

# Tournament Prep

Mid-Cities DI

Tuesday, February 8, 2022



# OVERVIEW OF THE EVENING

All things tournament- related:

- ★ The state of the tournament
- ★ The schedule
- ★ Paperwork
- ★ Team Check-In
- ★ The tournament day- overview
- ★ Restrictions/Clarifications
- ★ Beyond Regionals
- ★ Your responsibilities at the tournament

# THE STATE OF THE TOURNAMENT

- This feels a little weird...
- Safety
- The Spirit of DI
- The Plan(s)

# PLANS A, B, AND C

A: As scheduled

B: Low contact within the site

C: Virtual... live

# SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- All team members are required to wear solid sole, closed-toe shoes.
- Safety glasses should be worn, if presentation poses a risk.
- It is the team's responsibility to protect the challenge site floor.
- Masks are recommended while inside the building.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building
- If you are ill or have been around someone who has been ill within 48 hours of the tournament, PLEASE do not come! (see next slide)

Before entering any BISD facility, you are expected to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms. If you are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, meaning symptoms not normal for you, please do not request to enter the building..

**COVID-19 Symptoms Include:**

Temperature: 100 degrees or greater

Chills

Cough

Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing

Loss of Taste or Smell

**Other Symptoms Include:**

Muscle Aches

Headaches

Diarrhea

Vomiting

Sore Throat

# SCHEDULE

- Will be coming out by February 23rd
- Will look a bit different this year
- 62 out of 116 teams had special requests this year!!
- Extreme competition is happening at the same time this year
- TC and IC timing this year

# YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- You are responsible to provide an appraiser for every team you have
- You are also responsible to provide a volunteer to work a 2 hour shift during the tournament day.



# TEAM CHECK-IN

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

4:00- 7:00 at Richland High School

(waiting for confirmation on the times)

# PAPERWORK

- **ALL** forms for the tournament will be uploaded in the RESOURCE section of [destinationimagination.org](https://destinationimagination.org) website, including:
  - All pages of the tournament data forms for your challenge
  - Expense Report
  - Declaration of Independence (one for team challenge and one for instant challenge)

# RESTRICTIONS

- Helium
- Dry ice (only if handled properly)
- Smoke/fog machines
- Silly string
- No large amounts of water
- No lights may be turned off during a presentation
- No glitter\*
- No outside food or drink in the performance areas

# CLARIFICATIONS

- Posted clarifications
- Team clarifications

# EXPENSE REPORT

- Rules of the Road pp. 23-25
- Required for every most challenges. Know your budget.
- Every item you use in your Presentation must be listed on the Expense Report.
- Keep receipts with your tournament forms.
- Used items must be included and may be given fair garage sale value.
- Know what is exempt.
- Just because you found it in the trash, doesn't make it exempt.

# TOURNAMENT DAY

- Make sure you read the Travel Guide.
- Get there early.
- Know your room number(s)- go find them!!
- Take team pictures
- Keep everyone hydrated and fed.
- Watch other challenges.
- Visit the Dime Store.
- Go to the awards ceremony.

# AWARDS

5:30 Technical, Improv, Engineering, Rising Stars\*

7:00 Scientific, Fine Arts, Project Outreach, Extreme

In the Auditorium

# SCORES

- **Raw scores vs. Final scores**
- **All score will be sent via text message to the TM**
- **If you disagree on an objective score, you will have 30 minutes after receiving your scores to dispute.**



# CAMPUS SPECIFICS

- Parking—check satellite view in map apps
- Flow of the campus
- Challenge locations
- Check in rooms
- Prop rooms
- Cafeteria area
- Food -Menu will be posted and emailed to all TMs as soon as it is set
- Food options in the area

# INTERFERENCE

- **HANDS OFF!!!**
- **PENALTIES**
- Inform parents of what they can and cannot do.
- If someone other than the team breaks something, the team still has to fix it.
- Muscle is appreciated, but that's all we can offer.
- Don't let the parents put makeup on their kids or style their hair.
- Show team the layout of the room, but let them plan from there.

# BEYOND REGIONALS

- **State Tournament: How to advance**
- **Bonus Teams**
- **Global Finals: How to advance**
- **Celebrate!!!**

# NUMBER OF TEAMS ADVANCING TO STATE

1 to 15 teams

1 team advances

1 to 15 teams (i.e. 15 Elementary Challenge A Teams)

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16 to 30 teams (i.e. 16 Elementary Challenge A Teams)

2 teams advance

31 to 45 teams. (i.e. 31 Elementary Challenge A Teams)

4 teams advance

46 - 60 teams

6 teams advance

every 15 additional teams

+2 teams advance

# DATES

**LONE STAR FINALS: March 25-26,2022**

**UT Arlington**

**GLOBAL FINALS: May 21-24, 2022**

**Kansas City, Missouri**

# BONUS TEAMS

- Promptly after the last regional tournament results are received (early March), the TXCPSO office determines the “excess capacity” of each Affiliate Tournament site. “Excess capacity” is defined as the number of additional teams the site can accommodate to bring its total team count up to 20.
- Teams that came closest to qualifying but did not do so are candidate teams for selection as bonus teams.
- Candidate teams are ranked within each problem and level by their “margin of defeat” – the difference between the candidate team’s score and the score of the lowest-scoring team to qualify from the same regional site.
- Team Managers will be notified and given the chance to register for the Affiliate Tournament.
- If a candidate team has qualified for the Affiliate Tournament in another challenge, the team is ineligible for selection as an invited team.

# HOW TO MAKE YOUR DAY GO SMOOTHLY

- Make sure you have all of the necessary copies made and in a folder. Give a backup folder to another adult.
- Take a fix-it bag, emergency kit, and don't be bored items.
- Have snacks and drinks for the kids (and you).
- Go find your room as soon as you arrive.
- Make sure your parents know where to go when they arrive.
- Remember it is not your solution. Follow Rules of Interference.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Bring a copy of the challenge with you, as well as published clarifications.
- Make a checklist of all items needed for your team's challenge and who is transporting them.

# A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHALLENGE MASTERS

- Please make sure your team members know that there will be a Q & A session with the appraisers at the end of their team challenge. Prepare them for that!
- Instant Challenge: If you are a team manager of multiple teams, you will not be able to go into any instant challenge unless it is your LAST team of the day...  
REGARDLESS OF CHALLENGE OR LEVEL
- You MUST bring a device with you to the tournament. If corrections are needed, you will be given the opportunity to fix them prior to the challenge, but devices will NOT be available for you to borrow.
- HAVE FUN!!!



# QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/COMMENTS

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