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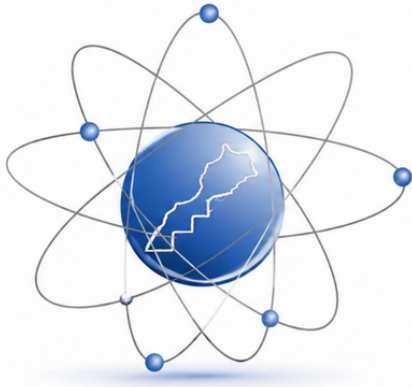
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PREAMBLE

SimCup is an academic and interprofessional competition dedicated to healthcare simulation, designed for students in medicine, pharmacy, and health sciences. Established in 2014, it is based on educational challenges involving simulated clinical scenarios, practical exercises, and innovative events. This concept, entirely conceived in Morocco, quickly established itself as a model of active learning, evolving from a local initiative into a national and subsequently an international competition.

Originally focused on emergency medicine and critical care, SimCup has progressively expanded to encompass a broad range of competencies, including moulage, clinical reasoning, soft skills, medical imaging, virtual surgery, Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE), pathology, and many others. As a true showcase of educational innovation, it promotes interprofessional collaboration, excellence, and experiential learning.

Crowned by the gold medal won by the Moroccan team at an international competition held in Prague in 2019, SimCup has become a leading reference in simulation-based education, both in Morocco and beyond.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Purpose of the regulations

These regulations establish the principles, organizational rules, conditions of participation, evaluation procedures, and the rights and obligations of the various stakeholders involved in SimCup. Their purpose is to ensure fairness, transparency, academic integrity, and the smooth conduct of the competition, in accordance with the values of healthcare simulation and patient safety.

Article 2. Scope of application

These regulations apply to all SimCup stakeholders, including competitors, coordinators, evaluators, committee members, partners, and any individual participating directly or indirectly in the organization, supervision, or conduct of the competition.

Article 3. Fundamental principles

SimCup is founded on the principles of excellence, fairness, professionalism, mutual respect, academic integrity, and psychological safety. All activities associated with the competition shall primarily promote learning, the development of technical and non-technical skills, teamwork, and the advancement of patient safety within an ethical, supportive, and competitive environment.

II. GOVERNANCE

Article 4. Executive committee

The Executive committee is the governing body responsible for the overall supervision of SimCup. It defines the strategic directions of the competition, ensures compliance with these regulations, and coordinates the various committees involved in the organization, evaluation, and conduct of the event. It is composed of the Honorary President, the General Coordinator, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Coordinator, the Educational Coordinator, the Technical Coordinator, and the Rapporteur.

Article 5. Local organizing committee

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is responsible for the preparation, coordination, and operational management of SimCup at the host institution. It ensures the implementation of all logistical, administrative, technical, and protocol-related aspects required for the smooth conduct of the competition, under the supervision of the Executive Committee.

Article 6. Educational committee

The Educational Committee is responsible for the design, validation, and oversight of all educational content related to SimCup. It ensures the scientific and educational quality of the competitions, their alignment with learning objectives, and the fairness and consistency of assessment methods. The Committee also contributes to the development of scenarios, evaluation tools, and scoring criteria. It performs its duties under the direct supervision of the Educational Coordinator.

II. GOVERNANCE



Article 7. Coordinators committee



The Coordinators Committee brings together the coordinators of the various competitions comprising SimCup. It is responsible for preparing the events, training and supporting participants prior to the competition, supervising them throughout the event, and evaluating performances according to the procedures established by the Educational Committee. The Committee performs its duties under the supervision of the General Coordinator.

Article 8. Technical committee



The Technical Committee is responsible for the preparation, management, and proper functioning of the technical resources required for SimCup. It ensures the availability and maintenance of equipment, simulators, digital platforms, audiovisual systems, and any other technical devices used within the framework of the competition. The Committee performs its duties under the supervision of the Technical Coordinator.

Article 9. Appeals committee



The Appeals Committee is responsible for examining and ruling on complaints and appeals submitted in connection with SimCup. It ensures compliance with these Regulations and with the principles of fairness and transparency, and issues reasoned decisions after reviewing the evidence submitted. The Appeals Committee operates under the supervision of the General Coordinator. Its decisions are final and binding upon all stakeholders.

