

Google Science Fair 2018 - OFFICIAL RULES

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GOOGLE SCIENCE FAIR 2018 IS A SKILL CONTEST WHERE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ("ENTRANTS") BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13-18 (EXACT AGE REQUIREMENTS VARY BY COUNTRY) WILL BE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR PROJECTS AT A GOOGLE DESIGNATED WEBSITE, CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT GOOGLESCIENCEFAIR.COM ("COMPETITION SITE"), TO COMPETE FOR PRIZES. THE ENTRANT'S SUBMISSION, ALONG WITH ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED BY THE ENTRANT IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMPETITION, WILL BE COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO HEREIN AS AN "ENTRY." THE COMPETITION WILL BE COMPRISED OF AN OPEN ENTRY SUBMISSION PHASE, JUDGING PHASE AND THEN CULMINATING IN A FINAL EVENT TO SELECT THE WINNERS TO BE HELD LIVE AT GOOGLE HEADQUARTERS IN MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA ON OR ABOUT JULY/AUGUST 2019. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED BY LAW.

1. Competition Dates and Times: The Google Science Fair 2018 competition described in these Official Rules (the "Competition") begins on or about September 13, 2018 at 12:00:01 AM Pacific Time ("PT"), and ends on or about December 12, 2018 at 11:59:59 PM PT ("Competition Period"). The Google computer runs the official clock for the Competition and will solely determine the time by which an Entry is received. During the Competition Period there is a single open call for the submission of Entries (the "Open Call for Entry/Submission") and three judging rounds, which start and end on or about the dates and times noted below:

EVENTS

Open Call for Entry/Submission	September 13, 2018 at 12:00:01 AM PT	December 12, 2018 at 11:59:59 PM PT
Announcement of State Award Winners	March 2019	
Announcement of Regional Finalists	April 2019	
Announcement of Global Finalists	May 2019	

2. Competition Entities: Google LLC, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043 ("Sponsor"); Marden-Kane, Inc., 575 Underhill Blvd, Suite 222, Syosset, NY, 11791

("Competition Administrator"). Sponsor and Competition Administrator are collectively referred to as the "Competition Entities".

3. Eligibility: Competition is open to individuals 13 years of age as of December 12, 2018, and 18 years of age as of September 13, 2018, subject to the country specific requirements below. No individual can register for or enter the Competition until they turn 13. If an Entrant turns 19 during submission period they will not be disqualified. All Entrants must have permission from a parent or legal guardian to enter this Competition. Sponsor reserves the right to verify an individual's eligibility to participate in the Competition.

Country Specific Requirements: Entrants from the 28 member countries in the European Union (see https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/countries_en) must be at least 16 years of age as of December 12, 2018. Entrants from South Korea and Israel must be at least 14 years of age as of December 12, 2018.

Previous Winners of Google Science Fair (of any award and/or prize) are not eligible to participate in Google Science Fair 2018.

Minors – Parents and Legal Guardians: The parent or legal guardian of an Entrant under the legal age of majority in his/her jurisdiction of residence (as defined below): (a) will ensure that the Entrant will comply with these Official Rules; and (b) agrees to these Official Rules on behalf of himself/herself and ratifies the Entrant's acceptance of these Official Rules. An Entrant's parent or legal guardian must agree to indemnify the Released Parties (as defined below) for and against: (a) any claims made by you or your family against the Released Parties in connection with the Competition; and (b) any losses (including any liability) caused by any of your conduct which is inconsistent with these Official Rules.

Ineligibility: The Competition is **not open** to residents of Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Syria, the Crimea Region, and any other U.S. sanctioned country and is void where prohibited by law. Employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives and their immediate family members (which means parents, spouses, children, siblings, in-laws, grandparents and grandchildren and their respective spouses, regardless of where they reside) or residents in the same household (whether legally related or not) of the Competition Entities and their respective parents, affiliated and subsidiary companies, advertising and promotion agencies, legal and financial advisors, any and all other companies associated with this Competition (including other institutions listed on the Competition Site who are involved in judging), are not eligible to enter or otherwise participate in this Competition.

4. How to Enter the Competition: To enter: Submit one (1) Entry either as an individual or as part of a group ("Team") comprised of up to three (3) persons. If entering the Competition individually or as part of a Team (each, an "Entrant" or "You"), follow the steps below.

You may participate in only one (1) Entry, whether as an individual, a Team Leader or a Team Member. If you participate in multiple Entry submissions, only the first Entry you submit will be judged. All subsequent Entries in which you are listed as an Entrant, Team Leader or a Team Member will be disqualified. Entries not submitted in accordance with the instructions provided

on the Competition Site and these Official Rules may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the Competition Entities.

Note: Google will assign entrants into Age and Regional groups based on information submitted during the registration process. Google will assign each entrant into an Age Group as follows: 13-15 and 16-18, and one of the following three Regions as follows: The Americas, APAC (Asia, Pacific), and Europe/Africa/Middle East.

A. ENTERING THE COMPETITION AS AN INDIVIDUAL:

- If you don't have one already, sign up for a Google Account: To register for a Google account, go to <https://accounts.google.com/NewAccount> and follow the instructions provided.
- Once you have a Google account, go to <http://googlesciencefair.com> and register. You will be asked to input your Google account, email address and password.
- You will then be taken to your Project Dashboard. Whenever you log in using your Google account details at <http://www.googlesciencefair.com>, you will arrive on the competition page where you can enter and review your registration information, request parental or legal guardian consent, create, edit and submit your final Entry.

Register (for Individual)

- Complete requested information about yourself and your Entry in the Registration section before creating your Entry. You may edit this later. Click the box stating that you have read, accept, and agree to be bound by these Official Rules and terms.

Creating your Entry (for Individual)

- Upon completion of registration you may begin working on your Entry. The Entry must follow the technical, creative, and legal entry requirements set out in these Official Rules and the Competition Site (which are incorporated herein by reference).
- You will be required to complete all sections of the Competition Site.
- Your Entry will be judged in one (1) of two (2) age groups (13-15, 16-18; sponsor to determine age group assignment upon completion of submission process) and competition category as determined by the judges (see section 4(C) below for Categories).

Request parental or legal guardian consent (for Individual)

- You may begin working on your Entry after completing the Registration, however, you may not submit an entry for judging until you have requested and received parental or legal guardian consent. Visit the "For Parents" section at googlesciencefair.com for more information and to begin the parental or legal guardian consent process.
- Once you have done this, your parent or legal guardian will receive an email from Google with instructions on how they can give their consent for you to participate. The Entry will not be judged unless this consent is received.
- Parental or legal guardian consent is a requirement of all entrants. Google must receive parental or legal guardian consent for you to participate before you are eligible to submit an entry. Parental or legal guardian consent is also required for you to use Google products and services in connection with and as part of participation in the Competition.

