

## ARTICLE 1 – Organisers

The **DEFI Inter-Alliances 2025** competition (hereinafter referred to as "THE DEFI" or "the competition") is organised by the Alliances Françaises of Newcastle, Sunshine Coast, Sydney, Atherton, Canberra, Brisbane, Adelaide, and Armidale, in collaboration with the Foundation of the Alliances Françaises, based in Paris.

## ARTICLE 2 – Purpose of the Competition

The competition invites participants to complete a general knowledge quiz in French via the digital platform Kahoot.

The competition will be held in four stages:

1. **Local selection phase:** Organised by each participating Alliance (see Article 1).
2. **National selection phase** (National final).
3. **Geographic zone semi-final.**
4. **International final.**

Participating Alliances have the option to organise the selections either in person or online.

Key dates:

- **Local selection:** Each Alliance will organise its local selection between 20 March and 20 May 2025 (31 March to 2 May for the Alliances Françaises in Australia).
- **National final:** Virtual, on Saturday, 3 May 2025 via Zoom, organised by the Alliance Française of Newcastle.
- **Geographic zone semi-final:** Virtual, on Saturday, 24 May 2025 (time per zone to be confirmed).
- **International final:** In person at the Alliance Française in Nice, the week of 21 July 2025.

## ARTICLE 3 – Eligibility and Participation Requirements

Participation in the competition is **free** of charge. The competition is open to students enrolled in French courses at the participating Alliances Françaises, under the following conditions:

- Minimum age of 18 years as of 15 July 2025.
- French proficiency level A2, B1, B2, C1, or C2 (or currently learning).
- Not being a member of the staff or board of an Alliance.
- Not having French as a native language.

To be eligible, participants must be enrolled in a collective French course (either in-person or online) as of 1 January 2025. (The organising committee recommends a minimum of 18 hours of classes, but this can be adjusted as needed).

The first three selection phases (local, national, and geographic semi-final) will be held through a general knowledge quiz in French on Kahoot. Participants must use two devices to participate:

- One for Zoom (for accessing the virtual platform),
- One for Kahoot (via the Kahoot app).

The international final will be in person with Kahoot. Finalists will need to use only their smartphones, with questions displayed on a screen and internet access provided by the organisers.

The responses to the general knowledge quiz will be counted and ranked as follows:

- **Local selection:** The top 2 participants will be selected for the national final.
- **National selection:** The top 2 participants will advance to the geographic zone semi-final.
- **Geographic zone semi-final:** The top participant from each zone will advance to the international final.
- **International final:** The participant with the highest score will be declared the winner.

**Special condition:** Participants who have won an international final in previous years (2021, 2022, 2023, or 2024) will not be eligible for **DEFI Inter-Alliances 2025**.

## **ARTICLE 4 – Prizes**

**Local selection:** Each participating Alliance will determine the prizes for the top 2 winners, in addition to their participation in the national selection.

**National selection:** The top 2 winners will receive a \$300 gift voucher for a local French restaurant, in addition to their participation in the geographic zone semi-final.

**Geographic zone semi-final:** The winner from each zone will receive a trip to Nice during the week of 21 to 27 July 2025 to participate in the international final. This trip includes:

- Accommodation,
- Transportation from the nearest airport to the winner's home to Nice,
- An allowance of €400.

Any additional costs (insurance, extra baggage, etc.) are the responsibility of the winners. If a visa is required to travel to France, the winner will be responsible for obtaining it.

**Availability:** Winners must be available to travel to Nice. If a winner is unavailable, they will be replaced by the second-place finalist from their zone.

## **ARTICLE 5 – Image Rights**

The local, national, and geographic zone semi-finals, as well as the international final, may be broadcast live or recorded for later broadcast on the websites and social media of the participating Alliances and competition partners.

By participating in the competition, participants authorise the organisers to use their name, surname, city, and country of residence in promotional materials and on websites and social media, without any further compensation other than the prize awarded in the competition.

## **ARTICLE 6 – Responsibilities**

**Organisers' Responsibilities:** The organisers are not liable in the event of force majeure, technical issues, or any other reason that may cause the competition to be postponed, shortened, or cancelled. The organisers reserve the right to extend or limit the participation period or modify the conditions of the competition.

The organisers are not responsible for any technical issues, internet failures, or interruptions affecting the administration or fairness of the competition. The organisers are also not liable for issues related to participants' equipment or internet connection that may impact their participation.

**Participants' Responsibilities:** It is the sole responsibility of participants to ensure that the information they provide during registration is accurate and that they are available to participate on the specified dates. If they are not available, their participation will be automatically disqualified.

Participants are responsible for protecting their own data and software on their devices. Participation in the competition is at the participant's own risk.

By entering the competition, participants agree to act fairly and in accordance with the rules. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any participant who fails to comply with the rules, without prior notice.

Participants also agree to allow the organisers to use their name and data for promotional purposes related to the competition.

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**By registering for this competition, participants tacitly accept the terms of this agreement and authorise the participating and organising Alliances to use their name and personal data for the promotion of the competition.**