



Défi Inter-Alliances 2026 Terms & Conditions

ARTICLE 1 – The organisers

The Alliance Françaises of Bristol/Bath, Devon, Jersey, Leeds, Milton Keynes and York, not-for-profit organisations, and the Fondations des Alliances Françaises (based in Paris) are the organisers of the “DEFI Inter-Alliances” competition, hereinafter called “the competition”.

ARTICLE 2 – Objective of the competition

Participants are invited to partake in a general knowledge quiz, in French, through the digital platform Kahoot.

The competition takes place in four steps:

- A local selection organised by each participating Alliance (cf. Article 1).
- A British national selection
- A geographical zone semi-final
- An international final

Participating Alliances can organise their local selection online or in person. For the United Kingdom, the selective steps are the following:

- Local selections will be online on Saturday 28th March 2026 (from 10am BST)
- British nationals will take place online on Saturday 9th May 2026 (10am BST) and will be organised by the Alliances Françaises de Leeds and York.
- The geographical zone semi-final will be online on Saturday 23rd May (time to be determined).
- The international final will be at the Alliance Française de Bruxelles-Europe (Belgium), the exact dates are to be confirmed.

The deadline to register and take part in the competition is **Monday 23rd March (11:59 pm BST)**.

ARTICLE 3 – Participation conditions

The competition participation is completely free.

The competition is open to all learners registered in the participating Alliances Françaises under the following conditions:

- Contestants must be at least 18 years old by July 2026.

- Contestants must have at least an A2 level (A2, B1, B2, C1, C2) or be in the process of learning at one of these levels.
- Contestants cannot be a member of staff or of the Board of Trustees of the participating Alliance
- Contestants cannot be French natives.

Should any learners not meet these criteria, they will not be able to participate.

An “Alliance Française learner” is anyone enrolled in a group French course, online or face-to-face, as of **1st January 2026**.

Participation in the competition implies a full acceptance of these rules and contestants must respect every condition. Failure to comply with these Terms & Conditions will lead to the invalidity to partake in the competition.

The first three steps of selection – local, national, geographical zone – will be as follows: a general knowledge in French through the digital platform Kahoot.

Contestants must imperatively use two digital devices to partake, through two platforms, free and easy access (a laptop/computer, or a tablet, or a smartphone to access Zoom for the virtual game space, and a smartphone to answer the questions using the Kahoot app.

Contestants must have a working camera and microphone during the quiz, they also must be alone in the room.

The international final will be in person via the Kahoot app. Finalists must only use their smartphones as questions are shown on a screen and Internet connection will be provided by the organisers.

The competition is fully in French and the general knowledge questions are also only written in French.

The answers of the quiz are offered on the platform Kahoot and will result in points counting and in a ranking:

- The two contestants with the higher score at the local selection will be designated as finalists and will represent their Alliance at the British national selection.
- The two contestants with the higher score at the British national selection will then be designated as finalists representing the United Kingdom network for the geographical zone semi-final.
- The best contestant of the semi-final of each geographical zone will partake in the international final, which will be in person in Brussels (Belgium) – transport and accommodation are provided by the organisers. The geographical zones are based on the divisions done by the Fondation des Alliances Françaises, organiser of the competition.
- The contestant of the international finale who scores the most points will be awarded the winner of the competition.

Special condition:

Winners of the previous editions (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025) cannot partake in the DEFI Inter-Alliances 2026.

ARTICLE 4 – Prizes

For the local selection, each participating Alliance defines the prizes to be offered for the first two winners, in addition to their participation at the British national selection.

For the British national selection, the first two winners, in addition to their qualification to the geographical zone semi-final, will be rewarded by a **£105 voucher** for their next course registration.

Mentioning these prizes are integrated in the preliminary communication to the participation of the competition.

For the geographical zone semi-final, the winners (1 for each zone) will be offered a stay in Brussels (Belgium) in July 2026, in order to partake in the international final, which will take place on Wednesday 8th July 2026. Dates may be subject to change, yet remaining within the same time period.

