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# SCIENCE FAIR RULES

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

## IMPORTANT

These rules apply to the following classifications:

**Junior, Intermediate, Senior, College**  
**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.

**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](http://technoscience.ca).

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# General Rules

## 1. Rules Application

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 entity empowered to make a final decision regarding rules and ethics for all Expo-sciences across Québec. No third-party authorization (school, teacher, company, etc.) is admissible for using materials or methods that do not comply with Expo-sciences regulations.

In all circumstances and at its discretion after informing the exhibitor and his or her supervisor, the Provincial Judging Committee reserves the right to make a decision on any issue related to the application of these rules and on any ethical issue.

Any information request to the **Provincial Judging Committee must be** submitted via e-mail to [reglements@technoscience.ca](mailto:reglements@technoscience.ca).

1.4 **ONLY the Provincial Judging Committee is empowered to disqualify a project deemed noncompliant.**

1.5 An exhibitor may be penalized or disqualified before, during or after the Science Fair.

1.6 General definitions

– An **exhibitor** is a Science Fair participant standing at his/her stand and exposing a project to the public.

– 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 who holds a scientist position in a recognized institution **AND** undertakes to ensure compliance with the rules and the ethical and safety standards during the project. He/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 Science Fair 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 the "Project – Second Year Form" and clearly indicating 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<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

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 (primary level) 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 (setup, 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 stands at all times during the fair's opened hours to the public.

3.4 Set up and dismantle their booths during the periods reserved 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 (Certificates of Approval regarding ethics and rules as well as the Project – Second Year Form) at the time of online registration and when required.

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 Quebec Finals, **Réseau Technoscience may grant a single exemption to sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.** That exception concerns students who must sit at 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 those requests.

3.10 Following registration **of a duo project**, if either exhibitor cannot comply with these commitments, **the project may become a solo project.** In that event, the withdrawal or change of status form must be duly completed and returned to the regional member organization of the Réseau Technoscience.

3.11 If a solo or duo project is selected to move on to a higher level of the competition and either exhibitor cannot comply with these commitments, the withdrawal or change of status form

must be duly completed and returned to the regional member organization of the Réseau Technoscience.

## 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. The Réseau Technoscience reserves the right to use plagiarism detection software in applying this rule. These softwares are able to detect texts and documents generated by AI bots like *ChatGPT*.

4.2 **ALL** photos used for decorating the booth must have a source visibly mentioned at the booth.

In case of using Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI): the purpose of its use must be specified, the use of the tool acknowledged and indicated, ethical aspects and limitations addressed, understanding of the technology demonstrated, information validated, and the public informed. Any demonstration involving GAI must be prepared, its use must remain a complement, and it must be clearly cited in the sources.

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. The list of authors

must be available at the stand at all times.

- 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 of Non Human Origin

**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 **Certificate of Approval - Rules** of the Provincial Judging Committee

**BEFORE being launched.** See [section 8](#).

- 2) The exhibitor has performed the entire experimental part of his/her project in a recognized institution (see [definition 1.6](#)) 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 biological 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 sacrificed 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/her scientific supervisor could not find valid alternative methods.

The exhibitor and his/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. Respect for animals must be at the core of the exhibitor's approach.

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

- 6.1 **ALL projects requiring participation by 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, without limitation, intellectual and physical tests, surveys, observations and behavioural studies, **is allowed only if:**

- 1) The project respects the three guiding principles listed in 6.1,
- 2) The project has obtained the **Certificate of Approval - Ethics** 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 involves **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.**

Those invasive techniques include:

- 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 Certificate of Approval - Ethics and the Consent Form (included in the same PDF file as the certificate);
- 3) The respondent **must explicitly** consent in order to respond to the online survey, after reading the Certificate of Approval - Ethics and the Consent Form;
- 4) **NO** information may be collected on persons who have not so consented to respond to the online survey;
- 5) **ALL** online survey questions must be optional to allow a participant not to answer any or all of them.
- 6) **ALL** online survey respondents must be age 14 or over.

#### 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 **Certificate of Approval - Ethics** 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's experimental part is carried out entirely in the supervising scientist's

recognized institution (see [definition 1.6](#));

- 4) The project uses biological material provided by the recognized institution.

6.5 If the exhibitor chooses to use biological material (e.g., saliva) collected from OR by himself or herself, that material is then considered as a human subject participation and must comply with the rules set forth in [6.2](#).

## 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 whatsoever;

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 [article 7.1](#) are allowed only on the following conditions:**

- 1) The project has obtained the Certificate of **Approval - Rules** 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/her project in the scientific supervisor's recognized institution (see [definition 1.6](#)).

## 8. Ethics and Rules Form

**All** applications for ethical and regulatory approval must be completed and submitted **PRIOR** to the start of the experimental protocol. The exhibitor may not proceed with any experimental manipulation without having obtained his approval certificate. Please refer to [article 8.3](#).

8.1 The Ethics and Rules Form 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 substances that pose a risk ([section 7](#) of the rules)

8.2 **Mandatory steps BEFORE proceeding with an experiment:**

8.2.1 **By Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 AT THE LATEST**, complete the available form and attach all the documents online on the platform: [approbation.technoscience.ca](https://approbation.technoscience.ca)

8.2.2 During this process, you **MUST** provide the following information, among others:

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

8.3 Following submission of your Ethics or Rules Form, the Provincial Judging Committee analyses **the received documents**.