B. ENTERING THE COMPETITION AS A TEAM: Team eligibility as of the day the team leader registers for the Competition:

- All team members must meet the eligibility requirements of the competition, including but not limited to the minimum age requirements in each team member's country of residence.
- All team members must complete and receive parental or legal guardian consent (as indicated above).
- Team members may be comprised of entrants from different schools, cities and countries.
- A team may be comprised of entries from either age category. The oldest team member will determine age category placement.

To enter as a Team:

- To enter the competition, all team members must have or must create a free Google Account. To register for a Google account, go to <https://accounts.google.com/NewAccount> and follow the instructions provided.
- Once all team members have a Google account, choose one of the team members to be the Team Leader.
- As Team Leader, go to <http://www.google-science-fair.com> and register. Team leader will be asked to input their Google account, email address and password.
- Team Leader will be directed to their Project Dashboard. Whenever the Team Leader logs in using their Google account details at <http://www.google-science-fair.com>, they will arrive on the competition page where the Team Leader can enter and review his/her registration information, request parental or legal guardian consent, create, edit and submit the team's final Entry.
- Team Leader will be required to enter some information about themselves and the team's Entry in the Registration section before they can create an Entry. Note: Registration may be edited during the submission phase up to the point the entry is "submitted".
- Team Leader must click the box stating that they have read, accept, and agree to be bound by these Official Rules and terms.
- **The Team Leader must add the other Team Member(s) to his/her Team** after completing the registration process by entering the email addresses of the other team member(s).
- The other team member(s) will receive an email from Google with instructions on how they can register as part of the Team Leader's team. They will be asked to create their own password and provide the same personal information as the Team Leader. Team Members must click the box stating that they have read, accept and agree to be bound by these Official Rules and terms.
- Once a Team Member has registered, they will be able to log in and see the Project Dashboard. They can view their personal information, and the same dashboard as their team members. Team Members can all log in separately to work on the "team" project, although the Team Leader will be required to submit the final Entry.

Request Parental/Legal Guardian Consent (for Teams)

- You may begin working on your Entry after you have registered, however, you will not be able to submit it for judging until all Team Members have requested and received parental or legal guardian consent.
- Each Team Member must log in to the Project Dashboard using their own log-in details and enter the email address of a parent or legal guardian in the space provided.
- Each Team Member's parent or legal guardian will receive an email from Google with instructions on how they can give their consent for Entrant's participation. The Entry will not be judged unless this consent is received.
- Parental or legal guardian consent is a requirement for all Entrants, including each member of a team. Google must receive parental or legal guardian consent for you to participate before you are eligible to submit an Entry. Parental or legal guardian consent is also required for you to use Google products and services in connection with and as part of participation in the Competition.

Creating Your Entry (for Teams)

- Upon completion of registration you can begin working on your Entry. The Entry must follow the technical, creative, and legal entry requirements set out in these Official Rules and the Competition Site (which are incorporated herein by reference).
- You will be required to complete all sections of the Competition Site.
- Your Entry will be judged in one (1) of two (2) age groups (13-15 and 16-18), sponsor to determine age group assignment upon completion of submission process. Entries will be judged based on their competition category as determined by the judges (see section 4(C) below for Categories).

C. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY

You (or your Team Leader if a Team) may submit Your (or Team's) Entry any time during the Open Call for Entries. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED – YOU (OR YOUR TEAM LEADER IF A TEAM) MUST HIT **SUBMIT** FOR YOUR (OR YOUR TEAM'S) ENTRY TO BE CONSIDERED ENTERED INTO THE COMPETITION. **You (or Team) can make further changes to your Registration information and/or Entry up until the close of the Competition.**

Entrants can select one (1) of the following topics as a main topic and up to two (2) sub topics for their Entry:

- Flora & Fauna
- Food Science
- Earth & Environmental Sciences
- Inventions & Innovation
- Electricity & Electronics
- Robotics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Behavioral & Social Sciences
- Energy & Space
- Astrophysics
- Computer Science & Math

Entries will be placed by the Sponsor and/or Judging Panel (as defined below) into the Category that they determine, in Sponsor's and/or the Judging Panel's sole discretion, best represents the Entry subject matter for judging purposes (although the Judging Panel will take the Entrants' topic selections into consideration when placing the Entries into a Category: Experimenting Category or Engineering Category).

- EXPERIMENTING CATEGORY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: Behavioral & Social Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental, Flora & Fauna, Food Science
- ENGINEERING CATEGORY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: Astrophysics, Energy & Space, Physics, Electricity & Electronics, Inventions & Innovations, Robotics, Computer Science & Math

Entrants must complete all sections of the template on the Competition Site:

Section 1: Summary

- o A brief overview of your Entry.

Optional additions to your summary (submit only one (1) of the following options):

- o a two (2) minute video (YouTube only)
- OR
- o a slideshow (Google Slides only) with a maximum of twenty (20) slides

Note: Videos not produced using YouTube and slides not produced using Google Slides will be disqualified and not viewed.

Section 2: About Me:

- o Introduce yourself/your team.

Section 3: Question/Proposal:

- o Describe the question that you are investigating and your hypothesis, or the problem that you are going to try to solve and the outcome that you expect.

Section 4: Research:

- o An account of the research that you have done into your chosen category, and how this has influenced your Entry.

Section 5: Method/Testing and Redesign:

- o Describe in detail how you carried out your experiment or tested your solution.

Section 6: Results:

- o Data and observations gathered during your experiment or testing, presented clearly, including a description of any patterns or trends.

Section 7: Conclusion/Report:

- o An explanation of how your experiment or testing answers your question, or why it fails to do so, and whether or not the outcome was as you expected.

Section 8: Bibliography, References and Acknowledgements

D. TECHNICAL AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:

- Optional Entry Summary Video (YouTube only): Maximum running time is two (2) minutes. If the video is longer than two (2) minutes, only the initial two (2) minutes will be judged.
- Optional Entry Summary Slideshow (Google Slides only): Maximum of twenty (20) slides. If the presentation is longer than twenty (20) slides, only the first twenty (20) slides will be judged.

Language: Submissions may be submitted in one of the following languages: English, German, Italian, Spanish, French, Arabic, Hebrew, Polish, Japanese, Russian, Turkish, Portuguese, Korean, or Chinese (simplified or traditional). However, you may submit Entries in any language, provided you also provide an English translation/script for English speaking judges. Language used for submission will have no impact on an Entrant's or Team's opportunity to progress in the Competition.

