

Pennsylvania Creative Problem Solvers

Tournament Policies and Procedures

Section 1: Wild Card Teams

Any Wild Card teams permitted by the national organization to advance to Global Finals will be selected using the following criteria:

- A. The Wild Card team will be drawn at random from the teams at a tournament who are NOT advancing, but have placed first in their division in either Central Challenge or Instant Challenge.
- B. In the event that there are more Wild Card slots available than teams that qualify for the Wild Card, an additional criterion will qualify teams to be entered into the drawing. These teams added to the drawing should be the highest placed team from each challenge/level that did not initially qualify to advance.

Section 2: Good Faith Effort

In order to advance to the next tournament, a team must have made a good faith effort in their challenge solution, as determined by the appraisal team.

Section 3: Current Tournament Fees

\$35 tournament registration fee

\$100 (additionally) if a team does not provide an appraiser.

Section 4: Score Publishing Policy

We reserve the right to suppress certain scores (such as the weight held ratio) depending upon the particular challenge at our events.

Section 5: Alumni Volunteer Policy

Individuals who meet ALL of the following requirements may volunteer in non-scoring positions* at future tournaments:

- Must have competed in the DI program at least once
- Must be a senior in high school
- Must attend that year's Appraiser Training day
- May ONLY volunteer in a position which the Challenge Master feels appropriate, given the skills and experience of the alumnus
- May NOT be competing at any DI competition during this tournament season

*The following are the non-scoring volunteer positions to be considered:

- Timekeeper/Announcer (Central Challenge or Instant Challenge)
- Check in Volunteer
- Prep Area Volunteer
- Appraisal Team Organizer
- Number Cruncher
- Chill Out Volunteer
- Holding Room Volunteer
- Checker Table Volunteer
- Structure Check-in Volunteer (Only if the current Challenge Master guide specifies this as a non-scoring role)
- Adult Tournament Helper (2-hour shift; excluding doorkeepers)

Section 6: Outstanding Financial Obligations

Any team with outstanding financial obligations due to PA-CPS in excess of the dollar value of the current tournament registration fee may present their solution at the tournament, but will be considered non-competitive, may not receive score, and may not advance to the next tournament.

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Section 7: No-Appraiser Fee

Each team who does not provide an adult appraiser (18 years or older and who has graduated High School) who attends Appraiser Training and the Tournament will be subject to a \$100 No-Appraiser Fee. Appraisers who are unable to attend the training may be assigned to a non-scoring role at the discretion of the Tournament Director.