The stay includes:

- Accommodation
- Transportation from the closest airport to the winner's home to Brussels, and from Brussels to the airport of departure. Intercity transport tickets (bus, metro, tram, etc.) are not included.
- An allowance of 400€.

Any other costs that are not included in the prize (insurance, additional luggage, etc.) will be borne by the winners. In the event that the winner needs a visa to stay in France, it will be the winner's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements. Winners need to ensure that they meet the requirements to travel to France. In the event of failure to obtain a visa or the impossibility to travel, the contestant ranked second at the semi-final will be offered to partake in the final.

4.1 Validity

Winners of the geographical zone semi-final must be available to attend the international final in person in Brussels during a week in July 2026. Unavailability is a reason for disqualification and cancellation of the prize. In this case, the contestant ranked second will be designated winner of the semi-final and will be invited to the international final.

Winners of the semi-final cannot transfer their prize to a relative.

ARTICLE 5 – Right to the image

As much the local and national selections, and the geographical zone semi-final as the international may be live streamed or at a later date on the website and social media of the participating Alliances, competition organisers and partners.

For the sole reason of their participation in the competition, contestants authorise the organisers to use their full name, as well as their indicated town/city and country of residence, in any advertising-promotional promotion, on the organisers' websites and social media and on any affiliated media, without leading to remuneration other than the offered allowance of the competition.

Participating in the said competition implies contestants grant the organisers the right to the image, should they be winners (locally, nationally, in their geographical zone or internationally), by the organisers to reproduce and use their participation, their name and their image on every medium (website, social media, newspaper, events, etc.) to promote the competition the following year. This use will not give any compensation but the allowance. Participants acknowledge that the use of their right to the image does not constitute an obligation, in any case, for the organisers. In addition, participants acknowledge that they have no right to scrutinize the chosen photographs. From then on, participants cannot veto the dissemination of the photographs, in accordance with these terms of conditions.

ARTICLE 6 – Responsibilities

6.1 Responsibilities of the organisers

Organisers cannot be held responsible, in the event of any emergency or any other cause, if the competition should be postponed, shortened or cancelled. Organisers also reserve their right to extend or limit the period of participation; to postpone it or to change the conditions, they then cannot make them liable. Any additions or amendments to these rules may be published during the competition. They will be considered as appendixes to these terms and conditions.

Organisers cannot be held responsible for any malfunctions related to the internet network itself or to any intrusion, attempted intrusion, fraud, technical failure or any other reason beyond the control of the organisers which would lead to failures in administration, security, fairness, integrity or management of the competition. Organisers cannot be held responsible for the congestion of the internet network, the quality of the contestants' devices and equipment, nor the quality of their modes of access that would have repercussions on the delivery, on the delivery time of the answers or on the connection time required for participation.

In addition, contestants will not be able to claim any compensation in the event of incidents as mentioned above, modification or cancellation of the competition.

6.2 Responsibilities of participants

It is explicitly reminded that it is the sole responsibility of the contestants to ensure that the information provided when registering for the competition, especially their details are genuine and correct and that they allow them to partake in the competition.

Selected contestants to partake in the British national, geographical zone semi-final and/or the international final must ensure they are available on the given dates. In the event they cannot be available on these dates, and for any reasons, their participation will be cancelled.

It resorts to all contestants to take all appropriate measures to protect their own data and/or softwares on their electronic devices against any attack. The participation of participants in the competition is their sole responsibility.

Participating in the competition requires a fair attitude respecting the terms and conditions herein. Organisers reserve the right to disqualify, without notice, and/or not to award a prize to any contestant who has disregarded the provisions of these terms and conditions.

Organisers also reserve the right to revoke the participation of any contestants, should their behaviour be deemed inappropriate.

By entering this competition, contestants tacitly accept the provisions of these rules and authorise the participating and organising Alliance Françaises to publish their name and data that identify or could lead to their identification.