



# Rules & Regulations

Wild & Wonderful Water Science Fair 2020

## I. General Rules

1. The Wild & Wonderful Water Science Fair is a classroom driven endeavor. Individual projects will not be considered. A classroom may have one project that the entire class contributes to or divided in half with a total of two projects. A classroom cannot have more than two projects.
2. Each project must include a written abstract, oral presentation, and a physical display.
3. Emphasis should be on the scientific method of research, creative problem solving and predictions.
4. Names of individuals, educators, administrators or school should NOT be on the abstract or the physical display.
5. Students will be guided by mentors and teachers, but the work must be the result of the students themselves.
6. Academic integrity is important and plagiarism or any form of cheating will result in disqualification.
7. On the day of judging, no more than two students will accompany an educator or administrator (or another adult appointed as chaperone) to the Water Science Fair at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center.

## II. Written Abstracts

8. Each project must have a written abstract. The abstract must include the title on the top of the page, be typed and double-spaced in a size 12 Calibri font on letter-sized (8.5" x 11") paper.
9. Names of individuals, educators, administrators or schools are NOT to be on the abstract.
9. The abstract must remain with the physical display at all times.
10. Grammar and spelling will be considered when scoring projects.
11. The abstract must include a complete bibliography in either APA or MLA format.

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## III. Project Displays

12. A project must have a physical display. A group may not spend more than \$25.00 on their project. Use of recycled materials is encouraged.
13. Tables will be provided by Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center for physical displays.
14. One tri-fold display board will be provided to each group by the City of Charleston's Stormwater Department. The tri-fold board will accompany your project display.
15. The project display and tri-fold must be self-explanatory. Judges must have a comprehension of the project, before the oral presentation.
16. Valuable items should not be left at the display. Electronic devices, antique items, artifacts, etc. should be removed from display. Students will be given time to replace such items before their oral presentation.

## IV. Oral Presentation

17. All projects will include an oral presentation. This will be performed in front of the judges, after their initial walk through.
18. The oral presentation cannot exceed 10 minutes in length.
19. Each student representative that is present, must have a speaking part in the oral presentation.
20. There will be a question and answer period after the presentation with the judges. Each student should be prepared to respond to questions from the judges.

## V. Electronic Devices

21. Security will be provided.
22. Use of the internet is NOT allowed.

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## VI. Mentors

23. Mentors are available in an advisory role. Please check the box on the application of you would like a mentor.
24. Mentors will coordinate directly with teachers to schedule their mentoring sessions.
25. Mentors are not eligible to be judges.

## VII. Judging

26. Each group entry will be assigned a number.
27. Judges will not know individual names or school name associated with that number. Do not wear clothing that identifies your school.
28. First, second and third place awards will be given to the three highest scoring projects at the Fair. At the judges discretion, an honorable mention may be awarded.
29. Judging will begin in the morning with the judges doing a walk-through and first impression scoring. The oral presentations will be scheduled by number for times throughout the morning and afternoon.
30. In the case of a tie, judges will be asked to reassess the project to determine a winner.

## VIII. Awards

31. One trophy will be awarded to each group for first, second and third place. This is a group/classroom trophy.
32. First, second and third place medals will be awarded to every member of the group.

