



COMPETITION GUIDELINES 2.0

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Further details concerning the operation of the Competition, such as exact dates and locations of events, specific technical thresholds for performance testing, and other operational information will be published in Rules and Regulations and other documents throughout the course of the Competition. Rules & Regulations will be developed by XPRIZE in consultation with the Advisory Board and Judging Panel and will be provided to all registered teams well in advance of the events they govern.

These revised guidelines were developed based on public feedback from the original launch guidelines, along with extensive consultations with domain experts through surveys and meetings, discussions with the ANA Avatar XPRIZE team and input from the title prize sponsor, All Nippon Airways (ANA).

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1. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The \$10M ANA Avatar XPRIZE is a four-year global competition focused on the development of an Avatar System that will transport a human's sense, actions, and presence to a remote location in real time, leading to a more connected world. For the purposes of this competition, an Avatar System is defined as a physical **Robotic Avatar** operated by a person (**Operator**) and interacting with an environment or a person at a distance (**Recipient**).

The ANA Avatar XPRIZE seeks to incentivize innovators around the world to imagine a future with avatars and integrate several emerging and exponential technologies to create a useful and functional physical robotic Avatar System. Current investment and research tend to focus on the development and incremental improvements of individual component technologies, rather than bringing together synergistic technologies to support transformational leaps. A successful solution to this challenge will enable humankind to take the next step in transcending the limits of physical transportation, leading to a more connected world.

Robotic technologies have advanced greatly in the last decade, but challenges remain for them to become more useful for everyday human needs and activities. Human-touch interface technologies, or haptics, are advancing rapidly, and need more development to find their role as critical components of an advanced Avatar System. New sensors being developed can give robots enhanced capabilities and more elegant solutions for conveying information. VR and AR advancements are enabling more immersive user experiences; however, those experiences have limited interaction with the physical world. AI has a role to play in the future Avatar system too, in its predictive capabilities, or for data acquisition, learning and understanding. And Brain-Machine Interfaces (BMIs) can give extremely nuanced capabilities to the operators of future Avatar Systems. By combining these technologies in unique, novel and integrative ways, we see a vision of the future unfolding. Any human could be enabled to connect instantly around the globe, circumventing lengthy time constraints, to be with other human beings, fulfilling a need at a remote destination, or bringing expertise to those in need.

For example, in the near future, physical Avatars could help provide critical care and deploy immediate emergency response in natural disaster scenarios, stretching the boundaries of what

is possible, maximizing as well as enhancing the impact of an expert's skills. In health-related arenas, Avatars could radically transform today's health care providers into a globally distributed, decentralized system of wellness. In learning environments, one expert teacher could bring knowledge to thousands of eager learners at several remote locations at the same time. Avatars could expedite the maintenance of housing, farms, and food production domains. In personal relationships, avatars will bring people closer together, despite their age, location or mobility.

Imagine the future full of Avatars, connecting people and enabling a more prosperous and abundant world.

1.1 Team Goals and Composition

The winning team will integrate multiple emerging technologies to develop a physical, non-autonomous Avatar System with which an operator can see, hear, and interact within a remote environment in a manner that feels as if they are truly there.

Such an Avatar System will enable a person to connect to others or to accomplish a need at a remote location, and actually feel that they are present at that location. This sense of presence in a physical embodied Avatar form is a key principle by which the overall success of the winning Avatar System will be evaluated.

Teams are encouraged to collaborate and share skills. Registered teams can utilize the competition portal (pop.xprize.org) to meet other teams and evaluate possible collaboration opportunities. Team members are not required to all be at a single location, and there is no specific requirement for the number of team members, as long as they can provide a solution.

1.2 Avatar Technologies

A successful Avatar System will require the skillful integration of several technologies, many of which are just emerging.

