

2021 SCIENCE FAIR RULES

Please read completely and carefully before beginning your project.
Valid for all Science Fair levels.

IMPORTANT

These rules apply to all classifications
Junior, Intermediate, Senior, CEGEP
and replace all previous rules.

The main purpose of these rules is to ensure the safety of the public and the exhibitors, as well as make the latter aware of the importance of ethics in the field of scientific research. These rules do not limit the exhibitors' creativity or scientific approach; rather, they encourage participants to work in a safe and structured manner, as professionals must in the research community.

Experiments must be conducted prior to the Science Fair and exhibited during the event using diagrams, photographs, slide shows, videos, simulations, etc.

In particular, no project involving participation by human subjects may begin unless these rules are fully complied with and any required approval certificates have been issued.

For any additional information you need to prepare your Science Fair project, please thoroughly read the contents of the official Réseau Technoscience website at technoscience.ca.

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General Rules

1. Application of the Rules

- 1.1 The Réseau Technoscience and its member organizations are responsible for organizing the Science Fairs across Québec (Regional Finals and Québec Final).
- 1.2 The **Réseau Technoscience oversees** the Provincial Judging Committee, responsible for applying the rules at Québec's Science Fairs.
- 1.3 **The Provincial Judging Committee** is the only body authorized to make a final decision, pursuant to these rules and regarding any ethical issues. Permission from a third party (e.g., school, teacher, company) to use materials or methods that do not comply with the Science Fair rules will not be considered valid.

The Provincial Judging Committee, under all circumstances and at its sole discretion, after having notified the exhibitor and the responsible adult, reserves the right to make a decision on any matter relative to enforcement of these rules.

Any information request to the Provincial Judging Committee must be submitted via e-mail to reglements@technoscience.ca.

- 1.4 **ONLY the Provincial Judging Committee is empowered to disqualify a project deemed non-compliant.**
- 1.5 An exhibitor may be penalized or disqualified before, during or after the Science Fair.
- 1.6 General definitions
 - A **recognized institution** is an establishment (e.g., public or private research centre or laboratory,

university, hospital, secondary or post-secondary academic institution) of which one mandate is to conduct, teaching, research or technology-transfer activities. To be recognized, the institution must comply with the rules and ethical standards in effect in Canada and with these rules.

- A **scientific supervisor** is a person holding a scientist position in a recognized institution who undertakes to ensure compliance with the rules and the ethical and safety standards during the project. He or she undertakes, on behalf of the recognized institution, to justify the institution's participation in the proposed project.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 A maximum of two persons is accepted per project team.
- 2.2 Exhibitors must attend a school affiliated with a school board in a territory covered by a Réseau Technoscience member organization, or conduct their project with an organization recognized by the Réseau Technoscience members.
- 2.3 Exhibitors may present only one project per year and may not take part in more than one Regional Final.
- 2.4 In the event an exhibitor wishes to display the same project for a second year, he/she must comply with the following condition:
 - Present an abstract, using **Form C**, that clearly indicates the project's progress and the changes made to the first-year project.
- 2.5 No exhibitor may present the same subject for a third year.
- 2.6 Two exhibitors from two different schools may present a duo project. In addition,

two exhibitors from two different regions may present a duo project, but may not take part in more than one Regional Final.

- 2.7 An exhibitor must be **aged 20 or under as of April 30, 2021**.
- 2.8 A duo project may be presented by exhibitors from different classifications (junior, intermediate, senior) for the secondary school component. The project will then be registered and judged according to the classification of the eldest of the two exhibitors.
- 2.9 A collegiate exhibitor may not present a project with an exhibitor of the secondary school component.
- 2.10 A juvenile exhibitor may not present a project with an exhibitor of the secondary school or collegiate component at the Science Fair.
- 2.11 To be eligible, a Science Fair project must adopt a scientific approach.
- 2.12 No discriminatory, hate-related or violent project is accepted at the Science Fair.
- 2.13 Projects must not include sensationalist imagery or information likely to be upsetting to members of the public, such as material that is macabre or scandalous in nature.
- 2.14 Projects must avoid presenting data based on false information. Assertions must be supported by reliable, recognized and verifiable sources.

