

Terms and Conditions (Ethics) Form for Participation in North Gauteng Science Fair

- ☐ 1 The decision of the judges is final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into concerning the Science Fair results. The judges operate independently from the Science Fair Committee and are autonomous in their judgement.
- ☐ 2 Science Fair organisers prescribe quotas for participation. Schools may not exceed regional quotas, and regional fairs may not exceed national quotas.
- ☐ 3 The Sponsors of Special Prizes have their own criteria which may not necessarily correspond to the results of the judges. If projects do not meet the Sponsors' criteria, some Special Prizes may not be awarded.
- ☐ 4 Participants must always be present at their project during judging. If they are not present, they may not be judged, or judging may happen without them present, which would lead to a lower results due to no oral presentation. If participants need to make use of the restroom or have an emergency, they need to ensure that the organisers are aware and that there is a note at their project.
- ☐ 5 Participants must wear their name tags at all times, including at the prize giving ceremony. No nametag - no medal.
- ☐ 6 Participants may forfeit their medals, special prizes and selection for national/ international Science Fairs if they are not present in person at the prize-giving ceremony. Teachers/ family members/ any other person may not receive it on their behalf.
- ☐ 7 Participants may be required to attend additional workshops/ events for selection to participate at national/ international events.
- ☐ 8 Scientific fraud and misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. Plagiarism, use or representation of other researcher's work, or representing work created by Artificial Intelligence as one's own, forgery of approval signatures and fabrication or falsification of data or approval dates will not be tolerated. If judges suspect any misconduct, results may be withheld until thoroughly investigated.
No project that may have affected an animal's health or well-being by causing stress, discomfort, pain or death will be accepted. Note that the display of live or dead animals (vertebrae and invertebrates) will not be allowed as part of a project at the Science Fair because of the possible stress that this could cause to the creatures or the possible chaos/ disruption it could cause during the event. Where research involving animals has been undertaken, professional researchers must ensure and certify that all relevant legislation is followed, that the animals are legally acquired, that they are properly housed and fed, and that they do not suffer any pain, discomfort or death.
- ☐ 9 No project that may have affected a human, which demean people in any way or harm humans in any way, will be accepted. You must include a mentor letter from a registered scientist, specialist or laboratory under whom you conducted your research on humans. You must also include consent forms from each human subject if your research involved humans.
- ☐ 10 No brand names or any other branded products are allowed, including in photographs.
- ☐ 11 No unsealed agar plates and other growth mediums for microbiology studies are allowed.
- ☐ 12 No human or animal parts including tissues and body fluids or representation thereof (for example blood, urine, hooves, skins etc) are allowed.
- ☐ 13 No projects with explicit graphic content will be allowed.
- ☐ 14 No dangerous chemicals: Poisons, alcohol, drugs, medications, controlled substances, hazardous substances etc or imitations of such items will be allowed.
- ☐ 15 No apparatus deemed unsafe by the organisers will be allowed.
- ☐ 16 The Science Fair and its organisers and affiliates will not accept any responsibility for property, loss thereof or damage thereof, including but not limited to laptops, tablets and/ phones.
- ☐ 17 No dangerous devices (for example firearms, weapons, ammunition, reloading devices, knives and any other sharp instruments) are allowed.
- ☐ 18 No flammable substances or heating elements are allowed.
- ☐ 19 All electrical appliances must be safe and compliant.
- ☐ 20 No electricity will be supplied to the project stands, unless specifically requested and approved. Even if approved, we cannot guarantee power supply. Make sure you can present your project WITHOUT electricity, should there be problems with electricity.
- ☐ 21 No organisms (dead or alive), including animals (vertebrates and invertebrates), plants, micro-organisms, bacteria and fungi or any other material deemed unsafe by the organisers, may be on display.
- ☐ 22 All food and drink substances and liquids must be in sealed containers.
- ☐ 23 Only participants and adjudicators will be allowed in the hall during judging. No teachers, parents or other family members or friends are allowed.

I, _____ hereby acknowledge that I have read, understood and will adhere to, agreeing to **all** the terms and conditions as specified above.

Signed by:

Participant

Parent/ Legal Guardian