Areas of technology integration may include, but are not limited to:

1. Robotics
2. Perceptual Systems
 - a. Vision/Computer Vision
 - b. Auditory Processing
 - c. Smell and Taste
 - d. Haptics

This term includes sensory subsystems derived from the involvement of the skin, muscles, and joints. For the purposes of this competition it will include tasks that require:

- i. Determining structural and substantive attributes of objects

- ii. Categorization of objects into previously identified classes
 - iii. Interactions of the Avatar parts with recipients
 - iv. Transmission of haptic sensations from the Avatar to the operator
3. Virtual Reality (VR) Immersion Techniques
4. Brain Machine Interfaces (BMI)
Included in this term are not only Brain interfaces, but also body sensors like EMG, Skin Conductance and EKG. Such technologies can be used for semi-autonomous control (where appropriate), or possibly for embedded self-assessment of the how the Human-Avatar system is performing.
5. Wearables
6. Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM): Environmental awareness
7. Extrasensory Imaging and Perceptions (infrared vision, ultrasonic hearing, etc.)
8. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
9. High speed network connections and latency reduction

1.3 Avatar Form and Modes

There is no prescribed form that the robotic Avatar must take. Teams are free to design their own, purchase or license a commercial solution, or modify an existing robot form. Technology partnerships and licensing agreements for various components of a team's solution are permitted and encouraged. Entries will not be judged on the appearance of the Avatar. While there is no requirement for it to have a particularly humanoid appearance, the goal of creating human to human or human to needs-based solutions may require elements of a humanoid form that are recognizable and understandable to the person interacting with the Avatar.

For the purpose of this XPRIZE, robotic Avatars can incorporate three primary modes:

Mode 1. Operator Control Mode: Avatars serve primarily as remote agency mechanisms for the Operator. In this mode the robotic Avatar only does what the Operator does, perhaps with some predictive AI to deal with network issues or environment recognition. The goal of this mode is to connect the human operator with another human or humans at a distance in such a way that the Operator feels themselves to be interacting with others as if they were truly in the remote location.

Mode 2. Enhanced Avatar Mode: In this mode, the Avatar provides enhanced capabilities to the Operator, such special skills like seeing in infrared, being able to map out and analyze an environment, or utilizing the muscle memory of experts that have trained it. Enhanced capabilities are especially important for Avatars that are involved in activities such as disaster relief where such extra capabilities can help ensure the success of the operation. This Avatar is still primarily under the Operator's control.

Mode 3. Semi-Autonomous Mode: The Avatar takes input such as goals from the Operator, processes that input for understanding and then executes details based on that understanding, still under primary Operator control. In this mode, while taking

input from the Operator, the Avatar may also be able to modify its actions based on interactions with Recipients. Also, in this mode the Avatar can have responses that may not be fully dictated by the Operator, such as balance recovery, or mitigating security situations.

Important Note: Avatars that are entirely or primarily autonomous will not be considered in this competition.

1.4 Testing Scenarios

Testing Scenarios for the **Semifinals** and **Finals** (See Section 2.0 Competition Structure) will be used to evaluate team performance. These Testing Scenarios will be designed to test the ability of the Avatar to convey a sense of real-time presence to the human Operator from the remote situation within the various modes. This means the Avatar System must allow a human's senses, actions and presence to be transported to a distant location to interact with an environment and/or a Recipient for these tests. The Testing Scenarios will represent a diversity of future real-world use cases critical for achieving transformational advances in domains such as health care, family connectivity, maintenance tasks, disaster relief, learning and exploration. They will be drawn from the types of vision and stories we see as part of a future where Avatar technologies are benefitting the world. Specifics of Testing Scenarios for Semifinals and Finals will be sent to the teams that are selected to advance in the competition.

Each Testing Scenario will comprise a series of tasks designed to cover a broad range of activities within a domain. Some examples of tasks are provided below and are indicative of those that could be used within the Testing Scenarios during the Semifinals and Finals events. These example tasks are listed within the Avatar Modes as defined above. Any Testing Scenario may incorporate all three modes. NOTE: ***These tasks are for illustration only, as they will change, be refined and added to as the competition progresses.***

Examples of discrete tasks that can be part of a Testing Scenario:

Mode 1 (Operator Control Mode)

- The Operator, through the Avatar, selects a ball of a color specified by the Recipient and throws it to the Recipient.
- The Operator, through the Avatar, asks the Recipient to give the Avatar a bottle of medication. The Operator must confirm that it is the right one.
- The Operator, through the Avatar, greets the Recipient at the remote location by offering a handshake. The Operator must physically feel the handshake.
- The Operator, through the Avatar, takes a battery or charging device from the recipient and plugs it into an outlet or power strip.
- The Operator, through the Avatar, plays a simple board game like checkers with the Recipient.