E. ADDITIONAL ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:

Projects involving human subjects, human data or human testing are limited to the following:

Use of data from pre-existing, publicly available resources;

Use of data from behavioral observations of unrestricted, public settings;

Use of data received and recorded in an anonymous/de-identified format.

Projects involving animal subjects or animal data are limited to the following:

Use of data from pre-existing, publicly available resources;

Use of data from observational or behavioral projects that involve animals in their natural environment or in an existing observation laboratory (e.g. a university).

Projects involving biological agent subjects, biological agent data or biological testing are limited to the following:

Use of data from pre-existing, publicly available resources;

Use of organisms recorded as being in Biosafety Level 1 (BSL1) and lower;

Approved categories include;

Baker's yeast and brewer's yeast, except when involved with DNA studies; Lactobacillus, Bacillus thuringiensis, nitrogen-fixing, oil-eating bacteria, slime mold and algae-eating bacteria introduced into their natural environment. Culture of bacteria or fungi within domestic areas is strictly prohibited. Culture where carried out must be in sealed petri dishes under appropriate supervision by professionals routinely engaged in biological agent culture, by participants with access to autoclaving facilities. Studies of mold growth on food items outside of a professional laboratory may only be allowed if the experiment is terminated at the first evidence of mold;

Use of tissues are limited to the following:

Plant tissue; Established cell and tissue cultures (e.g., obtained from the American Type Culture Collection). Note: The source and catalog number of all cultures should be identified in the Research Plan.

Meat or meat by-products obtained from food stores, restaurants, or packing houses;
Hair;

Teeth that have been sterilized to kill any blood borne pathogen that may be present. (Chemical disinfection or autoclaving at 121 degrees Celsius for twenty (20) minutes is a recommended procedure); Fossilized tissue or archeological specimens.

No project may involve usage or handling of hazardous chemicals. THE USE OF CARCINOGENS OF ANY CATEGORY IS STRICTLY BANNED.

ALL ENTRIES MUST ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING SAFETY GUIDELINES. IF THESE GUIDELINES ARE NOT STRICTLY ADHERED TO, THE SPONSOR AT ANY TIME, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, MAY DISQUALIFY AN ENTRY AND THE ENTRANT FROM COMPETING IN THE COMPETITION:

- If you are working in a registered laboratory, research center or school laboratory, you must follow the lab's safety guidelines. Please attach the lab's safety guidelines you are following, along with the physical contact/location details of the lab and the manager of the lab.
- If you think your project might involve the use of hazardous chemicals, you should not handle them yourself - your adult mentor (or lab supervisor) should do this. Please submit the contact details of your mentor/supervisor with your submission.
- If you are using a chemical or tissue that you think might require specific safety and health guidelines, please do your research, ask your mentor/supervisor for instructions, and follow any and all applicable guidelines. Please attach any guidelines you are following, along with the contact details for your mentor/supervisor.

F. **ENTRY TERMS:** By participating in the Competition, you agree to comply with Google's Terms of Service (<http://www.google.com/accounts/TOS>) and Privacy Policy (<http://www.google.com/privacypolicy.html>), all of which are incorporated by reference into these Official Rules. Use of the Competition Site, Gmail, Google, YouTube and/or any other Google sites, services, or property is subject to the Terms of Service of each respective site, service, or property governing such use, and you agree to comply with all such Terms of Service. The United States version of the applicable terms, guidelines, and policies will be in effect for you if you do not reside in a country with a localized version of the Google Competition Site ([www.google.com/sciencefair.com](http://www.google.com/sciencefair)). By entering, regardless of country of entry, you represent and warrant, personally and through your parent or legal guardian, that you have obtained all of the rights, licenses, and permissions in writing from any person (or that person's parent or legal guardian if that person is a minor in his/her country of residence) who may have helped or participated in the creation of the Entry; and that your Entry conforms to these Official Rules, the requirements of the Competition Site, and does not contain any use of the names, likenesses, photographs, or other identifying elements, in whole or in part, of any other person, living, or dead, except as required to cite sources used as part of the entry; does not include music, trademarks, logos, or any copyrighted material not owned by Entrant(s) (this includes things like company names, music, photographs, works of art, television, movies, or other media) or otherwise infringe or violate the rights of any third party or any other intellectual property rights; is not subject to any third party agreement(s) and no third party consents and/or licenses are required in connection herewith, and that the Competition Entities will not be required to pay or

incur any sums to any person or entity, including without limitation, any copyright collecting societies or holders of copyrights, neighboring rights, or moral rights, or persons representing such, and any person acting on their behalf as a result of its use or exploitation of the idea, entry materials or rights therein; includes proof that any required permits from local authorities and other permissions have been obtained.

By entering, regardless of country of entry, you represent and warrant, personally and through your parent or legal guardian, that your Entry, and your participation in the Competition or any Competition related event, will not defame, misrepresent, or contain disparaging remarks or any other content which could adversely affect the name, reputation or goodwill of the Released Parties or any other individuals and/or entities; will not contain pornographic or sexual content, hateful content of any kind (including racism, sexism, etc.); will not contain content which promotes violence or harm to another living creature or any other offensive, obscene or inappropriate content; will not include threats of any kind or statements that intimidate, harass, or bully anyone; will not violate any local, state, national or international law; and will not post any content that would encourage or provide instructions for a criminal offense. Competition Administrator reserves the right to disqualify any Entrant, whom it determines in its sole discretion, has violated the spirit of the Competition or breached a representation (scientific or otherwise) or warranty or term of these Official Rules at any time during the Competition. **The Competition Administrator reserves the right to review all Entries received during the Open Call for Entries and will only post entries considered Regional Finalists, Global Finalists, Award Winners, Category and Grand Prize Winners on the Competition Site that conform to these Official Rules, as determined by the Competition Administrator in its sole discretion (“Eligible Entries”).** Entries that do not comply with these Official Rules as determined by Competition Entities, in their sole discretion, will be disqualified from the Competition and will not appear on the Competition Site. You, personally and through your parent or legal guardian, agree that Released Parties (as defined below) are not responsible for any unauthorized use of Entries by third parties. The Competition Entities do not guarantee the posting of any Entry.