II. GOVERNANCE

Article 10. Taskforce

The Taskforce consists of volunteer students from the faculty or institution hosting SimCup. It provides operational support to the various committees and contributes to the smooth running of the competition through reception, orientation, logistics, communication, technical assistance, and on-site coordination. The Taskforce performs its duties under the coordination of the Local Organizing Committee.

Article 11. Rapporteur

The Rapporteur is responsible for the administrative and documentary follow-up of SimCup. The Rapporteur oversees the drafting of minutes, reports, and official records, the preservation of documents relating to the competition, and the dissemination of information and decisions validated by the competent bodies. The Rapporteur is also responsible for compiling results, establishing the rankings for each competition, and producing the overall SimCup standings. The Rapporteur contributes to the traceability of activities and performs these duties under the supervision of the General Coordinator.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Article 12. Eligibility

Eligible participants are students duly enrolled in an accredited Moroccan faculty of medicine, pharmacy, or dentistry. Candidates who have passed the internship entrance examination, former interns, and students who have already defended their doctoral thesis are not eligible to participate. The Executive Committee reserves the right to request any supporting document necessary to verify participants' eligibility.

Article 13. Registration

Registration for SimCup shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures and deadlines established by the Executive Committee. All applications must be complete, comply with the requirements of the competition, and include any supporting documents that may be requested. Registration becomes effective only after validation by the Executive Committee. Any false declaration or inaccurate information may result in the rejection of the application or exclusion from the competition.

Article 14. Team composition

Each team shall consist of participants meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in these Regulations. Depending on the nature of the competition, a team may be represented by one or several competitors. Each faculty shall be represented by at least one team in a given competition. Faculties may enter only one team per competition, with the exception of the host institution, which may enter a maximum of two teams per competition. No participant may belong simultaneously to more than one team during the same edition.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Article 15. Team attire

Participants shall wear appropriate and professional attire consistent with the academic and professional image of SimCup. Teams are encouraged to adopt a uniform or distinctive dress code reflecting the colors of their faculty or institution in order to strengthen their identity and visibility within the competition. The organizers reserve the right to prohibit any attire deemed inappropriate, offensive, or inconsistent with the values of SimCup.

Article 16. Faculty captain

Each participating faculty shall designate a Faculty Captain from among the students participating in SimCup. The Faculty Captain shall serve as the principal liaison with the organizers for all teams representing the institution. The Faculty Captain shall ensure coordination among the teams, the dissemination of official information, and the representation of the institution before the various SimCup bodies. This role is exclusively organizational and shall not confer any particular advantage during the competitions.

Article 17. Faculty advisor

Each participating faculty shall appoint a faculty advisor from among its faculty members or supervisors. The advisor shall provide educational and organizational support to the teams before and during the competition. The advisor shall contribute to their preparation, ensure compliance with these Regulations, and serve as the principal academic liaison with the organizers regarding all matters related to the participation of the faculty. The advisor shall not intervene in the conduct of the competitions or in evaluation decisions.

IV. COMPETITIONS

Article 18. Format

The format of competitions may vary depending on the nature of the event concerned. A competition may comprise one or several rounds and may be organized according to different formats, including:

- Round-robin: each team competes against all other teams within its group or category,
- Knockout: a single-elimination format in which the losing team is eliminated after each match,
- Australian race: a progressive elimination format in which the lowest-ranked teams are eliminated after each round until a winner is determined,
- Score ranking: teams are ranked according to the total number of points obtained at the end of the competition.

The choice of format, number of rounds, qualification procedures, and ranking criteria falls under the responsibility of the Competition Coordinator, subject to approval by the General Coordinator. These modalities shall be communicated to participants before the start of the competition.

Article 19. Delays and absences

Any delay may result in a penalty imposed by the Competition Coordinator. Significant or repeated delays may lead to the disqualification of the team concerned. Any unjustified absence from a competition, mandatory briefing, or any officially scheduled activity shall be considered a forfeit and shall result in the immediate elimination of the team or participant concerned.

IV. COMPETITIONS

Article 20. Number

The number of competitions organized within the framework of SimCup shall be determined by the Executive Committee according to local organizational conditions, the available human and material resources, as well as the number of competition coordinators available and adequately trained in simulation-based education.

Article 21. Nature

The nature of the competitions organized within the framework of SimCup may vary according to local organizational conditions and available resources. Nevertheless, the program shall include at least one competition in each of the following domains: procedural simulation, immersive simulation, digital simulation, and soft skills. Competitions or activities related to art, general culture, and sports are also encouraged in order to promote the holistic development of participants and strengthen the spirit of competition.