- The Operator, via the Avatar, gives the Recipient a gentle hug. The Operator can feel some aspect of the hug returned by the Recipient.
- The Operator, via the Avatar, reads a paper shown to them by the Recipient that describes the health status of a patient and a list of tasks to do in the health care assessment.
- The Recipient tells the other person where they had a minor injury by touching that part of the Avatar. The Operator must respond in a way that shows they know exactly where the Avatar was touched because the sensation has been conveyed from the Avatar to the Operator.
- The Avatar holds a cube that weighs between .5 and 3 kg in its hand. The Operator feels the weight and can guess the weight of the cube.
- The Avatar is blind folded and given an odd shaped object and through touch alone must convey enough haptic information back to the Operator so they can guess what that object might be.

Mode 2: (Enhanced Avatar Mode)

- The Avatar conveys the location of a surrogate for a live person or animal buried under rubble by assessing the environment for heat signatures.
- The Avatar uses its extrasensory abilities (such as noting vibrations or smells or ultrasonic hearing) to assess the danger in a particular location and conveys that information, along with the perceived level of threat to the Operator.
- The Avatar conveys general sensor information about the environment to the Operator via an easily readable Heads-up Display
- The Avatar reports on how many other humans are currently in its environment.

Mode 3: (Semi-Autonomous Mode)

- The Avatar takes a command from the Operator to measure the perimeter, ingress and egress points of its environment and does so, producing a graphic map with the distances and openings clearly marked which is sent back to the Operator.
- The Avatar continues to perform a given command such as taking a box off the shelf, or opening a door, while experiencing a network outage.
- The Avatar continually scans sensors in its environment and sends that data back to the Operator via an easily readable Heads-up Display. Areas of concern are designated by some means of attentional focus, such as a blinking color.
- The Avatar recovers from an unexpected glitch in balance, latency, or power.
- The Avatar requests a spoken command to be repeated when it fails to hear correctly, such as in a noisy room.

2. COMPETITION STRUCTURE AND REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Launch

The Competition was launched on March 12, 2018.

2.2 Release of Revised Guidelines

These current guidelines are a revision of those published at Launch, and incorporate feedback from the public, a select group of technical experts, and other stakeholders. The Revised Guidelines (V 2.0) were published on September 10, 2018.

2.3 Registration

To register, each team must visit pop.xprize.org, create an online profile, and complete all online application materials. This process can be started at any time after registration opens. Teams must also pay a non-refundable registration fee before the registration deadline. Registration will be open from September 10, 2018 until 18:59:59 UTC September 30, 2019. Teams that register on or before 18:59:59 UTC on January 31, 2019 (Early Registration) will be required to pay a registration fee of \$1,000 USD. Teams that register after that date and time and up until 18:59:59 UTC on Sept 30, 2019 (Final Registration) will be required to pay a late registration fee of \$3,000 USD.

Teams who complete the registration process will be deemed **Participating Teams**.

Important Note: Teams who have registered on or before January 31, 2019 (Early registrants) will be invited to an optional Team Summit tentatively scheduled to be held between April and June 2019.

2.4 Qualifying Submission

The **Qualifying Submission** is a formal plan that outlines and shows proof of the team's capabilities and their progress towards developing a unique Avatar System that meets the competition goals.

All Participating Teams will be required to complete and submit specific materials for the Qualifying Submission to advance to the Semifinals. All teams must provide complete submissions by 18:59:59 UTC on October 31, 2019 in order for the Judging Panel to assess and qualify teams as Semifinalists. Teams advancing to the Semifinals will be announced in Q1 2020.

