

DISPLAY AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

All ISEF standards **MUST** be observed. If deemed unsafe or unnecessary by consensus of the Display and Safety Committee any item or items may be removed during certification and/or final walk-through.

SIZE	No more than 122 cm wide, 274 cm high from the floor, and 76 cm deep. This includes all parts of the display, including backboard, electronic equipment, and models.
ISEF FORMS	If the project is a continuation of a previous year's work, Form 7 is displayed in a vertical position. If the investigation was conducted at a Research Institution, Form 1C is displayed in a vertical position. Human informed consent forms are not at the project.
WRITTEN MATERIAL	Written material must be related to the current year's work only. Prior year's written material or visual depictions may not be displayed on the vertical display board, except that the project title may mention the number of years that the study has been conducted.
ABSTRACT	The abstract is displayed in the vertical position either on the board or standing on the table. You will be given a certified copy to place on or in front of your board during registration. A copy of the CERTIFIED ABSTRACT ONLY may be given to judges.
COMPUTER	Computer images and programs may be used only to demonstrate computer software that was developed by the student researcher. Computer images, video and presentations, such as Power Point, will not be viewed by the judges.
PHOTOGRAPHS and GRAPHICS	All pictures of human subjects MUST be accompanied by a consent form that grants permission to use the pictures. All photographs and graphics must be clearly labeled as to source and / or photographer. Photographs depicting vertebrate animals (including humans) in other than normal conditions may not be displayed on the board or in the notebook.
LIVE ORGANISMS	No organisms, living or dead, including plants, animals, and microbes are to be displayed. This does not include the materials (wood and paper) of which the project is constructed. No human or animal parts, histological sections, or wet mounts.
SOIL / WASTE	No soil or waste samples are allowed. Rocks & minerals that have no special hazardous chemicals may be displayed in a covered and secured case.
CHEMICALS	No chemicals, including water are allowed. No liquids unless they are a critical part of an operative apparatus - these must be removed after judging. No poisons, drugs, controlled substances, hazardous substances or devices. No gases under pressure or super-cooled gases, including dry ice.
FOOD	No human or animal foods.
SHARP ITEMS/ GLASS	No sharp or sharp edged items (i.e., tacks, syringes, needles, pipettes). No glass allowed except computer monitors, television screens, and fluorescent light bulbs. No unsecured glass of any kind (i.e., lenses, glass containers, frames). Picture frames should be acrylic.
FIRE / HEAT	No flames or highly flammable display materials. No temperatures above 75° C.
MACHINERY	No unshielded belts, pulleys, chains, or moving parts that pose a hazard may be operated (display only).
LASERS	No lasers that do not meet ISEF standards: Class II, student-operated, sign, protective housing, and power disconnect. Lasers MUST have original, undamaged, readable class label on them. No Class III and IV lasers operated.
ELECTRICITY	No batteries (dry, wet or gel cell) with open top cells. No un-insulated wiring or connectors. No unshielded high voltage-equipment, large vacuum tubes, or ray generating devices. No bare wire or exposed knife switches except in DC circuits of 12 volts or less. No car or motorcycle batteries.
APPARATUS	No nonfunctional apparatus or chemical containers empty or otherwise, may be displayed. No small objects that are not encased or attached to the project.
SOUNDS	No loud, disturbing, or distracting sounds will be produced by a project's equipment.
LIGHTING	No bright, unshielded or distracting lights. No incandescent lighting.
EMBELLISHMENTS	No awards, medals, business cards, flags, personal information or acknowledgments may be displayed.