3. Exhibitors' Commitments

- 3.1 Obey the rules of the Science Fair.
- 3.2 Be present at all stages of the event (set-up, verification of the project by the Rules Application Committee, judging, exhibitions to the general public, activities, awards ceremony, etc.).
- 3.3 Be present at their booths at all times that the fair is open to the public.
- 3.4 Set up and dismantle their booths during the periods set aside for this purpose in the schedule.
- 3.5 Show respect for other competitors, chaperones, members of the public, members of the organizing committee, etc.
- 3.6 Follow the instructions of their chaperones and the organizing committee.
- 3.7 Correctly complete the project registration form and all other documents required (Forms B and C) at the time of online registration.
- 3.8 Exhibitors are required to present complete information relative to their project, unless otherwise specified by the Provincial Judging Committee.
- 3.9 At the **Québec Final**, the **Réseau Technoscience may grant a single exemption to sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4**. That exception concerns students who must sit an entrance exam or attend a mandatory meeting to be accepted at a university or CEGEP. The exemption request must be accompanied by official documentation from the institution concerned. It must be submitted to the Réseau Technoscience member organization, which will follow up with the Réseau Technoscience. The request receipt deadline is the same as the event registration deadline. Final approval will be issued only by the Réseau Technoscience, which has sole discretion for approving or refusing the requests.
- 3.10 If the commitments cannot be met by either of the two exhibitors who have entered a duo project, the exhibit may be changed into a solo project. In such a case, the withdrawal or change of status form must be duly completed and

returned to the Réseau Technoscience member organization.

- 3.11 If a solo or duo project is selected to move on to a higher level of the competition and either of the exhibitors cannot comply with these commitments, the withdrawal or change of status form must be duly completed and returned to the Réseau Technoscience member organization.

4. Intellectual Property

- 4.1 Any project that infringes upon another person's intellectual property, including:
- any type of plagiarism or self-plagiarism
 - falsification or counterfeiting
 - an incomplete bibliography or mediagraphy
 - omission of quotation marks
 - or other such behaviour
- will be penalized and, potentially, disqualified. To enforce this rule, the Réseau Technoscience reserves the right to use plagiarism detection software in applying this rule.
- 4.2 All photos used for decorating the booth must have a source visibly mentioned at the booth.
- 4.3 The authors of all or part of a computer program or any other type of technology, methodology or procedure not designed by the exhibitor must be clearly credited.
- 4.4 Any contribution by a mentor or any other person connected with the project must be listed in the bibliography of the written report as well as when presenting the project.

5. Projects Using Animals or Biological Material

For a project requiring the participation of human subjects (including the exhibitor) **or the use of any biological material of human origin** (including for example, without limitation, cells, tissues, blood, hair, nails, saliva, etc.), **refer to section 6.0.**

5.1 ALL projects using:

- **live vertebrates** (excluding humans) **and live invertebrates**
- cells, tissues or any other biological material from vertebrates (excluding humans)
- micro-organisms including bacteria, mycobacteria, viruses, fungi (yeasts and filamentous fungi) or primitive organisms (e.g., protozoa);
- hazardous biological or chemical substances, such as, without limitation, proteins, enzymes or other macromolecules such as DNA, RNA or any substance of animal or plant origin
- any other biological material of animal origin (excluding humans)

are allowed only on the following conditions:

- 1) the project has obtained the **Approval Certificate (Form B2)** of the Provincial Judging Committee **BEFORE being launched**. See section 8.
- 2) the exhibitor has performed the entire experimental part of his or her project in a recognized institution (see definition 1.8) that applies the guidelines and policies of the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC).
- 3) a recognized institution has provided the living or sacrificed vertebrates, or any other material of animal origin, or any hazardous biological or chemical substances, as defined above.

5.2 The project **MAY NOT** use invertebrates with higher neurophysiological development (e.g., cephalopods) or vertebrates, or parts of such animals, if they were killed for the sole purpose of meeting the Science Fair project's requirements or if the animals' well-being is not assured. Accordingly, the use of such animals is allowed **if and only if** the recognized institution requires them for its own research activities. Those animals, or animal parts, will thus be "shared."

5.3 The project may use invertebrates with lower neurophysiological development (e.g., insects, shellfish, molluscs, with the exception of cephalopods) or parts of such invertebrates to the extent that they were treated with collection, sacrificing and conservation methods recognized by the CCAC and ensuring the animals' well-being.

5.4 Animals should be used only if the exhibitor and his or her scientific supervisor could not find valid alternative methods.

The exhibitor and his or her scientific supervisor are responsible for demonstrating that projects involving animals, whether sacrificed or not, use methods recognized by the CCAC that ensure the species' well-being and are used on as few animals as possible.