The specific requirements for the Qualifying Submission will be released to teams after the close of early registration, but will include at a minimum technical documentation comprising:

1. Details of team, including current and needed expertise
2. Team objectives for the ANA Avatar XPRIZE
3. Initial design concept
4. Technical feasibility assessment, including
 - a) Robot implementation (morphology, and whether it is bought, modified, licensed or self-made)
 - b) Controller and operating system
 - c) Types of sensory systems the team plans to use

- Vision
 - Hearing/Sound
 - Haptics
 - Smell
 - Other senses
 - d) Plans for use of AI technology: How AI will be used and rationale for choice
 - e) Plans for use of BMI or other sensor technology: How BMI will be used and rationale for choice
5. Plan and timeline for technology development and integration during the Competition
 6. Plan and timeline for further development after the Competition
 7. Video and/or other media documentation that indicates the team has the relevant capabilities

2.5 Semifinals

Up to 150 teams will be selected from the Qualifying Submissions to advance to the Semifinals.

Semifinals will be held in specific testing location(s) that will be determined by XPRIZE well in advance of the competition dates. Following the Semifinals, after the Judging Panel has deliberated, the top teams (up to 20) will advance to the Finals. These Finalists Teams will equally share a \$2,000,000 (USD) Prize.

2.6 Finals

Up to 20 teams chosen by the Judges from the Semifinals will compete in the Finals. During the Finals, Finalist Teams will demonstrate their Avatar across a number of Testing Scenarios within a thematic domain.

For each of these Testing Scenarios, teams will be required to demonstrate their system's capabilities under conditions representing the realistic application of an Avatar. The Judging Panel, in its sole discretion, will evaluate competing teams after the close of the Finals, and determine the Grand Prize winner. Specific Testing Scenarios, evaluation metrics and criteria for the Finals will be detailed in the Rules & Regulations.

2.7 Grand Prize

The \$8 Million (USD) Grand Prize will be awarded to the winning team of the competition following the Finals, at an event to be scheduled in early 2022.

3. JUDGING CRITERIA AND SCORING

3.1 Qualifying Submission

Following the submission deadline, the Judging Panel will discuss and evaluate the Qualifying Submission materials to determine which teams will move on to the Semifinals. All submissions will undergo an initial review and any teams that have not provided a complete submission will be eliminated from the competition. This initial review will be followed by a thorough review process of all submitted materials by members of the Judging Panel. The Judging Panel may ask follow-up questions for teams to provide clarification on their submissions. The Judging Panel will determine criteria and weighting for evaluating team Qualifying Submissions.

Important Note: Team requests for scoring feedback will not be considered nor should teams expect feedback from the Judges in any evaluation or testing rounds.

3.2 Semifinals

3.2.1 Judging Criteria

The Judging Criteria for Semifinals will consider the integration of current state-of-the-art and emerging technologies to enable robotic Avatar capabilities that allow for the experience of human senses and actions to be transported from an Operator to a remote location in real-time.

Testing Scenarios will be defined to validate the capabilities of the Avatar System. During the Semifinals, Judges will evaluate teams on the capabilities their Avatar displays while performing these Testing Scenarios, and how well the Avatar solution meets the goals of the competition.

Capabilities within Testing Scenarios may include perceptual skills such as vision, sound, and haptics being conveyed to the Operator through the Avatar, as well as mobility, endurance, transmission of enhanced capabilities, the ability to deal with latency issues, and more. These capabilities will be tested across all three Avatar modes listed in Section 1.2 within the Testing Scenarios.

Teams are required to demonstrate a unique Avatar System; however, individual technology components may be purchased, licensed, modified, or custom-built to integrate into their solution.

Avatar Systems will not be judged on appearance, but rather the Avatar's capabilities and how well it performs the required tasks, as well as the quality of feedback it provides back to the Operator.

Submission requirements and evaluation criteria will be determined with experts in the core technologies and will be detailed in various releases of the Rules and Regulations ahead of each competition round.

