

Eligibility for Competition Requirements

Scientific fraud and misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. This includes plagiarism, forgery, use or presentation of other researcher's work as one's own and fabrication of data. Fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for competition. The Colorado State Science Fair, Inc. reserves the right to revoke recognition of a project subsequently found to have been fraudulent.

The Colorado Science & Engineering Fair (CSEF) is affiliated with the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF). For this reason, students participating in the regional and state science fairs in Colorado must adhere to the international rules and guidelines as set forth by the Society for Science & the Public's Scientific Review Committee. These rules outline the forms and supervision that are needed for all projects as well as those that involve human subjects, vertebrate animals, potentially hazardous biological agents and hazardous chemicals, devices and activities.

Please remember that these rules are in place to ensure the safety of the student as well as the subjects (human or animal) that they may be working with in their study. *They are NOT trivial and are based on what working scientists must adhere to as well as federal laws and regulations.*

As a service to middle school students and teachers as well as parents of students involved in science fair research projects around Colorado, CSEF has created this rules and guidelines book to help them through the approval process. The rules and guidelines are EXACTLY like the Intel ISEF ones, just written in a manner that is more easily understood by middle schoolers. The forms in this booklet are ONLY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL (grades 6-8) STUDENTS and may not be use by students in grades 9-12.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each Regional Science Fair may only send the number of projects outlined in their affiliation agreement to the CSEF. This number can be split between the senior (9-12 grade) and junior (6-8 grade) divisions as the Regional Fair Director sees fit.• Student Researchers must be selected by their Regional Science Fair in order to participate in the CSEF. Students should participate in the Regional Science Fair that is associated with the county they go to school in or where they live in the case of home schoolers or online school attendees.• Regional Science Fairs may include students at any grade level (K-12) they choose, but only students in grades 6-12 (and not older than 20 years of age) are eligible to attend the CSEF.• Each student is allowed to enter ONLY ONE project in a Regional Science Fair each year for competition. That project may include no more than 12 months of continuous data collection/experimentation and may not include data collection/experimentation performed prior to January 2017. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team projects intending to be entered in a Regional Science Fair may have no more than three members and should not cross division boundaries (elementary age with junior division or middle school age with senior division). Team membership cannot be changed during a given research year except under extenuating and clearly documented circumstances. A Team Leader MUST be identified.• Students may compete in ONLY ONE CSEF affiliated Regional Science Fair.• Projects that are demonstrations, library research or informational only, explanation models or kit based are not appropriate for the CSEF.• A research project may be a part of a larger study performed by a professional scientist, but the research presented by the student must be only their own portion of the complete study.• All students competing in any of the Regional Science Fairs must adhere to all of the rules set forth by the CSEF in this booklet regardless of whether or not the Regional Science Fair they compete in is directly affiliated with the Intel ISEF or not. |
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