- **ONLY** if a project is deemed compliant, the Provincial Judging Committee of the Réseau Technoscience will issue the Certificate of Approval - Ethics or a Certificate of Approval - Rules allowing exhibitors to launch their experiment.

**Once the Certificate of Approval is delivered, the exhibitor can start the project's experimental protocol inside the approved institution.**

- Once the exhibitors receive the Certificate of Approval, 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 consent form **(provided with the Certificate of Approval - Ethics)** that will have to be signed by each of the human subjects before their participation in the project.
- In the case of projects that require participants responding to an **online survey**, exhibitors must include **ALL** the information on the Certificate of Approval - Ethics and the consent form consent, on the first page of their online survey. A check box must be available and is

mandatory for survey respondents to confirm their consent to participate.

8.4 When registering for the Regional Final, exhibitors must electronically upload, within the deadline prescribed during the online registration, the Certificate of Approval – Ethics or the Certificate of Approval – Rules received from the Provincial Judging Committee.

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

- The Certificate of Approval - Ethics or the Certificate of Approval - Rules received by the Provincial Judging Committee;
- In the case of projects requiring the participation of human subjects, **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** survey respondents.
- After verification, **ALL** completed consent forms and the file containing proof of consent by ALL survey respondents must be stored and must no longer be accessible for the rest of the event.

8.6 Approval by another Ethics Committee or by the recognized institution **cannot replace** the mandatory "Certificate of Approval - Ethics or the Certificate of Approval -

Rules 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 the documents on the platform [approbation.technoscience.ca](http://approbation.technoscience.ca).

## 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](http://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: o an introduction; o 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 sections [4.1](#) and [4.4](#).

- 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 in the title 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.
- 9.8 If you use Generative AI to produce a portion of text, you must clearly indicate this in your sources.

## 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 The exhibitor must be able to identify **ALL** products and items displayed on his/her table.

## 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 and not exceed the available space. 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 of water that can be present at the booth is 1 litre. The water must be in a fixed, leak-proof container. It will not be possible to supply the assembly with water during hours open to the public.
- 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). All dangerous extremities 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. Ideally, tubing and electrical cords should pass behind the stand or be secured on the table.
- 11.9 Vacuum pumps and any other motorpowered 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 presented in the form of sealed lamella or plastination.
- 11.12 **Prohibited on the Science Fair site:**
- tastings;
  - blood sampling and injections;
  - flames or heat sources (e.g.: electric heating elements, burners, kettles, candles, hotplates);
  - data collection on members of the public for which information is 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., "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).

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

- 13.1 No homemade assembly or portion thereof (created for Science Fair Purposes) may be powered by more than 36 V (direct or alternating current). The current must not exceed 5 amps.
- 13.2 Homemade assemblies may be powered by non-modified electrical adapters within the current limits specified in 13.1. A grommet is required at the point where the power cord passes through the casing.
- 13.3 Homemade assemblies may be powered by batteries. Only batteries of 9V or less are accepted for powering all or part of the assembly, up to 36 V in total. The use of non-modified batteries for commercial electric devices is allowed within the current limits specified in 13.1.
- 13.4 Any homemade electrical wiring or assembly must be covered, i.e., protected and not accessible to the touch. In addition, an electrical blueprint of the assembly must be available, whether visible or not.

- 13.5 Any commercial electrical device that is part of a homemade assembly must retain its full integrity (no modification allowed).
- 13.6 Devices or assemblies using electric lightbulbs must be LED (electroluminescent) and not use more than 10 watts of power **in total**. Bulbs must be protected to avoid accidents.
- 13.7 Only three-pronged electrical extension cords and multi-outlet power bars that are grounded and in good condition are permitted on sites.
- 13.8 Any commercial electrical device must be equipped with its original power cable.
- 13.9 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:**

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

#### **During the judging period ONLY:**

- 13.13 An assembly using a laser beam is allowed if the emitting source is controlled (set) and stationary so that the beam cannot hit the eye of the

exhibitor or authorized persons on the site during the judgment period. The power of any laser used on the site must not exceed 2.0 mW and must not surpass Class 1, as specified in Standard ANSI Z 136.1-1993 (American National Standard for Safe Use of Lasers).

- 13.14 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 at the booth during the judging period.

## **14. Exhibiting Animals, Animal Parts and Plant Life**

### **Prohibited on the Science Fair site:**

- 14.1 Live vertebrates or invertebrates.
- 14.2 Human and animal fetuses, dissections, non-plastinated products from previous dissections, as well as specimens preserved in formalin or any other preservation substance.
- 14.3 The following biological substances or materials:
- 14.3.1 Petri dishes containing agar;
  - 14.3.2 Biological toxins;
  - 14.3.3 Bacterial, viral or fungal cultures;
  - 14.3.4 Cells or tissues infected by animal or human viruses;
  - 14.3.5 Bodily fluids (e.g., urine, serum, blood, sperm) and fecal matter.
- 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 and come from a recognized source 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 regional Réseau Technoscience member 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 alter 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 Réseau Technoscience 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 stand’s panels. 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 alter 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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