3.2.2 Testing Scenarios

A Testing Scenario consists of a series of tasks (such as illustrated in section 1.3) in a particular domain. Testing Scenario domains will be drawn from these areas such as health care, family connectivity, maintenance tasks, disaster relief, learning and exploration.

Actual Testing Scenario tasks will be defined throughout the competition, as they must reflect challenges the marketplace has not yet solved. Complete specifications for the Testing Scenarios will be published in the Rules and Regulations in advance of announcing the Semifinalist Teams. XPRIZE reserves the right to adjust the Rules and Regulations to ensure teams are meeting the highest standards of contemporary technology.

Semifinalist teams will be required to complete two mandatory Testing Scenarios chosen by XPRIZE. Each team will also be able to select one additional Testing Scenario of their choice from a list of additional approved options.

3.3 Finals

3.3.1 Judging Criteria

The Judging Criteria for the Finals will be the same as for Semifinals, taking into account any advancements in technology that may have occurred during the time between the two events. Final scoring mechanisms will be determined with experts in the various technologies and will be detailed in the Rules and Regulations. The Judging Panel may request additional information or data from the team during the deliberation process and has the sole responsibility for the final determination of the Grand Prize Winner.

XPRIZE will announce the winning team within a reasonable amount of time following the Finals competition.

3.3.2 Testing Scenarios

Finalist teams will be required to complete two mandatory Testing Scenarios, which may be different from those in the Semifinals. Each team will also be able to select two additional Testing Scenarios of their choice from a list of approved options. Alternately, a team may substitute **one** of these additional Testing Scenarios with their own unique Testing Scenario that includes a selection of tasks in one of the stated domains. Such a team choice must be submitted in detail to XPRIZE in advance of the Finals and will become part of that team's testing regimen upon approval.

4. TESTING

4.1 Testing Sites

XPRIZE will arrange testing at specific physical location(s) to be determined. These locations will be announced well in advance of the testing dates. Each team will be responsible for their own travel and for any costs associated with the transportation of their system. Teams will be required to attend mandatory rehearsal period, as well as their scheduled testing day(s).

4.2 Operating Environment and Power

All Avatar testing will occur in a controlled test environment(s) with typical indoor temperature and humidity. XPRIZE will provide sufficient space for each team's Operator and Avatar equipment. Ample AC power will be available for charging and operation through the testing days and times. The ultimate goal is for the robotic Avatar equipment to operate with no power or other cables connected during testing. Per the Judges' discretion, tethering may be allowed during the Semifinals. Avatar equipment will be required to be untethered during the Finals. Operator equipment may be tethered during both rounds.

4.3 Networking

For all testing, we expect the Operator set up to be in one room, and the Avatar itself, along with Recipient(s) and/or an Environment to be in another. For the Semifinals, testing will simulate high-quality network over a predetermined distance. Reliability, bandwidth, latency, and jitter will be representative of the best public Internet service available at the time of testing. Wireless connectivity provided between Operator or Avatar equipment and the local network will be of 802.11ac quality or better, and all operations will be within 10m of an access point. Testing for the Finals may be simulated or may involve a physical separation, at the discretion of the Judging Panel and XPRIZE. Teams will be informed of the simulated or physical separation option well in advance of the Finals.

4.4 Safety

Safety is a top priority for this competition.

Teams are required to ensure protections for safety with all aspects of their equipment. Safety includes not only reduction of risk of physical injury but also property damage to anything within a testing facility. While it is expected that some equipment will be in an experimental or prototype form, all due precautions must be taken to ensure the safety of all personnel and property in and around such equipment at the testing locations.

Each team should designate a team member as a Safety Officer who will monitor all safety concerns. Teams are required to list all possible risk factors associated with their equipment and enumerate reasonable measures they have incorporated in their system to handle such

risks. This document will be delivered to the judges and XPRIZE team before the start of any competition testing activities.

These risks can include, but are not limited to: electrical hazards, general property damage, thermal issues, pressure problems, chemical contamination or spills, risks due to optics, audio signals, lasers, sensors, actuators, cables, and concerns if the robot loses balance or control. The robotic Avatar System should have an immediate stop mechanism as part of all operating protocols. All safety procedures must be conveyed in detail to the XPRIZE staff and judges during the rehearsal period.

