



Team Selection  
IMRC 2020  
National Mine Health & Safety Academy  
Beaver, WV, USA

## **12th International Mines Rescue Competition**

**Beaver, WV, USA**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **TEAM SELECTION**

**For more information, please go to [www.IMRC2020.com](http://www.IMRC2020.com).**

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**Deadline for applications:**

**International Teams (Guaranteed Entry) – May 1, 2020**

**International Teams (Waiting List) – July 1, 2020**

**U.S. Teams (Guaranteed Entry) – May 1, 2020**

**U.S. Metal Non/Metal Teams can enter upon completion of their National Contest in July 2020**

**Additional US Teams (Waiting List) – July 1, 2020**

#### **U.S.A.**

U. S. A. will be represented by 5 competing teams representing the following: The First Place and Second Place Teams from the 2019 Coal and 2020 Metal Non/Metal National Contests and the MSHA Mine Emergency Unit

Additional applications from U.S.A. Teams will be placed on the Competition Waiting List.

#### **International**

Each nation will be guaranteed 2 team entries, after which teams applying from that nation will be placed on the Competition Waiting List.

International teams applying for one of the two guaranteed national entries will qualify on a first-come first-served basis, provided they meet the specified requirements below.

The deadline for application to receive a guaranteed national team entry is May 1, 2020 after which the Competition Waiting List Protocol will apply.

#### **Competition Waiting List Protocol**

Teams that meet the specified requirements below, but are not successful in receiving a guaranteed national team entry, will be placed on the Competition Waiting List. Once the May 1, 2020 deadline for guaranteed national team entries expires, the Competition Waiting List Protocol will apply:



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- Remaining team entries, to the maximum of 30 teams, will be allocated to teams on the Competition Waiting List on a first-on first-in basis.
- Should a team on the Competition Waiting List waive their application and elect not to participate, the next team on the list will receive a team entry.
- All International teams placed on the Competition Waiting List are automatically given higher priority than U.S.A. teams, as U.S.A. teams already have the entry competition mechanism in place. Should all International applicants be satisfied and the maximum of 30 teams not be reached by July 1, 2020, entry to additional U. S. Teams on the Competition Waiting List will be offered on a first-on first-in basis.

### **Team Requirements**

All teams must meet the following criteria:

#### **Technical Requirements:**

1. Each team member is trained in the use of oxygen breathing apparatus and certified for use by local Mine Rescue oversight body or Mine Operator.
2. Each team member is trained in the application of first aid/casualty care principles.
3. Each team member is trained in the safe application of firefighting principles in underground Mine Rescue.
4. Each team member is trained in the application of gas detection in Mine Rescue
5. Each team member is familiar with underground mining conditions and practice.

#### **Language Requirements:**

1. Teams must have a working proficiency and be capable of technical mining communication in spoken and written English.

OR

2. Teams must provide their own Technical Interpreter, capable of technical mining communication in spoken and written English.

#### **Physical Requirements:**

1. Each team member (and the Technical Interpreter) must be physically fit, and capable of performing long and arduous physical labor.
2. Each team member meets the minimum physical requirements of their jurisdiction.





**(Note: the Technical Interpreter will NOT be required to go under oxygen.)**

**Previous Competition Experience:**

1. Special consideration will be given to teams and mine operations with previous experience in Mine Rescue competitions, both internationally and domestic.
2. Teams are encouraged to outline the Mine Rescue competition history of their operation and team members, including any results or experience of significance.

**Additional Competition Information:**

Teams must participate in 5 of the 6 available IMRC 2020 team events which will contribute to the overall scoring of the competition.

Three competition events will be deemed mandatory, those being:

- Team Mine Rescue Simulation
- Team Theory Exam and Technician
- Team Firefighting
- Team First Aid

Teams may select between two remaining events to complete their overall scoring:

- Team High Angle Rope Rescue.
- Mine Rescue Team Skills

Teams may elect to participate in all 6 team events, however upon Application to IMRC 2020, teams must specify which of the two elective events (Mine Rescue Skills or High Angle Rope Rescue) will contribute to their overall score. The 5th event will not contribute to the team overall score.