G. TECHNICAL LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: To the extent permitted by applicable law, neither the Competition Entities nor any of their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising and promotion agencies, legal and financial advisors, any and all companies associated with this Competition (including, without limitation, all prize providers) or any other entities that may be added to the Competition Site as participating in this Competition after these Official Rules are published, and each of their respective officers, directors, shareholders, agents, licensees, licensors and employees, nor any Internet access providers (collectively “Released Parties”) (except where due to the negligence of a Released Party) are responsible for incorrect or inaccurate entry of information, human error, technical malfunction, lost/delayed data transmission, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, line failure of any telephone, computer or other network, computer equipment, software or any combination thereof, inability to access the Competition Site or any Google site, service, or property, for problems uploading any Entries or downloading any Competition-related materials from the Competition Site or any Google site, service, or property, or for late, lost, stolen, damaged, misdirected, incorrect, garbled, delayed, undelivered or incomplete entries or other materials. For purposes of these Official Rules, receipt of Entry occurs when the Google servers successfully receive the uploaded Entry on the Competition Site and record the required Entry information. Any Entry/Entrant information

collected during the Competition will be used only in a manner consistent with the consent given by Entrants, at the time of entry, with these Official Rules (specifically including Google's Privacy Policies referred to above).

5. STRUCTURE OF RECOGNITION:

Local Awards (U.S. RESIDENTS ONLY): The winners of the Local Award will be determined by a separate judging panel. Each of the 50 United States, Washington, D.C., and participating territories that have a qualifying submission will have one (1) winner. Winners of a Local Award are eligible for, and will be automatically entered into, the Regional Finalist competition.

A. Regional Finalists:

Up to 100 Regional Finalists: Up to eight (8) per age group (13-15 and 16-18) in each of the three (3) Regions (EMEA, APAC, US) from each of the two (2) Categories (Experimenting and Engineering), plus two (2) Wild Cards* from each Category.

*A Wild Card is determined based on the following requirements: After the selection of the top thirty-two (32) Regional Finalists from each of the three (3) regions, the next two (2) highest scoring Entries from each Category, regardless of age group or region, will be selected as Wild Cards.

B. Global Finalists:

Twenty (20) Global Finalists: Four (4) Winners from each of the two (2) age groups within each of the two (2) Categories (Experimenting & Engineering) plus two (2) Wild Cards* from each Category, will compete for the Category Awards (as listed below).

*A Wild Card is determined based on the following requirements: After the selection of the top sixteen (16) Global Finalists, the next two (2) highest scoring Entries from each Category, regardless of age group or region, will be selected as Wild Cards.

C. Category Awards:

EXPERIMENTING CATEGORY:

Scientific American Award: The Scientific American Award will award one (1) winner from the Experimenting Category.

The National Geographic Award: The National Geographic Award will award one (1) winner from the Experimenting Category.

ENGINEERING CATEGORY:

The LEGO Education Award: The LEGO Education Award will award one (1) winner from the Engineering Category.

The Virgin Galactic Award: The Virgin Galactic Award will award one (1) winner from the Engineering Category.

D. Grand Prize Winner:

One (1) Finalist from the Category Awards will be determined as the Grand Prize Winner. The entrant with the next highest score in the corresponding Category will be determined the Finalist and winner of the Category Award in place of the Grand Prize Winner. The Grand Prize Winner will not receive a Category Award in addition to the Grand Prize.

E. **Additional Awards** (these awards are independent of Category Awards):

The Inspiring Educator Award: The Inspiring Educator Award recognizes an educator who has inspired students to participate in the Science Fair Competition. Optional: During the registration process an Entrant can indicate who inspired them and why.

6. JUDGING TO DETERMINE REGIONAL FINALISTS, GLOBAL FINALISTS, AWARD WINNERS, AND GRAND PRIZE WINNER:

A. **Judging**:

The Entry requirements and the criteria below shall, collectively, be considered the “**Criteria**” for purposes of these Official Rules. A panel of representatives (the “**Judging Panel**” or “**Judges**”) will determine the manner and process by which Eligible Entries are assessed in their sole discretion.

Section 1: Summary

An excellent summary will provide a clear, brief overview of the question or problem you are investigating, the stages of your project, what you set out to achieve and how far you succeeded.

Section 2: About me / the team

Excellent Entrants/Teams will show a real passion for science or engineering and be able to present their ideas with confidence, clarity and enthusiasm, and explain what winning would mean to them.

***Section 3: Question / Proposal**

An excellent question or proposal will be interesting, creative, worded scientifically and relevant to the world today. Entrants/Teams will include a hypothesis or expected outcome that leads on from the question, is tightly focused and builds on existing knowledge.

Section 4: Research

Excellent Entrants/Teams will undertake research to help them shape their Entry and to put their work into a relevant, real-world context.

***Section 5: Method / Testing and Redesign**

Excellent Entrants/Teams will demonstrate that they have used good experimental techniques or testing processes and describe their method clearly and in detail.

***Section 6: Results**

Excellent Entrants/Teams will record relevant data, results or observations accurately, present them clearly and will describe patterns or trends supported by these.

***Section 7: Conclusion / Report**

An excellent conclusion or report will explain how the experiment or testing answers the question or problem, or why it fails to do so and whether or not it supports the hypothesis.

Section 8: Bibliography, References and Acknowledgements

Excellent Entrants/Teams will acknowledge and provide clear references for sources of information that they have consulted and/or referenced and acknowledge any assistance received (e.g. to find equipment and materials, to stay safe or to use unfamiliar equipment or techniques).

B. Determining the Regional Finalists:

The Local Awards (U.S. RESIDENTS ONLY): Qualifying entries (as defined above in Section 5), will be judged based on the criteria below by each location's judges (ie, the same criteria as the Regional Finalists).

A Panel will review and rank all Eligible Entries submitted. During this round, the Panel may only read the sections marked with an asterisk above (Sections: 3 (Question/Proposal), 5 (Method/Testing and Redesign), 6 (Results), and 7 (Conclusion/Report)). If you exceed the stated word and length limits, as provided during the submission process, there is no guarantee that the panel will read or watch beyond the limits stated in these rules. Entrants may provide additional supporting content in any section (e.g. embedding documents created in Google Docs/Sheets/Slides, or YouTube created videos). However, the Panel is not required to read this supporting content.

The maximum score assigned by the Panel for each Entry section is:

- 1) Question / Proposal (maximum score 5)
- 2) Method / Testing and Redesign (maximum score 15)
- 3) Results (maximum score 15)
- 4) Conclusion / Report (maximum score 15)

50 is a perfect score.

The top one hundred (100) highest scoring entries: eight (8) per age group (13-15 and 16-18) in each of the three (3) Regions (EMEA, APAC, US) from each of the two (2) Categories (Experimenting and Engineering), plus four (4) Wild Cards, will be deemed the "**Potential Regional Finalists**".

