

FTC Voice Cloning Challenge

Official Rules

Corrective Notice – January 2, 2024

Pursuant to Section 12.F of the FTC Voice Cloning Challenge Official Rules, the Federal Trade Commission provides this Corrective Notice indicating changes to Section 2 of the Official Rules made as of January 2, 2024:

2. Eligibility

A. The Challenge is open to:

- 1) Individuals who meet the eligibility requirements provided herein;
- 2) Teams of individuals, each of whom meets the eligibility requirements provided herein; and
- 3) Corporations (including not-for-profit corporations and nonprofit organizations), limited liability companies, partnerships, and other legal entities that, at the time of entry, are incorporated in, and maintain a primary place of business in, the United States, and (a) employ fewer than ten (10) people (“Small Organizations”); or (b) employ 10 or more people (“Large Organizations”).

Large Organizations may compete only for the “FTC Voice Cloning Challenge Large Organization Prize,” and are not eligible to compete for other prizes, as described in Section 8.

B. To participate in the Challenge:

- 1) Participants may compete as individuals, teams of individuals, Small Organizations, or Large Organizations if they meet all eligibility requirements set forth in Sections 2.B-D. To be eligible to win a Prize, Participants must meet the additional prize eligibility requirements set forth in Section 9.
- 2) Participants must comply with all terms and conditions of these Official Rules.
- 3) Participants must own or have access at their own expense to a computer, an Internet connection, and any other electronic devices, documentation, software, or other items that Participants may deem necessary to create and enter a Submission (as defined in Section 4 below).

- 4) Each team, Small Organization, and Large Organization must appoint one individual (the “Representative”) to represent and act on behalf of the team or organization, including by entering a Submission (as outlined below). The Representative must meet the eligibility requirements for an individual Participant and must be duly authorized to submit on behalf of the team or organization. The Representative represents and warrants that: (i) they are duly authorized to act on behalf of the team, Small Organization, or Large Organization; and that (ii) each member of the team (or in the case of Small Organization or Large Organization, each participating member) has read the Official Rules and agrees to abide by these Official Rules. The Representative will ensure that each member of the team, Small Organization, or Large Organization reads, agrees to, and complies with the Official Rules.
- 5) An individual who is part of a team, Small Organization, or Large Organization may also enter the Competition once on an individual basis. No individual may join more than one team, Small Organization, or Large Organization.

C. The following individuals (including any individuals participating as part of a team) and organizations are not eligible to participate in the Challenge, regardless of whether they meet the criteria set forth above:

- 1) Pursuant to the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010, codified as amended at 15 U.S.C. 3719, individuals and teams of individuals who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States, or Small Organizations or Large Organizations that, at the time of entry, are not incorporated in, and maintain a primary place of business in, the United States, which is subject to verification by the Sponsor before Prizes are awarded (see Section 9 below);
- 2) Any individual under the age of 18 at the time of submission;
- ~~3) Any individual who employs any of the Challenge Judges as an employee or agent;~~
- ~~4) Any individual who owns or controls an entity for whom a Challenge Judge is an employee, officer, director, or agent;~~
- ~~5) Any individual who has a familial, business, or financial relationship with, or is a member of the household of, any Challenge Judge;~~
- ~~6) 3) Any employee, representative, or agent of the Sponsor and any person who has a familial, business, or financial~~

relationship with, or is a member of the household of, any such employee, representative, or agent;

- 7)4) Any Federal employee acting within the scope of his or her employment, or as may otherwise be prohibited by Federal law (employees should consult their agency ethics officials);
- 8)5) Any individual, team, or organization that used Federal facilities or consulted with Federal employees to develop a Submission, unless the facilities and employees were made available to all Participants participating in the Challenge on an equitable basis; and
- 9)6) Any individual, team, or organization that used Federal funds to develop a Submission, unless such use is consistent with the grant award, or other applicable Federal funds awarding document. If a grantee using Federal funds enters and wins this Challenge, the prize monies will be treated as program income for purposes of the original grant in accordance with applicable Office of Management and Budget Circulars. Federal contractors may not use Federal funds from a contract to develop a Submission for this Challenge.

The Sponsor will disqualify any individual, ~~or~~ team, or organization if the Sponsor determines, at any time and in its sole discretion, that the individual, ~~or~~ team, or organization meets any of the criteria set forth in Section 2.C.

D. An individual or organization who –

- 1) employs any of the Challenge Judges as an employee or agent;
- 2) owns or controls an entity for whom a Challenge Judge is an employee, officer, director, or agent; or
- 3) has a familial, business, or financial relationship with, or is a member of the household of, any Challenge Judge;

or any team containing such an individual, may participate in the Challenge. However, that individual's, team's, or organization's Submission will not be judged by the Challenge Judge(s) with whom there is an above-identified relationship. If an individual has an above-identified relationship with each of the Challenge Judges, then that individual is not eligible to participate in the Challenge. If an organization or one or more members of a team have an above-identified relationship with each of the Challenge Judges, then that organization or team is not eligible to participate in the Challenge.

~~D~~.E. For purposes of these Rules:

- 1) A familial relationship includes an individual's spouse, children and step-children, parents and step-parents, and siblings, half-siblings, and step-siblings; and
- 2) The members of an individual's household include any other person who shares the same residence as such individual for at least three (3) months out of the year.