

Dear Team Managers and Team Supporters,

As we approach our Tournament on March 3rd, 2018, life gets hectic, emotions run high and many teams fear that they will not have a complete solution for tournament day. Now is a good time to remind all of us that the tournament is intended as *a celebration of the ideas, work and efforts of the team*. Some teams will come to the day with fully developed solutions. However, we also want to welcome and celebrate those teams with partial solutions!

In this spirit, please be sure that your teams and parents understand this philosophy of DI and the importance of NOT INTERFERING as it robs the students of their ownership of the team solution and implies their efforts are not valuable.

Attached to this email is a description of the DI Interference policy and the consequences to the team if Interference occurs either before the tournament or at the site. Please share this with your teams and supporters.

We look forward to seeing all of you at Viking Middle School in Gurnee, IL on 3/3/2018. In the meantime, try to relax and enjoy the adventure!

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AVOIDING INTERFERENCE IN DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Interference is when a non-team member does something that only team members are supposed to do.

Destination Imagination knows that students learn creative, problem solving skills when they are allowed to own the entire solution and solve all the problems that occur during implementation. All students sign a Declaration of Independence and will be talking with Appraisers about how they generated ideas and created their solution.

BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT

- **Only team members** may suggest ideas used in the solution.
- **Only team members** may create the script, props, costumes, backdrops, vehicles, structures, devices or any other item in the solution.
- **Team members** may seek experts and information to obtain the skills they need to create their solution.
- **Team members** should coach each other in how to improve their presentations and solutions.
- **Team Managers are NOT part of the team.**

AT THE TOURNAMENT

- Parents and other team supporters **MAY help carry props and scenery** into the building and to the performance room.
- Parents and other team supporters **MAY help clear props and scenery** from the performance area once the performance has ended. Appraisers will call you up when it is time to help clear.
- Parents and other team supporters **ABSOLUTELY MAY NOT assemble, glue, repair, construct, reconstruct, or otherwise contribute to any item or object that will be used in the performance.**
- If a parent or other team supporter notices (or accidentally causes) a problem with equipment, materials, objects, items, etc. they **MUST** report that to the TM or a team member and **NOT** attempt to remedy the problem themselves!!!
- Parents and other team supporters **MAY NOT help team members get ready for their performance.** This means they **MAY NOT help with costumes, hair, makeup, etc.** If there is something a team member needs help with, another team member needs to do the helping, **NOT** an adult.
- Parents and other team supporters **MAY NOT** coach the team during the performance through facial or non-verbal communication.

WHAT HAPPENS IF INTERFERENCE IS DISCOVERED

DURING THE SOLUTION PRESENTATION

Appraisers and Challenge Masters may deduct points if they uncover interference during their discussions with the team or during the presentation.

AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE

ILD Board Members, Tournament Directors and Challenge Masters may complete a Notice of Interference if they discover interference in the parking lots, hallways, restrooms etc.. at the tournament. This notice will be sent to the score room and two notices will result in a deduction from the team's score.

Please help us provide the most exciting and positive experience for the students on our teams by refraining from any interference.



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INTERFERENCE RULES

- Only team members may repair props and costumes.
- Only team members may do their hair, apply makeup, and put on costumes.
- Only team members may move props from the launch area to the presentation area.
- During the presentation, the team MAY NOT involve the audience. Also, audience members MAY NOT communicate with the team in any way.

In DI, the solution belongs to the team members and the team members alone. All ideas, scenery, scripts, and props are created by the team members. No one outside the team may help in any way with the solution to the Challenge. Team members will sign a contract prior to every tournament stating that the solution is theirs and no one outside the team helped. Rising Stars teams have modified guidelines for interference rules.

SAFETY is always important.

If an adult points out something to the team that is considered unsafe, this is not interference.



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Destination Imagination Notice of Interference

It is INTERFERENCE for anyone who is not a member of the team to do any of the work or give any ideas that contribute to the presentation the team will make on tournament day. This is important because 1. It allows teams' complete ownership of THEIR solution and 2. Allows teams a chance to use their problem-solving skills as they navigate various challenges as they arise.

Because of this commitment, your team is receiving a Notice of Interference by a non-team member.

Team # _____

Team Name _____

Challenge _____ **Level** _____

School/Community Group _____

Team Manager's Name _____

Nature of Interference _____

Illinois Destination Imagination Official _____

This notice will be sent to the score room. Any team receiving two Notices of Interference will be subject to a deduction in score for this tournament.