All reasonable efforts should be made to maximize safety and minimize and potential hazards.

Documentation of safety and physical testing of safety of systems will be complete prior to any rehearsal or testing event. Furthermore, XPRIZE reserves the right to discontinue testing at any time for any actual or possible hazard or perceived safety violation by a Team under guidance from the judges or associated personnel.

Reasonable clothing and safety equipment will be required of all persons at the testing site(s). These may include safety glasses, hearing protection, close-toed shoes with tread, and no loose clothing or hanging elements such as scarves or jewelry.

4.5 Networking and Physical Security

Networking facilities will be provided via a private network connection implemented by XPRIZE. During testing, this will be the only network permitted for use. Teams will not be able to run other access points or utilize outside networks such as through their own cell phones, satellite link ups or personal routers.

For other security concerns security guards will be supplied on testing site premises as required.

5. PRIZE PURSES

There will be \$10,000,000 (USD) in total prize purses available.

5.1 Semifinals Prize Purse

There will be \$2,000,000 (USD) available in prize purses to be shared equally among all teams selected as Finalists.

5.2 Grand Prize Purse

There will be a Grand Prize purse in the amount of \$8,000,000 (USD). The entire Grand Prize purse will be awarded to the highest-ranking team in the Finals.

6. ADDITIONAL TEAM ACTIVITIES

6.1 Team Summits

Teams will be invited to participate in a number of Team Summits conducted during the Competition. Team Summits will be an opportunity for teams to meet with XPRIZE, interact and collaborate with other teams, and potentially industry, academic, government, media, and other stakeholders as well as potential investors and partners. XPRIZE will share key competition information at the Team Summits. The Team Summits are tentatively planned for the following periods:

- Team Summit #1: Following Early Registration, the first Team Summit is tentatively scheduled to be held between April and June 2019
- Semifinalist Team Summit: Following the announcement of Semifinalists in early 2020
- Finalist Team Summit: Following the announcement of Finalist teams in June 2021

Team Summit times and locations will be determined by XPRIZE. The specific dates and locations will be announced well in advance of each event. Teams will not be required to bring their Avatar systems to the summits unless they choose to do so themselves. The first Team Summit will not be mandatory. For the Semifinalist and Finalist Team Summits, at least one team member must be present.

