

DISPLAY GUIDELINES

- The Science Fair Safety Committee will disqualify any project deemed unsafe.
- All project displays must adhere to all County, State, and federal laws for public safety. Projects must sustain their own weight and be displayed on tables. Projects that exceed normal tri-fold board width and height may be placed out of numerical sequence and possibly away from other projects in the same category. These require pre-approval. **Projects must adhere to display rules for both the California State Science Fair and the ISEF.**
- **Students must be present at their display during the interview period or the project will not be judged.** For team projects, at least one of the team members must be present.
- The student's *original* laboratory notebook must be present for inspection during judging, prior to interviews. **Projects without a notebook will not be judged.** A composition book (not a spiral notebook or binder) should be used. This notebook is a working document and is not expected to be pristine or error free. Students should never remove a page. If something is not valid or needs to be redone, simply put one line through the text to be deleted or a diagonal line to discard an entire page (do not use sharpie or any other marker to black out discarded text). Every step/material/result/analysis needs to be included in the journal. It should all be entered as the experiment progresses, not all at the end.
- **No hazardous materials may be exhibited at the project display.** This includes, but is not limited to, acids, glassware, mercury (including glass thermometers), hazardous microbes, carcinogenic and radioactive materials, open flames, foodstuffs which may attract pests, and **water**. For these items, substitute illustrations or photographs. Materials in violation of this rule must be removed by the participant before judging will be allowed. The judgment of the Safety Committee is the final authority on permissible materials.
- No collateral materials may be placed on the floor or on carts. **No displays may include water.**
- **Displays may not contain any living organism.** This prohibition includes all animals, plants, and studied collections of microscopic life forms such as bacteria, fungi, and molds. The display of preserved animals is not permitted. Projects may not display photographs of procedures detrimental to the health and well-being of vertebrate animals. Photographs of surgical procedures may not be exhibited.
- Projects requesting electrical power will be provided with one 110 volt outlet. **You must bring your own UL approved three prong grounded extension cord. The Science Fair does not provide extension cords.** No gas or water outlets are provided. **If you require electrical power, you MUST put your project along the wall in a predesignated location.**
- **Student's name may not appear on the front of the project board or lab notebook.** The student's name and school may be placed on the back of the project board and on the back of the laboratory notebook.

- A 1" x 2 5/8" project label with identifiers for the judges will be placed on each project board, inside on the upper left-hand corner. Please leave this small space on boards open.
- Projects will be assigned a project number. **Please confirm the project category** at check-in as projects may be reclassified by the Scientific Review Committee. Place displays on the appropriate table and at the numerically assigned space. Please also verify that the project is classified properly as a Junior Division (grades 6-8) or Senior Division (grades 9-12) project.
- All projects must clearly distinguish between the work of the student participant and the work of others. Students participating in a research opportunity in industry, a university, hospital, or institution other than their school, must display **only their research**. ISEF Form 1C must be submitted.
- All project boards MUST include conclusions for consideration.
- Valuable equipment such as a laptop may be part of the display only if the *student participant* accepts full responsibility. Valuable materials may be on display only during the actual interview period. The Monterey County Science & Engineering Fair assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to any project or project part. Please exercise care in protecting equipment. It is advisable to have an extra copy of notebooks and all printed materials.
- Parents, teachers and advisors are not permitted in the display areas during judging.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact:

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