V. COMPETITION FLOW

Article 22. Warm-Up

Prior to the official start of the competitions, the Executive Committee may organize warm-up activities intended to prepare participants for SimCup. Such activities may include workshops, training sessions, demonstrations, simulations, or any other activity deemed useful to familiarize participants with the competition environment. Unless otherwise specified and communicated in advance to participants, warm-up activities shall not be taken into account in the final rankings.

Article 23. Educational principles

SimCup competitions are based on the principles of simulation-based education. Accordingly, any event involving simulation activities shall comply with recognized best practices in educational design, including, when appropriate, the implementation of a pre-briefing, a briefing aligned with the objectives of the competition, the simulation phase itself, and a structured debriefing aimed at promoting reflection, learning, and performance improvement. The educational modalities applicable to each competition shall be defined by the Educational Committee according to the specific nature and objectives of the event.

Article 24. Take-home messages

At the end of each day of SimCup, a Take-home Messages session is recommended under the supervision of the Educational Committee. The purpose of this session is to highlight the main lessons learned, best practices, areas for improvement, and key messages arising from the various competitions and activities conducted throughout the day. This session is intended to reinforce learning, encourage reflective practice, and promote the dissemination of educational messages among participants.

VI. JUDGES

Article 25. Composition

The judges participating in SimCup shall be appointed by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Educational Committee. They may include faculty members, healthcare professionals, simulation educators, experts, or any other individuals recognized for their competence and experience in the field relevant to the competition concerned. The composition of the judging panels shall seek to ensure diversity, impartiality, and the highest standards of educational quality.

Article 26. Duties

Judges are responsible for assessing participants' performances in accordance with the evaluation criteria and procedures established by the Educational Committee. They shall conduct their duties with professionalism, objectivity, and fairness, while ensuring respect for participants and the educational values of SimCup. Judges shall maintain confidentiality regarding the content of competitions, evaluation processes, and results until their official release.

Article 27. Confidentiality

Coordinators, judges, and any individuals involved in the organization or evaluation of competitions shall be bound by strict confidentiality regarding the content of the events, scenarios, assessment tools, provisional results, deliberations, and any information not officially made public by the organizers. This obligation of confidentiality shall remain in force both during and after the conclusion of SimCup.

VI. JUDGES



Article 28. Conflict of interest



Coordinators, judges, and members of the various committees shall disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest that may affect their judgment, impartiality, or decision-making. In the event of a conflict of interest, the General Coordinator may decide to limit or suspend the participation of the individual concerned in any evaluation activities or decision-making processes related to the competition in question.

VII. RANKINGS

Article 29. Competition rankings

Within each competition, teams shall be ranked in order of merit from first to last place. Only the top eight teams shall earn points contributing to their faculty's overall SimCup ranking, according to the following scale:

- 1st place: 10 points
- 2nd place: 8 points
- 3rd place: 6 points
- 4th place: 5 points
- 5th place: 4 points
- 6th place: 3 points
- 7th place: 2 points
- 8th place: 1 point

The points earned by each team shall be credited to the faculty it represents and shall be accumulated throughout SimCup in order to establish the overall faculty rankings.

Article 30. General ranking

The overall SimCup ranking shall be established by aggregating the points earned by the various teams representing the same faculty across all competitions. The faculty obtaining the highest total number of points at the conclusion of the competition shall be declared the winner of SimCup. In the event of a tie between two or more faculties, ranking shall be determined successively by the number of first-place finishes, then by the number of second-place finishes, and subsequently by the number of third-place finishes achieved. Should the tie persist, the Executive Committee shall decide on the appropriate method for determining the final ranking.

VII. CLASSEMENT

Article 31. Champions Trophy

The Champions Trophy shall be awarded to the faculty having accumulated the highest number of points in the overall SimCup rankings. This faculty shall be declared the winner of the corresponding edition and shall hold the title of SimCup Champion until the next edition. The Champions Trophy recognizes the collective performance of all teams representing the faculty across the various competitions.

Article 32. Top 8 SimCup Trophy

The Top 8 SimCup Trophy shall be awarded to the faculty having achieved the highest number of Top 8 finishes across the various SimCup competitions. Each appearance of a team among the top eight positions in a competition shall be credited to the faculty it represents. This trophy recognizes consistency of performance, diversity of competencies, and a faculty's ability to excel across a wide range of competitions.