Before the Regional Finalists are published, the preliminary Judging Panel will read the top-scoring entries in full to ensure that the scientific method or engineering processes followed are sound, and there are no breaches of these Official Rules. If a potential Regional Finalist is determined to have breached these Official Rules they will be disqualified and the next highest scoring entry within the corresponding Category/Age/Region will be vetted and confirmed as a Regional Finalist.

Regional Finalist Posting: The 100 Regional Finalists will be posted on the Competition Site to be announced on the Google Science Fair site.

C. Determining the Global Finalists:

The Regional Finalist Judging Panel will score all Regional Finalist entries to obtain four (4) potential age group Global Finalists for each of the two (2) age groups (13-15, 16-18) per Category (Engineering and Experimenting) – a total of eight (8) in each Category, plus four (4) Wild Cards (2 from each category, regardless of age or region) – a total of 20 “**Potential Global Finalists**,” based on the applicable Criteria listed above.

Regional Finalists may be asked to participate in a phone and/or video interview with a representative of the Judging Panel. The Judging Panel may also seek references from Regional Finalists’ teachers or mentors.

If for any reason a Potential Global Finalist is disqualified, an alternate (determined by the same criteria) will be deemed a Potential Global Finalist. All Potential Global Finalists will be required to sign and properly execute an Affidavit (or, a Certificate or Declaration (as applicable)) of Eligibility and Publicity Release, unless prohibited by law; an Entrant Agreement and Release; such other and further agreements as may be required by the Sponsor; (together, the “**Releases**”) and a travel release document and return them via email or facsimile (and subsequently by mail to the Competition Administrator) by the date specified in an e-mail notification.

If a Potential Global Finalist is a minor in his/her jurisdiction of residence, the Releases must be filled out and signed by Entrant’s parent or legal guardian, who will be responsible for fulfilling all requirements imposed on minor Finalists stated in these rules (and, in addition, if the Potential Global Finalist is a minor in Spain, the Entrant’s parent or legal guardian will need to notify Public Prosecutor (“**Ministerio Fiscal**”) of the content of the Releases). If any Releases sent to a Potential Global Finalist are returned as undeliverable, if a Potential Global Finalist cannot be reached within a reasonable time period or fails to properly execute and return all Releases described in these rules within the time period noted, or if a Potential Global Finalist is found not to be eligible or not in compliance with these Official Rules, the Potential Global Finalist will be disqualified and, at the sole discretion of the Competition Administrator, the individual who submitted the next highest scoring Entry will be notified, time permitting. Please note that the “Affidavit of Eligibility and Publicity Release” contains consent to use Finalists’ full names, likeness, city of residence, background, stories, and photographs for promotional purposes and without additional compensation. For the avoidance of doubt, the refusal of such consent will not prevent Potential Global Finalist from receiving the applicable prize.

D. Determining the Winners:

The twenty (20) Global Finalists will be awarded the Global Finalist Prize, a trip to Google Headquarters in Mountain View, CA to participate in the final winner selection event to be held in July 2019. Finalists will be required to attend the event for a predetermined number of days. At this event, a “celebrity” Judging Panel will review each Entry and will select the Category Award Winners. A Head Judge will be assigned to make a final decision as needed. Each Entrant will present their Entry to the “celebrity” Judging Panel. The Judges will select from among the Global Finalists one (1) Category Winner for each of the four (4) Category Awards based upon the two (2) highest-ranking Entries in each Category. Then, the judges will select one (1) Grand Prize Winner from among these four (4) Category Winners. (The entrant with the next highest score in the corresponding Category will be determined the Finalist and winner of the Category Award in place of the Grand Prize Winner.) In the event of a tie during any stage of the

judging/winner determination process, all tied Entries will be voted on by the members of the celebrity Judging Panel. If the vote is split, the Head Judge will determine the winner. The Category Winners' and Grand Prize Winner's Entries will be designated as such and featured on the Competition Site in July 2019. Designation as a Global Finalist, Category Winner, Award Winner and/or a Grand Prize Winner is subject to verification of eligibility and proof of compliance with these Official Rules, maintaining compliance with these Official Rules, and approval by the Sponsor. If the winner selection event is cancelled, for any reason, the Sponsor will select the final winners based on an additional round of judging, based on the Criteria listed above.

E. Determining the Additional Award Winners: Judges will select one (1) Winner for each of the Additional Awards.

The Inspiring Educator Award: During the Open Call for Entries and/or during the final winner selection event in Mountain View, CA, Entrants will have the option to include information about a person who inspired them to enter the Competition. The Inspiring Educator Award recognizes an inspiring teacher who assisted one (1) of the Finalists in entering the Competition.

The judging criteria and maximum score for the Inspiring Educator Award:

- 1) Did the teacher inspire your class/school to get involved in STEM programs?
(maximum score 5)
 - 2) Did the teacher encourage you to identify a project that was unique and yet matched your overall interests? (maximum score 5)
 - 3) Were they on hand to advise and support you throughout? (maximum score 5)
 - 4) Tell us why your teacher is a great inspiration? (maximum score 10)
- 25 is a perfect score.**

The highest scoring Entry will be named the potential winner. In the event of a tie, a Judge will determine the winner.

F. Terms for All Rounds of Judging:

If a Regional Finalist, Global Finalist, Category Winner, Award Winner or Grand Prize Winner is found not to be eligible or not in compliance with these Official Rules, the Entrant will be disqualified and the Sponsor may select an alternate Entrant, in its sole discretion, even if the disqualified name or Entry may have been shown or announced publicly (whether on the Competition Site or in any other medium).

The Judging Panel's decisions are final and binding in all matters relating to the Competition (without prejudice of any claim that could be filed before a court).

Note: You acknowledge and agree that the Competition Entities reserve the right to disqualify any Entrant at any time, in their sole discretion, on the basis of anything contained in or learned or obtained as a result of any submitted Releases, or any other forms requested by the Competition Entities that, in their sole discretion, would constitute a breach of these Official Rules or any other Competition forms or documentation.

7. PRIZE DETAILS

A. Grand Prize:

One (1) Grand Prize Winner will receive a scholarship from Google: a US\$50,000 scholarship with the intention that it will be used towards the Grand Prize Winner's further education. If Grand Prize Winner is a Team, the US\$50,000 will be split equally between Team members. At Sponsor's sole discretion, a prize of equal or greater value will be awarded.

