East Central Indiana Regional Science Fair Application Instructions

Elementary Division: Grades 3 to 5
Junior Division: Grades 6 to 8
Senior Division: Grades 9 to 12

The State Fair junior division accepts projects from grades 4 through 8. In addition to all grade 6 to 8 participants, exceptional grade 4 and 5 participants at our Regional Fair will be considered to move on to the State Fair.

Packets

Most participants in the Elementary Division and Junior Division will need to follow the instructions in the Rules for Indiana Elementary and Middle School Science Research packet (henceforth: EMSR for elementary and middle school research).

All participants in the Senior Division must follow the instructions in the Intel Science and Engineering Fair packet (henceforth: ISEF).

Forms and Other Materials

Participants in the Elementary and Junior Divisions will need to complete the Junior Division Form before beginning their projects. On this form, a question at the bottom of the first page asks if the participant is working with humans, animals, et cetera. If the answer to any part of the question is yes, then the participant’s project involves potential hazards.

Elementary and Junior Division Participants with Projects Involving Potential Hazards have two options. 1) If the participant is not interested in moving on to the State Fair should they win at our Regional Fair, the Junior Division Form with completed first and second page is sufficient. 2) If the participant is interested in moving on to the State Fair should they win at our Regional Fair, the required and applicable additional ISEF forms are necessary (see next section).

Participants in the Senior Division and other participants following the ISEF packet will need to complete the Checklist for Adult Sponsor (Form 1), Student Checklist (Form 1A), Approval Form (Form 1B), and will need to prepare a Research Plan/Project Summary before beginning their projects. Participants planning projects that involve potential hazards will need to complete additional forms from the ISEF packet before beginning their projects.

Participants in ALL divisions will need to prepare an Abstract once their project is finished. The abstract will be submitted online, and a printed copy should be brought to our regional fair to be displayed along with the participant’s poster.
Evaluating for Potential Hazards
The EMSR and ISEF packets have detailed instructions on safely conducting science fair projects. These packets, the Junior Division form, ISEF Form 1, and ISEF Form 1A should be used to determine if a proposed project will involve potential hazards. We have also made an ISEF Forms and Potential Hazards Summary document to assist you, which can be found on our regional fair website: https://www.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/biology/researchandcommunity/ecisciencefair. You may also find the ISEF Rules, Forms, and Resources website helpful: https://student.societyforscience.org/international-rules-pre-college-science-research.

Submission of Materials
Submission of materials and registration will take place online through the Science Education Foundation of Indiana (SEFI) website: https://sefi.org/register/. All appropriate materials should be submitted by teachers and/or participants to this website. Materials for projects requiring prior approval must be submitted before participants begin their projects (contact us if this is an issue for you). Materials for projects not requiring prior approval must be submitted as soon as possible and no later than the registration deadline of February 1, 2019. The regional fair SRC will access materials from the SEFI website and will evaluate projects to grant approval to participate in the regional fair and eligibility to move on to the state and international fairs.

Questions
Questions about choosing and completing packets and forms should be directed to the science fair email address: sciencefair@bsu.edu. Please include “SRC Help” in the subject line.