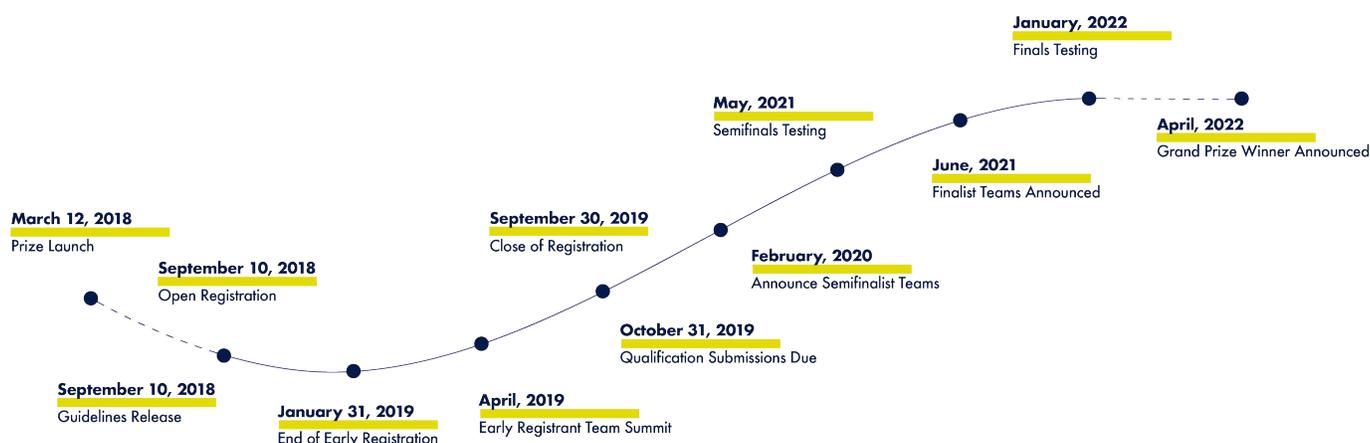
6.2 Team Webinars

XPRIZE will host a series of webinars throughout the competition. Some webinars will allow teams to get to know each other. Others may provide Q&A sessions with experts in various technical domains. Participation in these webinars, while not mandatory, is strongly encouraged. Teams will be given advance notice of the exact dates for Team Webinars throughout the competition.

6.3 Awards Ceremony

Formal announcement of the ANA Avatar XPRIZE winning team will take place at an Awards Ceremony to be scheduled. The winning team will be awarded the Grand Prize purse at the Awards.

7. COMPETITION TIMELINE (CHART)



8. ADVISORY BOARD, JUDGES AND MENTORS

8.1 ADVISORY BOARD

XPRIZE will form a panel of relevant subject matter and technical experts to serve as the Advisory Board (AB) for the Competition. The AB will advise XPRIZE regarding the scientific and technical elements of the Competition. Each member of the Advisory Board (“Advisor”) will enter into an agreement with XPRIZE that will: (i) outline Advisor’s duties and obligations; (ii) require Advisor to maintain confidentiality of XPRIZE’s and team confidential information, in accordance with the Competitor Agreement; and (iii) require each Advisor to acknowledge that he or she shall make no claim to any team’s intellectual property.

8.1.1 Composition of Advisory Board

The total number of AB members will be determined by XPRIZE. The AB will be independent of XPRIZE, the sponsor, and all teams and team members. No Advisor, nor any member of an Advisor’s immediate family, shall participate, nor have any financial or other material interest, in any team or team member. All members of the AB shall promptly disclose to XPRIZE any such current, former, or expected future conflict of interest with XPRIZE, the sponsor, or any team or team member.

8.1.2 Role of Advisory Board

The duties and responsibilities of the Advisory Board may include, but not be limited to: (i) assisting with the establishment of qualifications for the Judging Panel; (ii) recommending

members of the Judging Panel; (iii) providing input related to testing protocols and judging criteria; (iv) and providing input toward the development of these Competition Guidelines.

8.2 JUDGING PANEL

The Judging Panel will comprise highly qualified and impartial Judges. The Advisory Board will recommend the candidates it believes are best suited to serve on the Judging Panel. XPRIZE, in its sole and absolute discretion, will appoint the Judging Panel based on these and other recommendations. Each Judge will enter into a Judging Agreement with XPRIZE that will: (i) outline the Judge's duties and obligations; (ii) require each Judge to maintain confidentiality of XPRIZE and team confidential information in accordance with the Competitor Agreement; and (iii) require each Judge to acknowledge that he or she shall make no claim to any team's intellectual property.

8.2.1 Independence of Judging Panel

The Judging Panel will be independent of XPRIZE, the sponsor, and all teams and team members. No Judge, nor any member of a Judge's immediate family, shall participate, nor have any financial or other material interest, in any team or team member. All members of the Judging Panel shall promptly disclose to XPRIZE any such current, former, or expected future conflict of interest with XPRIZE, the sponsor, or any team or team member.

8.2.2 Role of Judging Panel

The duties and responsibilities of the Judging Panel will include, but not be limited to evaluating team compliance with 1) the Competitor Agreement, 2) these Competition Guidelines, and 3) the Rules and Regulations of the Competition. They will also be responsible for scoring and selecting teams that will proceed to each round of the Competition.

8.2.3 Grounds for Judging Panel Decisions

Official decisions made by the Judging Panel will be approved by a majority vote of the Judges, following careful consideration of the testing protocols, procedures, guidelines, rules, regulations, criteria, results, and scores set forth in the Competitor Agreement, these Competition Guidelines, the Rules and Regulations of the Competition, and all other applicable exhibits to the Competitor Agreement. If any vote of the Judges results in a tie, then the Judging Panel shall determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, the mechanism to settle the tie. Similarly, if one or more teams are tied at any stage during the Competition, the Judging Panel shall have the sole and absolute discretion to settle the tie. If no team meets the criteria for a prize purse, then the Judging Panel will retain sole and absolute discretion to declare or not declare a winner of the Competition and/or otherwise allocate or choose not to allocate one or more of the prize purses and/or any other award associated with the Competition.