Grand Prize ARV: US\$50,000

B. Category Award Prizes:

Experimenting Category Awards:

The National Geographic Award: Prize: The National Geographic Explorer Award winner(s), up to three winners, will travel on an 15-day Expedition to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands with 15 to 20 National Geographic Student Expeditions, departing from Miami, Florida. The Sponsor has the right to substitute the Prize for one of equal or greater value should the designated prize become unavailable for any reason. Trip is conducted in English only. Trip specifics are subject to availability. Travelers agree to accept National Geographic Student Expeditions terms and conditions for the trip. The prize is valid for travel during calendar year 2019. Space is subject to availability.

In addition, National Geographic will provide a US\$15,000 scholarship to further the winner(s) education and a mentorship program (valid for 1 year once mentor is identified/assigned). The student will have access to work with a National Geographic expert for one year as a mentor to learn and explore the beauty of wildlife and nature.

National Geographic Explorer Award Prize ARV: US\$26,000-\$32,900 per winner (if a team, all team members to participate in trip/mentorship program; scholarship to be divided equally among team).

The Scientific American Award: Prize: The award winner(s), along with one (1) parent/legal guardian per winner, will take a Scientific American Cruise to one of the fascinating destinations to which Scientific American travels. This one-of-a-kind experience includes seminars and discussions with scientists on board. Recent cruises have been to the Panama Canal and the Mediterranean. More information is available at www.scientificamerican.com/travel. The prize is valid for travel during calendar year 2019, and the length of the trip will be determined by Scientific American.

In addition, Scientific American will provide a US\$15,000 scholarship to further the winner(s) education and a mentorship program (valid for 1 year once mentor is identified/assigned). The student will have access to work with a Scientific American community for one year as a mentor to learn and experience the breakthroughs in pure sciences.

Scientific American Category Award Prize ARV: US\$30,000 per winner (if a team, all team members to participate in trip/mentorship program, scholarship to be divided equally among team).

Engineering Category Awards:

The LEGO Education Award: Prize: The LEGO Education Builder Award honors a winner(s) who uses an innovative, hands-on approach to solve some of the greatest engineering challenges. The winner(s), along with one (1) parent or legal guardian per winner, will travel to The LEGO Group headquarters in Billund, Denmark, where the student will meet with LEGO Education employees and designers. The length of the trip will be determined by LEGO. The student will tour the LEGO Manufacturing facilities, LEGO Idea House and receive tickets to LEGOLAND Denmark. They will also receive a custom LEGO brick build designed by one of the LEGO Education designers in Billund, Denmark.

The prize is valid for travel during calendar year 2019. In addition, LEGO will provide a US\$15,000 scholarship to further the winner(s) education.

The LEGO Education Award Prize ARV: US\$25,000 per winner (if a team, all team members to participate in trip, scholarship to be divided equally among team).

The Virgin Galactic Pioneer Award: Prize: The award winner and one (1) parent/legal guardian per winner will be taken on a tour of Virgin Galactic facilities to meet the extraordinary group of engineers turning the Virgin Galactic dream into reality, as well as given the unique opportunity to get acquainted with our new spaceship. Timing of the prize visit will be during calendar year 2019 on a date mutually agreed between Virgin Galactic, Google and the Virgin Galactic Pioneer Award Winner(s). Every effort will be made to ensure that the spaceship and carrier aircraft are present during the tour. In the event that for reasons outside its control, Virgin Galactic is unable to meet these or other prize criteria on the day, Virgin Galactic and Sponsor reserve the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value.

In addition, Virgin Galactic will provide a US\$15,000 scholarship to further the winner(s) education and a mentorship program (valid for 1 year). The student will have access to work with a Virgin Galactic executive/engineer for one year as a mentor to learn how to continue their pursuit in space exploration, and physics.

Virgin Galactic Category Award Prize ARV: US\$23,000 per winner (if a team, all team members to participate in trip/mentorship program, scholarship to be divided equally among team).

NOTE ON ALL PRIZES: Sponsor to provide roundtrip economy airfare for each winner (or winning team member), plus one (1) parent/legal guardian per winner (or winning team member) if winner is a minor in his/her country of residence, for each of the trips listed above. Actual value of prize awards may vary based on airfare fluctuations and distance between departure and destination. All taxes associated with any prize award, and all expenses not specifically mentioned herein, are not included and are solely the winner's responsibility, including but not limited to: transportation to and from the airport of origin, meals, alcoholic beverages, tax, gratuities, insurance, room service, telephone calls, souvenirs, etc. Airline carrier and hotel regulations and conditions apply. Trip components are subject to change without notice. Travel and lodging are subject to availability, certain restrictions, blackout dates and Sponsor's approval. Presentation of a credit card by the winner (or parent/legal guardian), may be required at the time of check-in at a hotel. Winner and parent/legal guardian are solely responsible for obtaining

any and all necessary travel documents (e.g., passport, visa, valid photo I.D., credit card, etc.) before departure. Any costs associated with obtaining the required travel documents are the responsibility of the winner and the parent/legal guardian. Sponsor reserves the right to change and/or substitute any Prize or any components of the Prize for a Prize or Prize component of equal or greater value at any time, in its sole discretion. Sponsor will determine the airlines and hotels in its sole discretion. Winner (or winning team members if winning entry is a team) and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must travel on the same itinerary. All travel dates are subject to change in Sponsor's sole discretion. Travel restrictions, conditions and limitations may apply. Travel arrangements are subject to availability and must be roundtrip. Sponsor shall not be responsible for any damage to baggage or any cancellations, delays, diversions or substitutions, or any acts or omissions whatsoever by the air carriers, hotels or other transportation companies or any other persons providing any of the services and accommodations necessitated by same.

Total ARV of all Category Award Prizes: US\$109,900.

C. Additional Awards Prizes:

The Inspiring Educator Award Prize: \$5,000 gift card to be used towards the purchase of LEGO Education Products for their school.

The Inspiring Educator Award Prize ARV: US\$5,000.

The Local Award (U.S. RESIDENTS ONLY) Prize: Local Award Winners will each receive an android tablet and a Google goody bag including a t-shirt, a tote and stickers. ARV: US\$250.

Total ARV of the Local Award to be determined by number of participating locations.

Regional Finalists: 100 Regional Finalists will each receive a Chromebook and a Google goody bag including a t-shirt, a tote and stickers. ARV: US\$125.

Total ARV of the Regional Awards: US\$12,500.

