

## ***Imperial Barrel Award High Level R&OP Summary***

1. Any academic institution (school) with a masters level (or equivalent) geoscience degree program may apply to participate in the AAPG IBA program with a team of no more than 5 students.
2. The names of all students taking part in the competition, including the names of students in each team in a university conducting an internal competition, will need to be submitted to AAPG before the datasets are distributed. Any school failing to submit the names of the members of each team will not receive their dataset. Hand picking students from different internal competition teams or merging interpretations is not allowed and will result in disqualification.
3. Registration and exemption requests should be conducted on-line through the IBA website ([www.aapg.org/iba/](http://www.aapg.org/iba/)).
4. **Students may have no more than 1 year of industry or 3 years of graduate experience.** An exemption request may be submitted after team registration, but before dataset distribution, for consideration by the committee if a student exceeds these requirements.
5. A school may enroll in the program and upon further consideration decide not to participate. If this is done before receiving the IBA dataset, there is no penalty.
6. Presentations to companies, societies and other outside organizations are strictly forbidden during or after the competition.
7. No school shall obtain or utilize additional data (well, seismic, log, and published reports) within the Assessment Area (i.e. within the red box in the dataset description).
8. Consultants or faculty advisors may not, under any circumstances, actually perform the work of the team. Violation of this rule will result in the immediate disqualification of the team from IBA for that year.
9. Consultants cannot be IBA judges in the year they mentor student teams.
10. **Faculty advisors or consultants should spend no more than one hour each per week advising their team.**
11. Faculty advisors or consultants are not allowed in the competition room prior to or during their team's presentation in the Section or Region competition (if permitted at all by Coordinators). If video conferencing is used: Faculty Advisors and Consultants are not allowed in the video conferencing room and the team is not allowed to use scripts. Photographing or recording another team's presentation is strictly forbidden.
12. Teams, Faculty Advisors and Consultants are not allowed in the competition room during the Final competition.

***Please read the entire R&OP (updated August 2018) at [iba.aapg.org](http://iba.aapg.org). You will have to certify your understanding during registration and will be held accountable to it.***