

2011 Science and Engineering Display Rules

The following display rules must be followed by all exhibitors at the regional fair, **regardless of the rules used at the student's local fair**. Fair personnel will inspect all exhibits for compliance with these rules and any non-conforming items will be removed from the display. For a full description of official display rules see the ISEF Rules and Guidelines handbook at www.societyforscience.org/isef under Documents.

In general, the display of anything that could be hazardous to the public is **PROHIBITED**, including the following:

THE TOP 8 VIOLATIONS FROM LAST YEAR'S FAIR ARE HIGHLIGHTED

- Anything that is ALIVE (animals, **plants, molds**, etc.)
- **Plant materials** in their raw state (**living or dried**)
- Taxidermy specimens or parts; preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals (dead bugs, rabbit's foot)
- Food items (people or pet food, etc.)
- Containers filled with water or any other liquid
- Sharp items (e.g. needles, knives, syringes) including **glass or glass objects**
- Small, loose pieces sitting on the table that could be picked up by a child (choking hazard) or fall to the floor posing a tripping or slipping hazard to members of the public
- Photos of people, including student's family, WITHOUT their (and if a minor, their parent's) written consent to be displayed
- Human/animal parts or body fluids (e.g. urine, blood)
- Soil, sand, or rock samples except in a sealed Petri dish or baggie and securely affixed to the display; waste samples except if permanently encased in slab of acrylic
- All chemicals (laboratory/household), cleaners, poisons, toxic substances (e.g. nail polish)
- Drugs or controlled substances; hazardous substances or devices (e.g. firearms)
- Dry ice or other sublimating solids (e.g. moth balls, gel candles, bath crystals)
- Flames, fire, highly flammable materials
- Any apparatus deemed unsafe including empty tanks that previously contained combustible liquids or gases
- Batteries with open top cells
- Projects with moving parts that have unprotected belts and pulleys
- Class 3 and 4 lasers; Class 2 lasers must follow rules in ISEF handbook
- Ribbons or awards won at school/other fair (Exception: ISEF Medals)
- Names of people who completed surveys, etc.
- Photos that are offensive depictions of animals or humans
- Photos or other visual presentations depicting vertebrate animals in surgical techniques, dissections, necropsies, or other lab procedures
- Photos that do not contain the credit line of their origin
- Active Internet or email connections as part of the display or operation of the project

General Information

- All exhibits should be sturdily constructed and self-supporting.
- Size limits are 30" deep front to back; 48" side to side; 108" floor to top
- A place at a table is provided for all entries unless floor space has been requested on the registration form.
- All electrical wiring must be of an approved, insulated type. Electric cords are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- Children will be seated at their table display and parents may sit in the bleachers during judging; for grades K-5, display tables are arranged in rows by grade level with kindergarten students closest to the bleachers