

## DISPLAY AND SAFETY GUIDELINES for ALL PROJECTS

### **Items/Materials Not Allowed on Display or at Project Booth**

1. Any information on the project display or items that are acknowledgments, self-promotions or external endorsements are not allowed in the project booth.
  - a. The use of logos including known commercial brands, institutional crests or trademarks, flags unless integral to the project and approved by the SRC via inclusion in the Official Abstract and Certification.
  - b. Personalized graphic/logos that are developed to indicate a commercial purpose or viability of an established or proposed business associated with the project. The only exception is a student-created logo may be displayed at the project once.
  - c. Any reference to an institution or mentor that supported the finalist's research except as provided in the official ISEF paperwork, most notably Form 1C.
  - d. Any reference to patent status of the project.
  - e. Any items intended for distribution such as disks, CDs, flash drives, brochures, booklets, endorsements, give-away items, business cards, printed materials or food items designed to be distributed to judges or the public. Once again, handouts to judges and to the public are limited to UNALTERED photocopies of the official abstract and certification.
2. Any awards or medals, except for past or present ISEF medals that may be worn by the finalist.
3. Postal addresses, World Wide Web, email and/or social media addresses, QR codes, telephone and/or fax numbers of a project or finalist. Note: The only personal information that is permissible to include on the display is information that is also included on the Official Abstract and Certification (Finalist Name, School, City, State, Country). Information regarding finalist's age and grade are not permitted.
4. Active Internet or email connections as part of displaying or operating the project at ISEF.
5. Any changes, modifications, or additions to projects including any attempt to uncover, replenish or return removed language or items after the approval by the Display & Safety Committee and the Scientific Review Committee has been received is prohibited.
  - a. Display & Safety inspections will include recording photographic evidence of the approved Project Display and Project booth.
  - b. Finalists who do not adhere to this signed agreement on the ISEF Project Set-up Approval Form regarding this regulation may fail to qualify for competition. I/we understand that the initial Display & Safety Inspection has been completed, but that additional reviews occur and that I/we should check back regularly. I/we will vertically display this signed form at our project at all times. I/we have not and will not store packing material under the booth. I/we further understand that returning items that have been removed by the SRC or D&S and/or adding items that are not permitted after final clearance are grounds for failing to qualify for competition and/or forfeiture of all awards received.

## **Not Allowed at Project or in Booth**

Note: In the case in which a Finalist's Project includes an item that is prohibited from display, please consider taking photographs and/or documenting the significance of the prohibited item through video.

1. Living organisms, including plants
2. Glass
3. Soil, sand, rock, cement and/or waste samples, even if permanently encased in a slab of acrylic
4. Taxidermy specimens or parts
5. Preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals
6. Human or animal food
7. Human/animal parts or body fluids (for example, blood, urine)
8. Plant materials (living, dead, or preserved) that are in their raw, unprocessed, or non-manufactured state
9. All chemicals including water. Absolutely no liquids can be utilized in the Project Display
10. All hazardous substances or devices (Example: poisons, drugs, firearms, weapons, ammunition, reloading devices, grease/oil and sublimating solids such as dry ice)
11. Items that may have contained or been in contact with hazardous chemicals (Exception: Item may be permitted if professionally cleaned and documentation for such cleaning is available). Filters (including microbial) may not be displayed unless the Display & Safety Committee can reasonably determine that the device was cleaned or was never used (please include receipts in your notebooks and/or logbooks)
12. Sharp items (for example, syringes, needles, pipettes, knives)
13. Flames and highly flammable materials
14. Batteries with open-top cells or wet cells
15. Drones or any flight-capable apparatus unless the propulsion power source removed.
16. 3D Printers unless the power source is removed.
17. Inadequately insulated apparatus capable of producing dangerous temperatures are not permitted
18. Any apparatus with belts, pulleys, chains, or moving parts with tension or pinch points that are not appropriately shielded
19. Any display items that are deemed distracting (i.e. sounds, lights, odors, etc.)
20. Personal items or packaging materials stored underneath the booth
21. Any apparatus or project material deemed unsafe by the Scientific Review Committee, the Display & Safety Committee, or the Society

## **Allowed at Project or in Booth BUT with the Restrictions Indicated**

1. Photographs and/or visual depictions if:
  - a. They are not deemed offensive or inappropriate by the Scientific Review Committee, the Display and Safety Committee, or Society for Science & the Public. This includes, but is not limited to, visually offensive photographs or visual depictions of invertebrate or vertebrate animals, including humans. The decision by any one of the groups mentioned above is final.
  - b. They have credit lines of origin ("Photograph taken by..." or "Image taken from..."). (If all photographs being displayed were taken by the Student or are from the same source, one credit line prominently and vertically displayed is sufficient.)

- c. They are from the Internet, magazines, newspapers, journals, etc., and credit lines are attached. (If all photographs/images are from the same source, one credit prominently and vertically displayed is sufficient.)
  - d. They are photographs or visual depictions of the Student.
  - e. They are photographs of human subjects for which signed consent forms are at the project or in the booth.
2. Any apparatus with unshielded belts, pulleys, chains, or moving parts with tension or pinch points if for display only and not operated.  
Any demonstration for judges or the public must be performed within the maximum size of the project permitted, (Check with Regional Fair for Size)
3. Class II lasers if:
  - a. The output energy is  $<1$  mW and is operated only by the Finalist
  - b. Operated only during the Display and Safety inspection and during judging
  - c. Labeled with a sign reading "Laser Radiation: Do Not Look into Beam"
  - d. Enclosed in protective housing that prevents physical and visual access to beam
  - e. Disconnected when not operating Note: Class II lasers are found in laser pointers and in aiming and range-finding devices. They pose a risk if the beam is directly viewed over a long period of time.
  - f. Class III and IV lasers if for display only and not operated.
4. Any apparatus producing temperatures that will cause physical burns if adequately insulated

DISPLAY SIZE. (not to exceed 48" wide x 54" tall(above table) x 30" deep.) No portion of the display may exceed these dimensions.

All posters must be representative of the work of the student. It must include only work done this school year. Parents and teachers are encouraged to assist in checking grammar and spelling for posters.

