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RULES

on the organisation of the 'Weldex Russian Welding Cup' National Championship
as part of the 25th 'WELDEX 2026' exhibition (Moscow, Crocus Expo International Exhibition Centre, 6–9
October 2026)

Moscow

20 July 2026

1. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Regulations, the following definitions and terms apply:

- 1.1. **The 'Weldex Russian Welding Cup' National Welding Championship** – an annual open professional competition in the welding industry, designed to identify the best in the categories represented, which is held as part of the Weldex exhibition under the terms set out in these Regulations;
- 1.2. **Exhibition** – the 25th Weldex International Exhibition of Welding Materials, Equipment and Technologies, taking place from 6 to 9 October 2026 at the Crocus Expo International Exhibition Centre (143402, Moscow Region, Krasnogorsk, Mezhdunarodnaya Street, Nos. 16, 18, 20);
- 1.3. **Organiser** – ITI Expo International Limited Liability Company, a legal entity established and operating in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, OGRN 1187746748694, INN 7708333955, registered office: 107140, Moscow, Verkhnyaya Krasnoselskaya Street, No. 3, Building 2, Room I;
- 1.4. **Co-organisers:**
 - 1.4.1. Self-governing non-profit public association, inter-regional public organisation for the promotion of science and technology 'Moscow Inter-sectoral Alliance of Chief Welders' ('MMAGS'), established and operating in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, OGRN: 1097799010143, INN: 7743089040; registered address: 144001, Moscow Region, Elektrostal, 19, 126 Trudovaya Street;
 - 1.4.2. Limited Liability Company 'ELSVAR', established and operating in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, OGRN 1035010650333, INN 5053011196; registered office: 144001, Moscow Region, Elektrostal, Stroitel'naya Lane, No. 5, Building 2, Office 26.
- 1.5. **Participant** – a company that has submitted an application to take part in the Championship in accordance with the requirements set out in these Regulations;
- 1.6. **Nominee** – a participant in the Championship selected from among the Applicants and approved by the organisers;
- 1.7. **Winner** – a Nominee recognised as the best in the relevant category of the Championship;
- 1.8. **Jury** – a panel of experts formed to assess the skills of Championship participants, comprising representatives from Russia's leading certification centres, representatives of professional welding associations (RNTSO, MMAGS, etc.), representatives of leading manufacturers of welding equipment, and



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welding materials, with the participation of chief welders from the companies that have nominated the participants.

- 1.9. The **Championship** website – <https://weldex.ru/ru/konkursy/championship-prof/> - contains these Regulations, the Championship schedule and other information relating to the Championship.

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 2.1. The aim of the Championship is to enhance the prestige of the welding profession, to identify and recognise specialist welders possessing outstanding professional knowledge and skills, and to identify best practices in training and teaching methods, including the recognition of trainee welders possessing outstanding professional knowledge and skills.
- 2.2. The Championship is held in accordance with the requirements of the current legislation of the Russian Federation and these Regulations;
- 2.3. The Organiser is entitled to amend these Regulations at its discretion, provided that the amended version of the Regulations is published on the Award's website;
- 2.4. The Championship is not a lottery within the meaning of Federal Law No. 138-FZ of 11 November 2003 'On Lotteries', nor is it a promotional event within the meaning of Article 9 of Federal Law No. 38-FZ of 13 March 2006 'On Advertising', a game of chance, a bet or any other similar risk-based activity;
- 2.5. Participation in the Championship is FREE OF CHARGE.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES

- 3.1. The Championship is held in two categories:
 - 3.1.1. the 'Professional Welder' category is open to welders from Russia, the EAEU and the CIS countries who work at enterprises of any form of ownership in any sector of production (industry, educational institutions, construction, public utilities, etc.) and hold a valid welder's certificate;
 - 3.1.2. the 'Apprentice Welder' category is open to students at colleges, technical colleges, vocational schools and higher education institutions who are training to become welders or welding engineers (mechanical engineers or mechanical engineering graduates).
- 3.2. A condition of participation in the Championship is the Participant's unconditional acceptance of these Regulations;
- 3.3. The decision on admission to the Championship is made by the Organiser at its sole discretion, taking into account an assessment of the Participant's compliance and the information provided by them with the requirements set out in clause 3.1 of these Regulations. The Organiser shall notify the Participant of their admission or non-admission to the Championship by sending a notification to the email address specified in the application form.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES

- 4.1. The Championship is held in both categories in the following categories:
 - 4.1.1. Manual metal arc welding (MMA);



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4.1.2. Manual argon arc welding with a non-consumable electrode in a shielding gas (TIG); atmosphere

4.1.3. Semi-automatic welding with consumable wire in a shielding gas atmosphere (MIG/MAG).

4.1.4. Laser beam welding (LBW): handheld laser welding and handheld laser cleaning.

4.2. Each contestant may enter no more than one category.

4.3. The organiser reserves the right to amend and/or add to the list of Championship categories.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

5.1. Companies, organisations and educational institutions wishing to enter representatives in the Championship must submit an application to the Organising Committee by **29 September 2026** at the latest, specifying the full names of the participants, the category and the categories in which they will compete.

