This document has been updated during the first week of July in agreement with the challenge policies and to align with the ECML/PKDD schedule. It elaborates on the one published on May 16.

1 Rules

The following rules of the game apply to participants of the challenge on Learning to Re-Rank Questions for Community Question Answering. For further details, refer to the challenge website: http://alt.qcri.org/ecml2016.

1.1 General Rules

- Participation with multiple teams is not allowed.
- Sharing the datasets with non-participants is forbidden.
- The data may only be used for academic purposes.
- Manual predictions are forbidden; the whole process should be automatic.
- Any effort to misuse the dataset or its source is forbidden.
- The winner(s) both at development and test time must attend the conference and describe their model(s) and findings to get the prize.
- If more than one team tops in terms of MAP, the prize will be split.

1.2 Rules at Development Time

- Automation or massive amounts of submissions is not allowed.
- The maximum number of submissions per day is 5.

1This document is partially derived from the other ECML 2016 challenges’ rules.
1.3 Rules at Test Time

- Participants can submit as many runs as desired.
- Only the last submission —before the deadline— will be considered and used to define the winner.
- The deadline to submit runs on the test partition is July 30th noon CET.
- In order to make a submission official, a long abstract describing the systems has to be submitted. This submission must be made 1 day after the development submission closes.

If we suspect that any of the rules are violated or unfair use of the data (including the exploitation of faults to make it to the gold labels), the participating team will be suspended from the challenge.

2 Prizes

1000 EUR go to the best performing system on the test set.

500 EUR go to the best performing system on the development set.

In order to qualify for the best performing system, the participants are required to significantly improve over the baseline (we will use Student’s paired t-test).

If the same team performs best on both the development and the test sets, the 500 EUR will be given to the second best system on the test dataset.

3 Prize Eligibility

Eligibility to the prize is subject to a few conditions. The winning team must:

- Make the method reproducible to the greatest possible extent
- Submit a report describing the approach and obtained results.
- Present the approach and obtained results at the conference.
- Release the software (if possible)

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