

Cookie Policy

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1 Introduction

This Cookie Policy explains how the **HDH-IAA Competition Management Platform** ("Platform", "Website", "Service") uses cookies and similar technologies when you visit or use our website.

This Cookie Policy should be read together with our Privacy Policy and Terms of Service.

By continuing to use the Platform, you acknowledge the use of cookies as described in this Policy, subject to your cookie preferences where applicable.

2 What Are Cookies?

Cookies are small text files stored on your computer, tablet, smartphone, or other device when you visit a website.

Cookies help websites function correctly, improve security, remember user preferences, and provide information about how the website is used.

Some cookies exist only during your browsing session, while others remain stored on your device until they expire or are deleted.

3 Types of Cookies We Use

The Platform currently uses the following categories of cookies.

3.1 Essential Cookies

Essential cookies are required for the proper operation of the Platform.

These cookies enable functionality such as:

- user authentication;
- secure login;
- session management;
- fraud prevention;
- security verification;
- remembering language preferences;
- maintaining user sessions;
- protecting restricted areas of the Platform.

These cookies cannot be disabled without affecting the operation of the Platform.

Legal basis:

Article 6(1)(b) GDPR (Performance of a Contract) and **Article 6(1)(f) GDPR (Legitimate Interests)**.

3.2 Analytics Cookies

The Platform uses analytics technologies to better understand how visitors use the website.

Analytics information helps us:

- improve website usability;
- identify technical issues;
- evaluate page performance;
- understand visitor behaviour;
- improve competition registration processes;
- optimize website performance.

Analytics data is used only for statistical purposes and is not intended to identify individual users.

Where required by applicable law, analytics cookies are activated only after the User has provided consent.

Legal basis:

Article 6(1)(a) GDPR (Consent) where required by law.

4.2 PHP Session Cookies

The Platform uses PHP Session technology to maintain secure communication between your browser and the server.

The PHP session cookie:

- maintains your authenticated session;
- remembers temporary information during navigation;
- protects secure areas of the Platform;
- enables online competition registration;
- supports secure payment workflows;
- expires automatically when your browsing session ends or after a period of inactivity.

The session cookie does not contain sensitive personal information.

Typical cookie name:

PHPSESSID

Type:

Session Cookie

Purpose:

Maintains the active user session.

Retention:

Deleted automatically when the browser session ends or when the session expires.

5?Analytics Technologies

The Platform may use website analytics technologies to collect anonymous or pseudonymized statistical information, including:

- number of visitors;
- pages viewed;
- session duration;
- browser type;
- operating system;
- approximate geographic location;
- referring websites;
- website performance metrics.

This information is used exclusively to improve the Platform and monitor service quality.

The Platform does not use analytics data for automated decision-making or profiling.

6?Cookie List

Cookie	Type	Purpose	Retention
PHPSESSID	Essential	Maintains authenticated user sessions	Session
Cookie Consent	Essential	Stores the User's cookie preferences	12 months
Analytics Cookies	Analytics	Anonymous website usage statistics	Up to 24 months (depending on the analytics provider)

Additional cookies may be introduced as new Platform functionality becomes available.

The cookie list will be updated accordingly.

7?Third-Party Cookies

The Platform may use trusted third-party service providers for analytics.

Where applicable, such providers process information in accordance with their own privacy policies.

The Platform Operator carefully selects service providers that implement appropriate technical and organizational security measures.

The Platform does not currently use third-party advertising or behavioural marketing cookies.

8?Managing Cookie Pre?erences

Where required by law, Users are presented with a cookie consent banner when visiting the Platform.

Users may:

- accept all cookies;
- reject non-essential cookies;
- customize cookie preferences;
- withdraw consent at any time.

Changes to cookie preferences may be made through the cookie settings available on the Platform.

9?Browser Settings

Most web browsers allow Users to:

- delete stored cookies;
- block future cookies;
- receive notifications before cookies are stored;
- restrict third-party cookies.

Disabling essential cookies may prevent certain Platform features from functioning correctly, including user authentication and competition registration.

10?Changes to this Cookie Policy

This Cookie Policy may be updated from time to time to reflect changes in:

- legislation;
- Platform functionality;
- analytics technologies;

- security measures;
- service providers.

Material changes will be communicated through the Platform where appropriate.

11 Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this Cookie Policy or the Platform's use of cookies, please contact:

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