VIII. FAIR PLAY

Article 33. Respect for participants

All SimCup participants shall be treated with dignity, courtesy, and respect. Any discriminatory, intimidating, humiliating, abusive, harassing, or otherwise harmful behavior affecting the physical or psychological integrity of a participant shall not be tolerated. Interactions among participants, organizers, coordinators, judges, and other stakeholders shall remain consistent with the values of professionalism, mutual respect, and kindness promoted by SimCup.

Article 34. Respect for judges

Judges shall be treated with respect by all participants and stakeholders involved in SimCup. Their expertise, impartiality, and contribution to the proper conduct of the competition shall be recognized and preserved. Any form of disrespect, intimidation, pressure, insult, or inappropriate challenge to their integrity is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary sanctions.

Article 35. Prohibition of cheating

Any form of cheating is strictly prohibited within the framework of SimCup. Acts considered as cheating include, but are not limited to, falsification of information, identity fraud, unauthorized access to or disclosure of information related to competitions, the use of unauthorized aids, and any action intended to obtain an unfair advantage. Any violation of this provision may result in sanctions ranging from point deductions to the disqualification of the team or faculty concerned.

VIII. FAIR PLAY



Article 36. Disciplinary sanctions



Any breach of these Regulations or of the principles of ethics, fair play, respect, or professionalism may give rise to disciplinary sanctions. Depending on the nature and severity of the misconduct, sanctions may include a warning, point penalties, annulment of results, exclusion from an event, disqualification of a team, or exclusion of the faculty concerned from the competition. The Executive Committee shall have sole authority to impose disciplinary sanctions after reviewing the facts and, where appropriate, hearing the observations of the parties concerned. Sanctions shall be proportionate to the seriousness of the violation.

IX. COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

Article 37. Submission and procedure

Any complaint relating to the conduct of a competition, an organizational decision, or any situation likely to have affected the fairness of an event shall be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee within a maximum period of thirty (30) minutes following the announcement of the results of the competition concerned. Complaints must be submitted by the faculty advisor or Faculty Captain and shall include a clear statement of facts together with any supporting evidence deemed relevant.

Article 38. Decision

Upon receipt of a complaint, the Appeals Committee shall examine the available evidence, may request any additional information it considers necessary, and shall issue a reasoned decision as promptly as possible. Decisions of the Appeals Committee shall be final and not subject to appeal.

X. COMMUNICATION



Article 39. Right to image



Participation in SimCup implies free authorization to capture, reproduce, and disseminate the image, voice, and interventions of participants in connection with activities related to the competition. These materials may be used by the organizers for communication, promotional, educational, institutional, or archival purposes, on any medium and without geographical limitation. Any person who does not wish to appear in communication materials shall inform the organizers in writing prior to the beginning of the competition. Organizers undertake to respect the dignity, integrity, and reputation of the persons concerned in any use of their image.

Article 40. Social media



Participants and all stakeholders are authorized to share their SimCup experience on social media, provided that they respect the values of the competition, the persons involved, and confidentiality requirements. In particular, the dissemination, prior to their conduct, of the content of competitions, scenarios, evaluation tools, or any information likely to compromise fairness is prohibited. Publications shall remain respectful and shall not harm the image of SimCup, participants, judges, organizers, or represented institutions. To enhance visibility and communication surrounding the event, organizers may designate one or more official hashtags that participants are encouraged to use.

X. COMMUNICATION

Article 41. Audiovisual recording

SimCup organizers are authorized to carry out photographic, audiovisual, and digital recordings of competition activities for educational, scientific, promotional, institutional, or archival purposes. Any recording performed by participants or third parties shall comply with confidentiality requirements, image rights, and organizers' instructions. Organizers reserve the right to prohibit or restrict any recording likely to compromise the fairness of competitions, the confidentiality of events, or the rights of individuals concerned.

XI. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Article 42. SimCup trademark

The concept "SimCup by Morocco Sim", its competition formats, trophies, educational concepts, and all associated elements constitute the intellectual property of Morocco Sim. Any use, reproduction, adaptation, dissemination, or organization of an event using the SimCup trademark, in whole or in part, shall be subject to prior written authorization from Morocco Sim. Any unauthorized use may give rise to appropriate measures aimed at protecting the rights and interests associated with the SimCup trademark.

