

2021 Young Actuaries in Asia Board Game Design Contest

1. Contest Rules

These are the Official Rules governing the Society of Actuaries' ("SOA") Young Actuaries in Asia Board Game Design Contest. By providing a submission in response to this call you acknowledge compliance with these Official Rules including all eligibility requirements.

2. Background

As a profession, the actuarial community often talks about and highlights its responsibility to serve the public and the positive impact it plays improving the world in which we live. This is ever more important to the purpose-driven generation of Millennials and Gen Z. The SOA surveyed younger members about their attitudes, experiences and expectations regarding the SOA. Some of the themes identified included: desire for new collaboration platforms, **ongoing focus to promote profiles of young professionals** and create **contest and awards for recognition that demonstrate actuarial skill sets**.

In response to this input, the SOA is pleased to announce the 2021 Young Actuaries in Asia Board Game Design Contest. The objective of the contest is for participants to design a board game within a business context that utilizes actuarial knowledge and skillset in a creative and easy to understand format. Participants may join the contest either individually or in a team.

Think about it and get creative!

3. Eligibility

- Calling young professionals, ages 35 or younger
- For individual entries, participant must be age 35 or younger
- For group entries all members must be age 35 or younger
- Participant must have an SOA credential (ASA, FSA, CERA)
- For group entries, at least one participant must have an SOA credential (ASA, FSA, CERA)
- Participant(s) must be a resident in one of the locations included in the "Eligible Asia Markets" list.
- Any SOA member or candidate (student)¹ in good standing is eligible to participate.
- Participants may join individually or in a team
- Multiple submissions per person not permitted.

4. Guidelines

We are looking for board game designs that promote the actuarial profession in a creative and easy to understand way. The design should demonstrate how individuals apply technical actuarial knowledge and skills in a board game within a business setting relevant to the the actuarial profession. All submitted items must be in English.

¹ Candidate is defined as an individual who has taken at least one SOA Product in a calendar year, includes all exams, modules, APC and FAC

These are some ideas to spark your thinking:

- A board game requiring actuarial judgment and decision making to advance in the game
- A board game demonstrating how actuaries interact with other disciplines (e.g. accounting, legal, IT) to achieve a goal
- A board game meeting challenges from different business environment such as insurance, risk management or merger & acquisition process.

5. First Round Selection Guidelines

- Submission deadline: **August 31st, 2021**, send to apac@soa.org
- Submit a one-page introduction of the board game design including a brief background and how the design is relevant to the design guidelines
- Include the rules of the game: structure, game components, game setting, game flow and settlement, not to exceed three pages
- Optional: Include a video demonstrating the game design, not to exceed 3 minutes
- A maximum of five finalists will be shortlisted and invited to enter the final round.
- The shortlisted party will receive **US\$250** cash prize per team, which may be used to produce a game prototype and rulebook for the final round of competition.

6. Second and Final Round Selection Guidelines

- Submission deadline: **October 15th, 2021**, send to apac@soa.org
- Finalists are required to submit a full video showcasing the board game
- Video should include the game prototype (actual model of the board game), complete rulebook, description of the game, and applied actuarial knowledge and method used to play the game.
- Video not to exceed 20 minutes.

7. Judging Criteria

Up to three (3) winners will be selected from the final round. The judges reserve the right not to select any winners, to select less than three, or to disqualify an entry.

- Edutainment
- Actuarial Relevance
- Creativity
- Uniqueness
- Overall game structure (e.g. game objective, timing to complete the game)
- Other constructive considerations

8. Incentives

- \$1,000 USD for the winning design; and
- Honorary plaque for participant(s)
- Game design featured on SOA publications; and
- Opportunity to present winning design at an SOA webcast

9. Submission Rules

- Submissions must be in English in either Microsoft Word, PDF format, or shared Google Doc via email.
- Submissions must include participant(s) name, phone number(s) and email address(es)
- All submissions must comply with the [SOA's Antitrust Compliance Guidelines](#).
- Participant(s) must use their real name for submission and for publication and may not use a pseudonym.
- By entering, participant(s) consent to the use of their names, email addresses, biographical information, photographs and/or likenesses for advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation (except where prohibited) by the SOA for purposes concerning this contest or any succeeding opportunities and for publicity, special events and advertising purposes in connection with promoting the Society of Actuaries.
- By entering, participant(s) grant the SOA a perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-revocable license to publish, display, and reproduce their submission in in any and all media, in whole or in part, throughout the world for any purpose including commercial purposes. Teams hereby grant the SOA permission to format their submissions for the SOA's purposes at the SOA's sole discretion.
- The SOA will have the right to display or publish the winning games in all languages.
- The SOA reserves the right to modify the winning games, any parts of the games, and/or to develop different versions, with or without the consent of the creator of the entries.
- In the event of violation or non-compliance with the relevant provisions of this activity, or the design was found to be issued, published, or as an award of any other activity, upon confirmation, the SOA shall have the right to immediately disqualify the participant.
- Participants are responsible for the cost of production and delivery of all the submissions.

10. Eligible Asia Markets

1. Cambodia
2. Hong Kong
3. Indonesia
4. Japan
5. Macau
6. Mainland China
7. Malaysia
8. Myanmar
9. Philippines
10. Singapore
11. South Korea
12. Taiwan
13. Thailand
14. Vietnam