8.2.4 Decisions of Judging Panel Are Final

The Judging Panel shall have sole and absolute discretion: (i) to allocate duties among the Judges; (ii) to determine the degree of accuracy and error rate that is acceptable to the Judging Panel for all Competition calculations, measurements, and results, where not specified in the Rules and Regulations; (iii) to determine the methodology used by the Judging Panel to render its decisions; (iv) to declare the winners of the Competition; and (v) to award the prize purses and other awards. Decisions of the Judging Panel shall be binding on XPRIZE, the teams, and each team member. XPRIZE and teams agree to not dispute any decision or ruling of the Judging Panel, including decisions regarding the degree of accuracy or error rate of any Competition calculations, measurements, and results. Teams shall have no right to observe other teams' testing or evaluation, or to be informed of other teams' calculations, measurements and results, unless such information is made publicly available by XPRIZE.

8.3 MENTORS

Throughout the competition, efforts will be made to connect teams with volunteer mentors who have expressed an interest in performing this role. Mentors are not guaranteed.

9. GLOSSARY

Accessory Equipment: Any extra equipment a team uses to enable their Avatar System that is not part of the core system.

Advisory Board: A select group of prominent advisors who contribute their wisdom, knowledge and guidance to various aspects of this PRIZE.

Avatar: The physical robotic entity at the other end of a telepresence system, operated by a human.

Note: For purposes of this prize all uses of the word "Avatar" are interchangeable with "Robotic Avatar" or "Physical Avatar" or "Avatar Solution".

Avatar System: The Human-Avatar dyad by which a human Operator is coupled to a robotic Avatar.

BMI: Brain-Machine Interface: Included in this term are not only Brain interfaces, but also body sensors like EMG, Skin Conductance and EKG. Such technologies can be used for semi-autonomous control (where appropriate), or possibly for embedded self-assessment of the how the Human-Avatar system is performing.

BBMI: Brain + Body Machine: See BMI.

Calendar Quarter System: For this competition the calendar starts on January 1st and runs through December 31st. It is divided into four Quarters of 3 months each.

Control System: The mechanism(s) by which the Operator may control the Avatar.

Domain: An area of need or opportunity.

Finalists: Teams that have been approved by the Judging Panel to advance to the Finals.

Human Controller: Another term for the human that is controlling the robotic (physical) Avatar.

Judging Panel: The subject matter and technical experts who serve as an impartial and independent evaluation team for all aspects of this prize. They score the team submissions and make the final award determinations in both the Semifinals and the Finals competitions.

Judging Summit: A gathering of the competition judges to discuss a certain aspect or aspects of the competition.

Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM): the process of computing, building or updating a map of a physical environment while simultaneously keeping track of an agent's location within it.

Team Summit: A physical meeting that provides an opportunity for teams to meet with XPRIZE, interact and collaborate with other teams, and potentially industry, academic, government, media, and other stakeholders as well as potential investors and partners.

Operator: The human that is controlling the robotic (physical) Avatar

Participating team: A team that has completed the registration process.

Qualifying Submission: A formal plan that outlines and shows proof of the team's capabilities and their progress towards developing a unique Avatar System that meets the competition goals.

Qualified Team: A team whose Qualifying Submission has been approved.

Recipient: Designates a person(s) interacting with the robotic Avatar at the distant location.

Registration, Early: The first of the two registrations dates that must be met for teams to participate in this competition.

Registration, Final: The last of the two registrations dates that must be met for teams to participate in this competition.

Semifinalists: Teams that have been approved by the Judging Panel to advance to the Semifinals.

Testing Scenarios: A thematic set of tasks across a domain that tests the Avatar capabilities.