Article 43. Visual identity

The visual identity of SimCup, including its logos, emblems, graphic charter, official visuals, trophies, communication materials, and branding elements, is the exclusive property of Morocco Sim. Any reproduction, modification, dissemination, or use of these elements, regardless of the medium, shall be subject to prior written authorization from Morocco Sim.

Article 44. International standards

SimCup is committed to academic and educational excellence in accordance with international standards in healthcare simulation. Competitions, evaluation methods, educational principles, and organizational procedures shall, whenever possible, be inspired by internationally recognized recommendations and best practices, while taking into account local specificities and the objectives of each edition.

XII. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 45. Acceptance of the regulations

Participation in SimCup implies full, unconditional, and unrestricted acceptance of these Regulations by all stakeholders. Each participant, advisor, coordinator, judge, committee member, and partner undertakes to comply with their provisions and with the decisions issued by the competent bodies responsible for their implementation.

Article 46. Amendment of the regulations

These Regulations may be amended at any time by the Executive Committee whenever organizational, educational, or regulatory circumstances so require. Any amendment shall enter into force upon validation and official communication to the stakeholders concerned. The most recent version of the Regulations shall prevail over any previous version.

Article 47. Force majeure

In the event of force majeure or exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the organizers, including, but not limited to, natural disasters, public health emergencies, major technical failures, civil disturbances, or any other event likely to compromise the safety of individuals or the proper conduct of SimCup, the Executive Committee reserves the right to modify, postpone, suspend, or cancel all or part of the competition. No claim, compensation, or liability may arise against the organizers on account of such circumstances.

XII. FINAL PROVISIONS



Article 48. Entry into force



These regulations shall enter into force on the date of their adoption by the SimCup Executive Committee. They shall remain applicable until replaced or amended by a duly approved subsequent version and shall constitute the reference document for all stakeholders involved in the edition concerned.

XIII. CHARTERS

Article 49. Competitor charter

By participating in SimCup, I undertake to:

1. Respect these Regulations and comply with the decisions made by organizers, coordinators, and judges.
2. Conduct myself professionally, ethically, and respectfully under all circumstances.
3. Respect fellow participants, faculty advisors, judges, organizers, volunteers, and all SimCup stakeholders.
4. Contribute to a supportive, inclusive learning environment founded on psychological safety.
5. Demonstrate integrity and honesty in all competitions and activities in which I participate.
6. Refrain from any form of cheating, fraud, or conduct intended to obtain an unfair advantage.
7. Respect the confidentiality of competitions, scenarios, evaluation tools, and any information not made public by the organizers.
8. Comply with the schedules, instructions, and procedures established for each competition.
9. Use responsibly the equipment, facilities, and resources made available.
10. Accept competition results in a spirit of fair play and respect for other teams.
11. Represent my faculty, institution, and the student community with dignity throughout SimCup.
12. Promote the values of healthcare simulation, teamwork, leadership, innovation, and patient safety.

XIII. CHARTERS

Article 50. Judge charter

By accepting to serve as a judge within SimCup, I undertake to:

1. Perform my duties with impartiality, objectivity, fairness, and professionalism.
2. Evaluate participants exclusively on the basis of the criteria and assessment tools established for the competition.
3. Apply the same standards of evaluation to all teams, regardless of their origin, faculty, academic level, or personal relationships.
4. Respect the confidentiality of scenarios, evaluation tools, deliberations, provisional results, and any information not made public.
5. Spontaneously disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest likely to influence my judgment.
6. Maintain a respectful attitude toward participants, faculty advisors, organizers, and fellow judges.
7. Contribute to a competitive environment founded on psychological safety, mutual respect, and fair play.
8. Refrain from any intervention likely to advantage or disadvantage a team.
9. Respect the procedures and decisions adopted by SimCup governing bodies.
10. Contribute to the educational and scientific quality of competitions in accordance with the principles of healthcare simulation.
11. Preserve the image, credibility, and integrity of SimCup through exemplary conduct.
12. Fulfill my responsibilities with rigor, punctuality, and availability throughout the competition.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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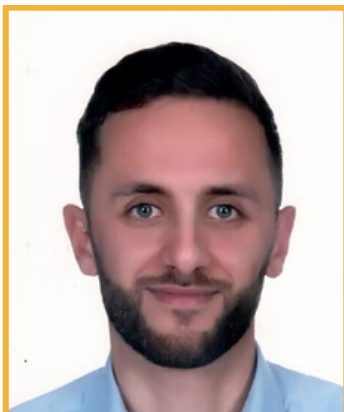
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