5.2. Applications must be submitted by completing the online form on the Championship website:

- link to the application form for the 'Professional Welder' category:

<https://forms.yandex.ru/cloud/6a3e5ec6d0468802abe98c29/>

- link to the application form for the 'Apprentice Welder' category:

<https://forms.yandex.ru/cloud/6a3e5ec6d0468802abe98c29/>

5.3. Candidates for the Championship are identified at enterprises and organisations by any of the following methods:

5.3.1. based on the results of welding skills competitions held at enterprises, organisations and educational institutions, by trade association or industry sector (where such competitions are held);

5.3.2. based on the results of welders' high-quality work on the production floor, as recommended by the chief welders, chief mechanics or chief engineers of the enterprises;

5.3.3. in educational institutions - upon the recommendation of lecturers and vocational training instructors who recognise students' outstanding achievements and success in mastering the theory and practice of the welding profession.

5.4. The number of participants from each enterprise shall not exceed one person per category (i.e. no more than 4 people).

5.5. The time limit restricts the possible number of participants in each category to no more than 20 people; that is, a total of no more than 80 participants may be admitted to the competition across all four categories.

5.6. The decision to refuse participation on this ground in any given category is the sole prerogative of the Championship Organising Committee and is not subject to appeal.

5.7. Contact numbers for enquiries: tel. +7(496)575-30-60; mobile tel. +7 (903)979-42-79
- Contact person: Andrei Vyacheslavovich Serochkin; tel. 8-926-538-11-29 - Contact person: Viktor Fedorovich Isaenko.

5.8. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registration to those participants who have submitted their applications and participant forms later than those who did so earlier, should the total number of registered participants exceed the limit. In this case, the organisers



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Organisations that have been refused entry to the competition must be notified by email.

6. PROCEDURES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 6.1. To ensure free, simplified and expedited access to the Championship venues, all nominees and their accompanying persons must obtain an e-ticket in advance from the exhibition website www.weldex.ru using any of the methods listed on the site.
- 6.2. Upon arrival, nominees must register at the 'Weldex Russian Welding Cup' stand in Hall 4, Pavilion 1, at the Crocus Expo International Exhibition Centre. Registration **must be completed by 10.30 am on 6 October 2026**.
- 6.3. The competition will take place on 6 and 7 October 2026 from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm.
- 6.4. Nominees must register at the Championship venue, where they will confirm the details provided in the application form (it is important to present the original or a copy of a valid welder's certificate and an electrical safety certification).
- 6.5. Nominees will receive health and safety briefings, which will be recorded in a register; the order in which they will carry out their competition tasks will be established, and the time for the theoretical interview will be determined.
- 6.6. Each nominee takes part in two compulsory stages:
 - 6.6.1. Stage 1 (compulsory): assessment of theoretical professional knowledge using test sheets;
 - 6.6.2. Stage 2 (compulsory): completion of welding tests. Welding tests:
 - For **manual arc welding with coated electrodes** (MMA) – welding of a non-rotating, vertically positioned joint between two carbon steel pipe sections ($d = 158 \times 4$ mm, $L = 150$ mm) with 30° bevels and a root depth of 1.5 ± 0.5 mm;
 - For **semi-automatic gas-shielded metal arc welding** (MIG/MAG) – welding of a non-rotatable, vertically positioned, butt joint of two carbon steel pipe sections ($d = 158 \times 4$ mm, $L = 150$ mm) with 30° bevels and a root depth of 1.5 ± 0.5 mm;
 - For **manual arc welding with a non-consumable electrode in an inert gas atmosphere** (TIG) – welding of a non-rotating, vertically positioned butt joint between two stainless steel pipe sections ($d = 102 \times 2$ mm, $L = 150$ mm) without chamfers;
 - For **manual laser welding** (LBW) – welding of two lengths of standard profiled pipe with a wall thickness of 1.5–2 mm, with a square cross-section, side dimensions of 60×60 mm and a length of 200 mm per section, into a T-joint, following preliminary tack welding and laser cleaning of the weld zone.
- 6.7. Based on the results of the competitions, the jury will determine the winner (1st place) and runners-up (2nd and 3rd places) in each category and sub-category.
- 6.8. The Championship organisers provide everything required: welding equipment, welding samples, protective clothing for welders (overalls, mask, gloves, local extractor), a wire brush, a welder's hammer, welding electrodes, filler



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filler wire and tungsten electrodes. However, Championship participants may use their own protective clothing, provided it complies with professional standards. The clothing may bear the logo of the company or educational institution, or other information about the company.

- 6.9. Organisations sending participants to the Championship shall cover the costs of the contestants' stay in Moscow (travel, meals, accommodation, etc.).

7. AWARDING OF WINNERS

- 7.1. All Championship nominees will receive a commemorative certificate (diploma) confirming their participation in the competition.
- 7.2. The competition results will be announced and the winners honoured in the conference hall (Pavilion No. 1, Hall No. 4) on 8 October 2026.
- 7.3. The winners in each of the four categories (MMA, MIG/MAG, TIG, LBW) within each class will be awarded a trophy and a diploma, as well as valuable gifts. During the awards ceremony, the eight best examples of competition entries (first-place winners) will be exhibited.
- 7.4. In the event that circumstances beyond the organiser's control arise during the Championship period, rendering it impossible to carry out the actions specified in clauses 6 and 7 of these Regulations, the Organiser shall be entitled to amend the dates and/or format of the Championship or to cancel it, in which case the entrants shall be notified by email at the addresses they provided when completing the Application Form. In the latter case, no winners shall be declared.

Head of the Organising Committee of the
'Weldex Russian Welding Cup' – 2026,
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