Total ARV of all Additional Award Prizes: US\$17,500 (not including Local Award Prizes)

D. Global Finalist Prizes:

Twenty (20) Global Finalists (including each member of a team) will receive:

- A LEGO Education Goodie Bag.
- A Google Goodie Bag
- National Geographic Subscription: A subscription to National Geographic magazine for 12 months starting on or about September 2019.
- Scientific American Subscription: Individual print and digital subscription to Scientific American magazine for 12 months starting on or about September 2019.
- Virgin Galactic Goodie Bag

ARV per Finalist Prize: US\$800

Total ARV of Global Finalist Prizes: US\$16,000

E. Trip to Mountain View for the Winner Selection Event:

The twenty (20) Global Finalists will receive a minimum of a three (3)-day/two (2)-night trip (length of trip dependent on country of origin and associated travel times at Sponsor's discretion) for the Global Finalists (including, if applicable, all Team Members) (each, a "Traveler"), plus one parent or legal guardian per Traveler, if such Traveler is a minor in his/her country of residence, to Mountain View, CA, USA for the opportunity to participate in the final Winner Selection Event (Global Finalist only), on or about July 2019. Exact dates of the trip will be determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. The date, time, and location of the Winner Selection Event may also be changed at the sole discretion of the Sponsor, and Travelers and parent/legal guardian(s) may be required to travel on fifteen (15) days or less notice. If a Traveler cannot travel during the dates that are selected by the Sponsor, then that Traveler (or his/her Team, if Traveler is a Team Member) shall be deemed to have forfeited their prize and an alternate Global Finalist may be chosen by the Sponsor, using the judging procedure outlined above, in Sponsor's sole discretion. Trip amenities include round-trip economy air transportation for each Traveler (plus one (1) parent/legal guardian for each Traveler, if Traveler is a minor) from a major gateway city airport located nearest to the Traveler's home (determined in the sole discretion of the Sponsor) to Mountain View, CA, USA (if any Traveler lives within a two hundred (200) mile radius of Mountain View, CA, ground transportation may be provided at the Sponsor's discretion and no compensation or substitution will be provided in lieu thereof); round-trip ground transportation in Mountain View, CA to hotel/airport via private car/van/bus, as determined by Sponsor (if a Traveler is not eligible for air transportation, round-trip airport-to-hotel transportation will not be provided); standard hotel accommodations at a hotel of Sponsor's choice (one room (1), single or double occupancy, as determined by Sponsor) and round-trip ground transportation to/from hotel and related events and the Winner Selection Event. All costs and expenses associated with prize acceptance and use not specified herein as being provided, including, without limitation, all federal, state, local, county, provincial and other taxes (including income and withholding taxes), luggage fees, travel documents, insurance, meals, incidentals, in-room charges, telephone calls, beverages, gratuities, and any other expenses not specified in these Official Rules are the sole responsibility of the Traveler (and his/her parent or legal guardian, if Traveler is a minor).

ARV of each Trip (based on values at the time these Official Rules and Release were published): US\$3,500 each (or US\$4,500 each if a parent/legal guardian escort is required). Actual value may vary based on city of origin. Specific travel arrangements will be made by agent of the Sponsor. Sponsor and agents of the Sponsor retain sole discretion for the selection of departing airport, destination airport, airline carrier, flight times and destination hotel. Released Parties are not liable for any expenses incurred as a consequence of flight cancellation/delay. Travelers and their parent/legal guardian (if applicable) must travel together on the same itinerary and are responsible for obtaining all required travel documents (e.g., acceptable photo ID, passport, visa, etc.) and any required (or optional) insurance (health, travel, etc.) prior to travel. Prizes may be forfeited if: (a) proper travel documents for any and all travel are unattainable for any reason within the time required by the Sponsor; (b) the Traveler did not have the unqualified right, at the time of being selected, to re-enter his/her country of origin after leaving the country; or (c) if any immigration or travel documentation complications

arise which prohibit a Traveler and/or their parent/legal guardian escort from entering the United States. In the latter event, the Traveler, parent, or legal guardian (as applicable), will be solely responsible for arranging and paying for travel back to their point of origin. Each Traveler (and his/her parent or legal guardian, if Traveler is a minor) is solely responsible for determining and complying with all applicable international/domestic travel procedures and restrictions. All Travelers and parents/legal guardians (if applicable) must comply with all hotel check-in requirements, including but not limited to the presentation of a major credit card. Specifics of this travel package are subject to availability and remain solely at the discretion of the Sponsor. Complete terms and conditions of the trip will be furnished with notification. Travel must be made through the Sponsor's agent on a carrier of Sponsor's choice. Reservations are subject to availability. Travel restrictions and blackout dates may apply. If any Traveler is unable to attend the Winner Selection Event for any reason, no compensation or substitution will be provided in lieu thereof and Competition Entities will have no further obligation to such Traveler.

F. General Prize Conditions (For All Prizes and Awards): The prizes are not transferable, assignable or redeemable for cash except at Sponsor's sole discretion in which case a prize of comparable or greater value will be awarded. No substitutions by winner. Cash will be not be provided in lieu of any prize. Prizes are subject to change without prior notice at any time. Sponsors reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to substitute a prize of equal or greater monetary value. If prize includes a scholarship, then: (i) scholarship terms and conditions apply and winner (or winner's parent/legal guardian, if winner is a minor) may be required to sign an agreement with a scholarship administrator selected by Sponsor in its discretion; (ii) the scholarship is valid only for education-related expenses at a college, university, or vocational/technical school accredited by the applicable regional, state, or national authorities, as verified by the scholarship administrator; and (iii) depending on selected disbursement options, U.S. winners may receive an IRS Form 1099 for the value of the scholarship. In addition to the prizes listed above, Google offices in the winner's country may provide additional prizes to the winners at Google's discretion. All federal, state, country, provincial and other tax liabilities (including income and withholding taxes) and any other costs and expenses associated with prize acceptance and use not specified herein as being provided are the responsibility of the Competition Winners. Each Competition Winner who is a legal resident of the United States will be issued a 1099 for the actual value of his/her prize, if the actual value exceeds \$600. Prizes will be awarded on or about July 2019. All details of any prize not specified herein are at the Sponsor's sole discretion and complete terms and conditions of prizes will be disclosed to the winner at time of prize award.

G. Prize Conditions for Minors (For All Prizes and Awards): If any winner is a minor in his/her jurisdiction of residence, the prize may be awarded, in whole or in part, in the name of his/her parent or legal guardian, who will be responsible for fulfilling all requirements imposed on winners set forth herein; however, the winner, and not his/her parent or legal guardian, will participate in the activities associated with the prize. If a winner is a minor in his/her jurisdiction of residence and he/she is required to travel as part of his/her prize, he/she must be accompanied by his/her parent or legal guardian. Winners and their parents/legal guardians must execute and return a Travel Companion Liability Release, and a Travel Companion Publicity Release (unless prohibited by applicable law) (collectively, the "Travel Companion Release Forms") prior to issuance of travel documents. Parents and/or legal guardians must be of legal age of majority in their jurisdictions of residence. Failure to return Travel Companion

Release Forms in a timely manner may prevent winner and his/her parent or legal guardian from participating in the trip.

