

# FAIR RULES

**MUST BE READ BY PARTICIPANTS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS PRIOR TO REGISTRATION**

## ELEGIBILITY

1. Students from grades four through twelve are eligible to participate.
2. Only students in grades seven through twelve are eligible to proceed to the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
3. A project may be worked on and submitted by a maximum of two students. For project entries submitted by students of different grades, the age division of the most senior student will be used for judging purposes.
4. A participant may not present more than one exhibit each year, nor display an identical project from a previous or concurrent regional science fair. Students can exhibit projects that expand upon research they have presented at previous regional fairs, but they will be judged only on the new material.
5. Students that participate in a school fair are eligible to register a project in the **WBRSF** only if they are chosen to represent their school. Students must first participate in a school fair if they are able to do so. If a student is unable to participate in an organized school fair they may register to enter the **WBRSF** directly.

## GENERAL RULES

1. Students must attend the full two days of the Fair and must remain at their project at all times during judging and public viewing unless otherwise instructed. Exhibits must be left on display until the end of the Fair.
2. The project is the responsibility of the student and the **Wood Buffalo Regional Science Fair** cannot be held responsible for loss, damage, or theft, however caused. The exhibit should be constructed such that valuable components can be removed for safekeeping when the exhibit is unsupervised.
3. Only participants, judges, and **WBRSF** volunteers are permitted to attend the Fair on judging day.
4. Projects involving research with animals or human subjects must be approved by the **WBRSF** Safety and Ethics Committee **BEFORE** such research is undertaken. Informed Consent Forms must be signed by all human subjects and these forms must be kept in a logbook accompanying the project. Projects on display which do not conform to the **WBRSF** safety and ethics guidelines will be immediately disqualified.
5. Electricity will only be supplied to an exhibitor if it is essential for the operation of their project. Participants requiring electricity must provide their own extension cord. Only one outlet will be supplied per project.
6. Continuous running water and/or natural gas will not be supplied to projects.
7. Flammable, toxic, or otherwise hazardous materials are not permitted at the fair (see Safety Regulations).
8. Exhibits, including all accessories, must be confined to a table or floor space and may not exceed 0.8 metres, front to back; 1.2 metres side to side; and 3.5 metres maximum height from the floor.
9. Exhibit backboards must be constructed of non-flammable materials (the **CWSF** allows only the following: wood and dimensional lumber at least 6 millimetres thick, metal, "Sintra", "InteFoam", "Intecel", "Flame Out", plexiglass/acrylic, and other **UL-94** approved synthetic materials).
10. The decision of the **WBRSF** Judging Committee is final and may not be contested.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Participants will, at all times, respect all public and private property and the rights of other participants.
2. When requested, participants will wear an identification badge and/or **WBRSF** T-shirt.
3. Participants must dress appropriately (in accordance with their school's dress code).
4. Project areas must be kept tidy and any spills or messes must be cleaned up immediately.
5. Students must respect their peers by remaining as quiet as possible during the judging period.
6. Participants that do not behave in an appropriate manner or in any way violate the Code of Conduct will be disqualified and ejected from the event. The violator forfeits his or her right to attend and participate in Science Fair events. Proper notification of the violation and action taken will be sent to the school along with copies to the Board(s) of Education. Copies will also be sent to the student's parents or guardians.
7. Participants will be asked to write a short thank-you letter to one of the **WBRSF** sponsors.

## MEDIA CONSENT

Participants and their parents must consent to the unrestricted use of biographical information (name, age, grade, and school only), photographs, and visual or audio recordings of the participant by the **Wood Buffalo Youth Science Foundation**, and affiliates and sponsors of the **Wood Buffalo Regional Science Fair**. These materials, as well as a description of the participant's project, may be distributed to local media (television, radio, or print) or displayed in newsletters and websites. Personal and contact information will not be released.