5.5 Projects studying:

- embryonic, larval or fetal forms of vertebrae, including eggs
- rare or threatened species or parts thereof (feathers, scales, roots, etc.)

are limited to observation.

5.6 Observation of wild animals in their natural habitat, zoo animals, living farm animals or pets is allowed. In some cases, special permission may be required of wildlife conservation services.

6. Projects Requiring the Participation of Human Subjects or the Use of Biological Material of Human Origin

6.1 **ALL projects requiring the participation of human subjects** (including the exhibitor) **or the use of biological material of human origin** must be based on the following three guiding principles:

- Respect for persons
- Well-being of persons
- Treating persons with dignity and fairness.

6.2 **Participation of human subjects**

A project requiring the participation of human subjects, including intellectual and physical tests, surveys, observations and behavioural studies, **is allowed only if**

- 1) the project respects the three guiding principles listed above,
- 2) the project has obtained the **Approval Certificate (Form B1)** of the Provincial Judging Committee **BEFORE being launched, i.e., BEFORE recruiting participating persons.** See section 8.
- 3) the project is **overseen** by a supervising scientist from a **recognized institution**;
- 4) the project involved **NO** technique that the Provincial Judging Committee of the Réseau Technoscience **considers invasive with the sole purpose of meeting the Science Fair project's requirements**, notably:
 - any type of sampling (saliva, epidermal, dermal or other);
 - blood sampling or injections
 - administration or absorption (injection, application, ingestion) of substances, of whatever nature

(food, cosmetic, nutraceutical, pharmaceutical or other), orally, cutaneously, intravenously or mucosally;

- any type of skin breakage (tattooing, piercing or others)
- drinking, tasting, eating, smelling, inhaling, chewing, swallowing;

6.3 Online surveys are allowed **only on the following conditions :**

- 1) **NO** personal information identifying the respondent is collected (anonymous surveys only);
- 2) the first page of the online survey is a copy of the consent form (Form B1);
- 3) the respondent **must explicitly** consent on the consent form in order to respond to the online survey;
- 4) **NO** information may be collected on persons who have not so consented to respond to the survey;
- 5) **ALL** online survey questions must be optional to allow a participant not to answer them.

6.4 **Biological material of human origin**

A project pertaining to any **biological material of human origin** is allowed only if

- 1) the project has obtained the **Approval Certificate (Form B2)** of the Provincial Judging Committee **BEFORE being launched**. See section 8.
- 2) the project is **overseen** by a supervising scientist from a **recognized institution**;
- 3) the project is carried out entirely in a recognized institution;
- 4) the project uses biological material **of anonymous origin** for the Science Fair participant and that has not been collected solely to meet the needs of the Science Fair project.

This is notably the case for any project using, for example:

- cells, smears, hair, nails, saliva, tissues or any other biological material of human origin.

The biological material must be collected and used by the recognized institution for its own research projects. That material is thus shared between the institution and the Science Fair participant. The recognized institution must send proof or approval from an Ethics Committee of the recognized institution. That proof or approval must be accessible to the Provincial Judging Committee of the Réseau Technoscience.

7. Projects Using Hazardous Products

7.1 **Projects using biological or chemical products that pose a risk to the experimenter or his/her entourage, including, without limitation, the following products:**

- 7.1.1 **Carcinogenic, mutagenic or teratogenic substances** such as benzenes and PCBs (polynuclear hydrocarbons), dioxins or highly toxic substances such as arsenic or its derivatives, cyanides, mercury, etc.;
- 7.1.2 **Explosive substances** such as acetylenes, compounds containing mutually linked heteroatoms such as perchlorates, peroxides, ethers, polynitrates or any other chemical compound belonging to a class of substances that pose a risk of spontaneous or exothermic reactions or produce a gas;
- 7.1.3 **Highly flammable substances**, e.g., volatile solvents such as acetone, methanol, ethanol, ethers; reactive metals or their derivatives such as sodium or

magnesium; flammable gases such as alkanes (e.g., propane); or corrosive and highly reactive gases such as chlorine, hydrogen and oxygen;

7.1.4 **Cryogenic substances** such as liquid nitrogen or dry ice;

7.1.5 **Chemical substances or mixtures producing strong odours**, e.g., volatile sulphur derivatives such as hydrogen sulphide or thiols;

7.1.6 **Pharmaceutical or veterinary products** of any nature, in sealed or unsealed packaging;

7.1.7 **Substances that are illegal** under the *Food and Drug Act* (e.g., amphetamines, barbiturates) and the *Narcotics Control Act* (e.g., cocaine, morphine, codeine);

7.1.8 Any **substance that is corrosive** or that may cause injury (e.g., automobile batteries);

7.1.9 All **controlled substances**, such as any type of alcoholic beverage, cannabis or any other type of product containing them.

