

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
REGION FIVE SCIENCE FAIR
February 19, 2010

Please consult the science fair coordinator for your school system for dates and rules that are specific to your fair. The following rules apply to the students that have been invited to participate in the Region V Science Fair.

1. The Region V Science Fair follows the rules and regulations as outlined in the “International Science and Engineering Fair Handbook” This book may be downloaded at www.societyforscience.org/isef/document/index.asp. It may also be ordered by calling 202-785-2255. Students are required to use the official forms found in the International Science and Engineering Fair handbook. Students must bring copies of Forms 1- Checklist for Adult Sponsor, Form 1A - Student Checklist, Research Plan, Abstract and Form 1B – Approval Form to the Region V Science Fair. Elementary and Middle school students may use the NC Elementary and Middle School Research Plan and Approval Form in lieu of ISEF forms 1, 1A and 1B. All students are required to have an abstract. Additional forms may be required depending on the project. Visit the Rules Wizard section on the website to help you determine which additional forms may be needed. Copies of all Forms must be available for the Scientific Review Committee at the time of judging.
2. Students without Form 1, Form 1A, Research Plan, Abstract, and Form 1B, or the NC Elementary and Middle School Research Plan and Approval Form will not be allowed to advance to the NC Science and Engineering Fair.
3. Students must have participated in a science fair that is directly affiliated and registered with the Region V Science Fair before participating in the Region V Science Fair.
4. Each project must be pre-registered using the Project Entry Form. The Science Fair coordinator for individual fairs is responsible for entering the projects. High School students may enter independently by contacting the Region V Science Fair Director, if they can not find a local fair to participate in.
5. Students must live in one of the Region V counties: Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham and Stokes.
6. Any student that does not follow the official rules may be disqualified.
7. Displays will be restricted to a total space 122cm wide (side to side), 76cm deep (front to back) and 198cm in height (from tabletop) or 274cm in height (floor to top).

8. Experimental procedures with animals which involve diets deficient in essential nutrients, discomfort, pain, or death will be disqualified. No vertebrate or invertebrate animals may be brought to the fair.

Rules and Regulations continued:

9. Dangerous items associated with students' projects are not allowed on the exhibit floor. Dangerous items include, but are not limited to, the following: toxic, caustic, flammable or explosive chemicals; bacterial cultures or parasites; ionizing radiation; weapons; high voltage or amperage equipment, or improperly shielded electrical equipment; and syringes. Any apparatus deemed unsafe by the Scientific Review Committee may be removed.

10. Human /animal parts or body fluids are not allowed at the project.

11. No gas or running water will be available for projects. Electrical outlets may be available, but students must provide their own hardware such as screwdrivers, hammers, UL-approved extension cords, tape (all extension cords must be taped down), electrical adaptors, etc. needed to set up project.

12. Students must assume liability and responsibility for items associated with their project.

13. The Regional Science Fair Director and/or the Scientific Review Committee may refuse admission for any project or project components for reasons of safety, sanitation, or best interest of the fair.

14. Photographs are allowed if they are not deemed offensive or inappropriate by the Scientific Review Committee. All photographs must be credited.

15. The judges' decisions are final.