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Pro Tips

Guidance from the Challenge Masters

What Is The Challenge?

In order to successfully solve the Challenge, teams must read and follow:

1. The Team Challenge document itself
2. The Rules of the Road document
3. Published Clarifications (posted online)

The information in these materials is binding on all teams.

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The Team Challenge Document

The Central Challenge document is made up of a few major sections:

1. The Central Challenge
2. Team Choice Elements
3. Presentation Site (how it will look)
4. Reward Points (how scores are awarded)
5. Tournament Data Form (for the team to fill in)

The Rules of the Road

Look at your hardcopy, or find it in "Team Resources" at:
www.destinationimagination.org

What's in it?
- Team levels and registration
- How scoring works
- Interference
- Safety – what is and isn't allowed
- The Expense Report – including exempt items
- Instant Challenge
- and lots more!

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Published Clarifications

Once in a while a Team Challenge needs to be clarified after it has been released.

Published Clarifications are written by the International Challenge Masters, and they **replace or clarify** sections of the Challenge. They are considered to be part of the Challenge.

Check for changes from now until early February, at:
https://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-program/clarifications/

Other Resources

Team Clarifications:
- Post confidential questions directly to the International Challenge Masters, if your team has questions. They'll write back!
- After you register, find it in the "Team Resources" area at www.destinationimagination.org

DI University:
- Lots of how-to material on being a Team Manager
- After you register, find it at http://www.diuniversity.org/

Team Resources:
- Check out the practice Challenges, tutorials, blogs, and tips!
- After you register, find it at: https://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-program/team-resources/

Tournament Data Forms

- Why?

- Where and how to fill it in

- Who does the writing?

- How much detail to include?

- Does it have to be the same for every level of competition?

Team Choice Elements

- What are they?

- "…may not be a specific item that is required in the Central Challenge that is already being evaluated."

- "…may be a single unique PART of a required item, as long as it can be evaluated as a stand-alone item."

- "Both may be presented at the same time ONLY IF they can be easily identified and scored separately."

- Each Team Choice Element has THREE scoring elements:
    - Creativity and originality
    - Quality, workmanship, or effort that is evident
    - Integration into the Presentation