7.2 Projects using a product mentioned in point 7.1 are allowed only on the following conditions:

- 1) the project has obtained the **Approval Certificate (Form B2)** of the Provincial Judging Committee **BEFORE being launched**. See section 8.
- 2) the project is **overseen** by a supervising scientist from a **recognized institution**;
- 3) the exhibitor has performed the entire experimental part of his project in a recognized institution (see definition 1.6).

8. Form A

8.1 Form A is mandatory for projects:

- using animals or biological material (section 5 of the rules)
- requiring the participation of human subjects or the use of biological material of human origin (section 6 of the rules)
- using biological or chemical products that pose a risk (section 7 of the rules)

8.2 Mandatory steps BEFORE proceeding with an experiment:

8.2.1 **By February 1, 2020 AT THE LATEST**, complete and submit **Form A** (online)

8.2.2 You must provide the following information:

- information on your scientific supervisor
- information on your recognized institution
- the research protocol
- the risk assessment
- all blank data collection tools (blank survey, observation checklists, etc.).

8.3 Following submission of your Form A, the Provincial Judging Committee analyses **Forms A and received documents**.

- **ONLY** if a project is deemed compliant, the Provincial Judging Committee of the Réseau Technoscience will issue the Approval Certificate (Form B1 or B2) allowing exhibitors to launch their experiment.
 - Once the exhibitors receive the Approval Certificate, they may initiate their project, i.e., start recruiting

persons who will participate in their project or begin laboratory work.

- In the case of projects requiring the participation of human subjects or the use of biological material of human origin, the Provincial Judging Committee will issue the mandatory document for receiving the consent of each human subject participating in the project.
- In the case of projects that require participants responding to an **online survey**, exhibitors must include **ALL** consent form information (**provided with the Approval Certificate, Form B2**) **AND** a check box enabling participants to confirm their consent on the first page of the survey.

8.4 When registering for the Regional Final, exhibitors must electronically upload form B1 or B2 within the deadline prescribed during the online registration.

8.5 The following must be presented to the Rules Application Committee when the booth is being set up:

- **Form B1 or B2**
- In the case of projects requiring the participation of human subjects or the use of biological material of human origin, **all** consent documents duly completed and signed by each human subject;
- In the case of projects that require participants responding to an online survey, a blank copy of the survey and a file containing proof of all participants' consent;
- After verification, all completed consent forms must be stored and must no longer be accessible for the rest of the event.

8.6 Approval by the Ethics Committee of the recognized institution cannot replace the mandatory "Approval Certificate from the Provincial Judging Committee of the Réseau Technoscience." It is essential to request

approval from the Provincial Judging Committee of the Réseau Technoscience **BEFORE** beginning the project.

8.7 If approval from another ethics committee or the recognized institution has been obtained because the project is part of a broader research project, it is strongly recommended to send a copy of that certificate when submitting Form A.

Written Report

9. The Written Report

9.1 The **instructions for writing the written report** must be followed to the letter. They are available at [TECHNOSCIENCE.CA](https://technoscience.ca) (Tools and Rules section).

9.2 The mandatory components of the written report are:

- the **official title page** (generated automatically by the online registration system according to the information provided during registration);
- the **body** of the report (maximum 5 pages), which must include:
 - an introduction;
 - a development or results and analyses;
 - a conclusion.
- the **bibliography** (not included in the 5 pages).

9.3 Failure to include a bibliography, the information sources used, **or** any contribution received for the project **will result in a penalty during evaluation**. See also section 4.1.

9.4 Appendices, graphics, tables and logs must be kept at the booth. They are not to be included in the report.

9.5 The written report including the bibliography must be contained in a single document and must be uploaded within

the deadline mentioned during the online registration.

- 9.6 The project title indicated on the written report must match the title on all other completed documents and cannot be changed at any stage of the Science Fair. The maximum number of characters permitted is 30, including spaces.
- 9.7 The same written report will be used at all stages of the Québec Science Fair. No changes will be accepted.

