compete in the International Ethics Olympiad, where he won silver.*

*Mika Smith– PhD candidate in Philosophy at the University of California, San Diego, specializing in the philosophies of science, technology (especially artificial intelligence), information, and psychology. Also part of the Science Studies Program, engaging in empirical research aligned with philosophical interests.*

*Brian Boyce – Philosopher of physics and researcher at Seed Advisory. Holds a double degree in Mathematics and Philosophy from The Australian Catholic University and a Graduate Diploma in Philosophy from the University of Melbourne. Former chess tutor too!*

*Sam Delorme – PhD candidate in Philosophy at the University of California, San Diego, specializing in free will and moral responsibility. Holds an*

## **Recording and Media Release Policy:**

The tournament will be recorded.

The recording and screenshots of the tournament may be posted on:

1. TKE Official Website: <https://www.tkethics.org/>
2. TKE and MPI Social Media Accounts or Youtube Channels
3. MPI Official Website: <https://www.modusponensinstitute.com/>

If you want to opt out of recording. Please send an email to [info@tkethics.org](mailto:info@tkethics.org) with the subject heading **[Your Team Code] Opt Out.**

## **Questions?**

If you have any inquiries, please reach out to us at [info@tkethics.org](mailto:info@tkethics.org)

We look forward to seeing you there!