Site-specific Rules for the Regional Finals and Québec Final

10. General Rules

- 10.1 The organizers are not required to provide Internet connectivity on the Science Fair site.
- 10.2 Exhibitors must be able to identify all products and items displayed on their tables.

11. General Safety

- 11.1 Aisles, the spaces beneath and areas surrounding booth tables must be kept clear at all times, in accordance with fire regulations.
- 11.2 Assemblies and scale models must remain on booth tables at all times. For more size information, please consult the document [Display Standards for Booths](#).
- 11.3 Assemblies using glass parts must not be handled by visitors and must therefore not be accessible to them. Glass accessories may occupy a maximum space of 40 cm x 40 cm x 40 cm. In addition, glass accessories and assemblies must be held in place by a supporting bracket.

- 11.4 Assemblies using liquid **must use only water**. The maximum quantity that can be present at the booth is 1 litre. The water must be in a fixed, leak-proof container.
- 11.5 Any assembly requiring a liquid other than water must be presented in the form of photos or videos.
- 11.6 Any noise generated by a project must be of a reasonable level, such that it does not disturb other exhibitors or the public.
- 11.7 The project display as well as any assembly or part thereof must be free of any pointed ends posing any risk whatsoever (e.g., propeller blades, wooden sticks), and must be used and covered safely.
- 11.8 All rubber tubing and electrical cords must be in good condition, as short as possible and anchored so that no one can accidentally trip on them.
- 11.9 Vacuum pumps and any other motor-powered belt systems must be equipped with protective shielding.
- 11.10 Substances giving off odours that may cause discomfort (e.g., perfumes, incense) must be kept in hermetically sealed, unbreakable containers.
- 11.11 Biological material must be prepared and sealed (lamella or plastination).
- 11.12 **The following are prohibited on the Science Fair site:**
- tastings;
 - taking of blood samples or injections;
 - flames or heat sources (e.g.: electric heating elements, burners, kettles, candles, hotplates);
 - data collection on members of the public for which data are retained.

The prohibitions in sections 12, 13 and 14 also apply.

12. Chemical Safety

- 12.1 **Prohibited on the Science Fair site are all chemicals that pose a risk to exhibitors, visitors and physical locations, including, without limitation, the chemicals described in section 7.**
- 12.2 In the event an exhibitor decides to substitute a prohibited substance with a harmless one, he/she must clearly indicate on the container the exact nature of the substitute, e.g., "simulated sodium nitrate (table salt)."
- 12.3 In all cases, when the use of hazardous substances (e.g., mercury in a thermometer) is unavoidable, these substances must be an integral part of a commercially available device (e.g., a thermometer) and comply in all respects with generally approved safety standards regarding their use in public places (e.g., CSA [Canadian Standards Association] approval).

13. Electrical Safety, Lasers, Radiation, Radioisotopes and Ultraviolet Rays

- 13.1 No portion of exposed wiring may be powered by more than 36 V (direct or alternating current) compared with the reference (ground, power supply, casing). The current must not exceed 5 amps. **Only batteries of 9 V or less are accepted in an assembly.**
- 13.2 Devices or assemblies using electric light bulbs may **total** no more than 40 watts. Bulbs must be protected so as to prevent any burn hazard.
- 13.3 Only three-pronged electrical extension cords that are grounded and in good condition are permitted on sites.

- 13.4 All electrical devices must be equipped with a three-pronged power cord and be grounded or CSA-approved.
- 13.5 All homemade electrical devices must be equipped with a grommet at the point where the power cord passes through the casing.
- 13.6 Participants must ensure that all electrical devices and multi-outlet power bars, as well as computers used for their projects, are turned off at the end of each day.

Prohibited on the Science Fair site:

- 13.7 Instruments emitting any form of radiation (microwaves, X-rays, infrared lights) freely into the atmosphere.
- 13.8 All laser pointers.
- 13.9 Any substances made from radioisotopes or ionizing radiation, and any radioactive substances.

PERMITTED ONLY during the judging period:

- 13.10 Devices that operate with laser or ultraviolet rays may be used. However, such devices are permitted on the Science Fair site only on condition that their emissions are contained and maintained within the following standards:
- 13.10.1 the assembly from the laser's emitting source to the receiver must be controlled (set) so that the beam cannot hit the eye of an observer, a passer-by or the exhibitor. It must not surpass Class 1, as specified in Standard ANSI Z 136.1-1993 (American National Standard for Safe Use of Lasers). The power of any laser device used on site must not exceed 2.0 mW;
- 13.10.2 the power of sources emitting UV rays must not exceed 25 watts. They must be commercial devices

and their emitting specifications must be available on request.

14. Exhibiting Animals, Animal Parts and Plant Life

Prohibited on the Science Fair site:

- 14.1 Living vertebrates or invertebrates.
- 14.2 Human and animal fetuses, dissections, non-plastinated products from previous dissections, and specimens preserved in formalin or any other substance.
- 14.3 The following biological substances or materials:
 - 14.3.1 Biological toxins;
 - 14.3.2 Bacterial, viral or fungal cultures;
 - 14.3.3 Cells or tissues infected by animal or human viruses;
 - 14.3.4 Bodily fluids (e.g., urine, serum, blood, sperm) and fecal matter;
 - 14.3.5 Petri dishes containing agar.
- 14.4 Known allergenic plants (e.g., ragweed, poison ivy).
- 14.5 Highly perishable products of plant or animal origin.

The following may be displayed on the Science Fair site:

- 14.6 Appropriate photographs, slides and videos of animals may be exhibited at the booth.
- 14.7 Hermetically sealed collections (e.g., insects).
- 14.8 Only vertebrate parts that have been lost through natural causes (e.g., shells, porcupine quills, cast-off skin, feathers,

hair, antlers) may be displayed at the booth.

- 14.9 Mounted animals, treated skins, skeletons and parts of skeletons from recognized sources that have been properly cleaned and preserved are permitted. Proof of acquisition and proper taxidermy (invoice or letter from the supplier or lending institution) must be available at the booth during the Science Fair.
- 14.10 Plant tissue and soil may be exhibited at Québec Science Fairs. However, they are prohibited at the Canada-Wide Science Fair, in accordance with Chapter 22 of the federal *Plant Protection Act*, because of the danger that some organisms may spread. Participants who have developed projects involving such samples and who qualify for participation in the Canada-Wide Science Fair must adapt their projects accordingly.

Presenting a Project

15. Regional Finals – Decoration and Visual Displays

- 15.1 Exhibitors must contact their local Réseau Technoscience partner organization for all information regarding booth specifications. The project (all elements combined) must not exceed the booth size.
- 15.2 Booths will be set up on tables with the project displayed on the front.
- 15.3 For decorative purposes, posters must be applied directly to the booth.
- 15.4 No decorative items may be affixed permanently or in a manner that would modify the booths.
- 15.5 Elements not affixed to the booth may be placed on the table.

- 15.6 Corrugated cardboard and Coroplast are prohibited for decorating and for use in scale models and posters.
- 15.7 The table may not be partially or totally covered with a cloth. If necessary, a special covering may be obtained from the organizing committee.
- 15.8 No roof, dome, fabric or other method of covering the top or sides of the booth will be accepted.
At a Regional Final, fill-in lighting may be prohibited; exhibitors must check with their local Réseau Technoscience partner organization.

16. Québec Final – Decoration and Visual Displays

- 16.1 The booth provided by the Réseau Technoscience is the only authorized booth.

For the display standards, see the document “[Display Standards for Booths](#)” available on the Science Fair website.
- 16.2 Booths will be set up on tables with the project displayed on the front.
- 16.3 The project title display will be supplied by the Réseau Technoscience.
- 16.4 The project display (all elements combined) must not exceed the dimensions specified in “[Display Standards for Booths](#)”
- 16.5 Any posters included in the display must be affixed directly to the booth. The adhesive tape supplied by the Réseau Technoscience is the only tape authorized for this purpose.

It is strongly recommended that posters be covered with a thin layer of

transparent plastic (one coat on the front or both the front and back) before the Québec Final. This will ensure that they remain in good condition throughout the various stages of the competition.

- 16.6 No decorative items may be affixed permanently or in a manner that will modify the booths.
- 16.7 Elements not affixed to the booth may be placed on the table in the space described in “[Display Standards for Booths](#)”
- 16.8 Corrugated cardboard and Coroplast are prohibited for decorating and for use in scale models and posters.
- 16.9 Posters must be placed directly on the booth, on material with a thickness not to exceed 2 mm, and must not be supported by any of the materials prohibited in 14.8.
- 16.10 The table may not be partially or totally covered with a cloth. A tablecloth will be provided by the organizing committee.
- 16.11 No roof, dome, fabric or other method of covering the top or sides of the booth will be accepted.

No fill-in lighting is allowed at the Québec Final.



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