8. OWNERSHIP OF THE ENTRY/GRANT OF RIGHTS:

You will retain ownership to your Entry. However, by entering the Competition, and to the extent allowed by law, you personally, and through your parent or legal guardian, grant the Competition Entities and their respective affiliates, licensees, promotional partners, developers, legal representatives, assigns, agents and licensees (collectively, the “**Licensed Parties**”), a perpetual (or for the maximum extent permitted by law), worldwide, royalty-free, non-exclusive, sub licensable, unconditional and transferable license to edit, modify, cut, rearrange, add to, delete from, reproduce, encode, store, modify, copy, transmit, publish, post, broadcast, display, adapt, exhibit and/or otherwise use or reuse (without limitation as to when or to the number of times used), your (or your Team’s) Entry, name, address, image, voice, likeness, statements, background and biographical material including, but not limited to, all materials submitted in connection with the Competition, as well as any additional photographic images, video images, portraits, documents, interviews or other materials arising out of your participation in this Competition (with or without using your name) in any and all media, in any language, throughout the world, and in any manner, for trade, advertising, promotional, commercial, or any other purposes without further review, notice, approval, consideration, or compensation to Entrant or any third party. For Polish residents, the worldwide license is being granted at the moment of the Entry is submitted for the Competition, for the non revocable period of five (5) years without a right of termination. For Israeli residents, and to extent permitted by applicable law, you further agree to waive any moral rights associated with your Entry. Any Competition Winners’ participation in the Winner Selection Event and any associated audio or video recordings, practices or other events associated with the Winner Selection Event shall be owned by Google LLC. who may exploit, edit, modify, and distribute the Winner Selection Event performance and all elements of such participation, including, without limitation, the names and likenesses of any persons or locations embodied therein, in any and all media now known or hereafter devised, in any language, throughout the world, and in any manner, for trade, advertising, promotional, commercial, or any other purposes without further review, notice, approval, consideration, or compensation to Competition Winners or any third party. In the case where the Entrant is a minor in Spain, any of the above rights and permissions must be granted by the Entrant’s parent or legal guardian and notified to the Ministerio Fiscal.

If you are a minor in Spain, the above license must be granted your parent or legal guardian, unless you are between 16 and 18 years old and lives independently in accordance with the provisions of Article 44 of the current Spanish Copyright Law. You may be asked to submit your original video, presentation files, entry materials, research documentation, works cited, or other documentation/materials deemed necessary by the Sponsor in its sole discretion. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

9. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY: Except where prohibited by law and to the extent that the negative consequences described below are the foreseeable result of matters within the Released Parties’ reasonable control and are the direct consequence of negligence or default by any of them, the Released Parties are not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate entry of information, human error, technical malfunction, lost/delayed data transmission, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, line failure of any telephone, computer or other network, computer

equipment, software or any combination thereof, inability to access the Google Site, for the inability to upload or download any Competition-related materials from the Google Site, or for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, delayed, garbled, incorrect, inaccurate, stolen, damaged, or incomplete Entries.

BY ENTERING THE COMPETITION, YOU: (I) ACCEPT, PERSONALLY AND THROUGH YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THE CONDITIONS STATED IN THESE OFFICIAL COMPETITION RULES AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE DECISIONS OF THE COMPETITION ENTITIES, WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF ANY CLAIM THAT COULD BE FILED BEFORE THE COURTS; (II) WARRANT, PERSONALLY AND THROUGH YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMPETITION; AND (III) AGREE, PERSONALLY AND THROUGH YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THAT, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE RELEASED PARTIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CLAIMS, LOSSES, LIABILITY, AND DAMAGES OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES), ASSERTED AGAINST ANY OF THEM, INCURRED, SUSTAINED, OR ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE, ACCEPTANCE, OR MISUSE OF ANY ENTRY MATERIAL, OR WHILE PREPARING FOR, PARTICIPATING IN, AND/OR TRAVELING TO OR FROM ANY COMPETITION-RELATED ACTIVITY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY INJURY, DAMAGE, DEATH, LOSS, OR ACCIDENT TO PERSON OR PROPERTY (EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT ANY PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH IS CAUSED BY THE RELEASED PARTIES' NEGLIGENCE), OR FROM THE RESPECTIVE ENTRANT'S BREACH OF ANY AGREEMENT OR WARRANTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPETITION, INCLUDING THESE OFFICIAL COMPETITION RULES. ANY ATTEMPT TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEBSITE OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE COMPETITION IS A VIOLATION OF THE LAW AND, SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, THE COMPETITION ENTITIES AND EACH OF THEIR LICENSEES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES OR OTHER REMEDIES (INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES) FROM ANY SUCH PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SUCH ATTEMPT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. NOTWITHSTANDING THE REVIEW OF ANY ENTRY BY THE COMPETITION ADMINISTRATOR, YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE, PERSONALLY AND THROUGH YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, TO BEAR SOLE LIABILITY FOR THE CONTENTS OF YOUR ENTRY AND AGREE TO REIMBURSE THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY DAMAGES AND/OR COSTS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF A THIRD PARTY'S CLAIM OR DEMAND RELATING TO THE CONTENT OF YOUR ENTRY. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 1229 OF THE ITALIAN CIVIL CODE, THE LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY WILL NOT BE VALID AND EFFECTIVE FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES.

10. **GENERAL CONDITIONS:** The Competition Entities' and Judging Panel's decisions are final and binding in all matters relating to this Competition, including interpretation and application of these Official Rules (without prejudice of any claim that could be filed before the Court). Potential Finalists and Potential Winners and/or their parents or legal guardians may be contacted by Competition Entities via email. In the event of a dispute as to the identity of an Entrant based on an email address, the Entry in question may be disqualified subject to the Competition Entities' sole discretion. The Competition Entities reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to disqualify any individual found tampering with the entry process or entry materials

or otherwise interfering with the proper administration of the Competition or violating these Official Rules and void all associated Entries and/or votes. The Competition Entities may cancel, modify, or suspend the Competition (or portion thereof) due to a force majeure event or any other event beyond the Competition Entities' reasonable control, as determined in the Competition Entities' discretion. In the event of termination, subject to the approval of the RACJ in Quebec, Sponsor and/or Competition Administrator reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to determine the Finalists and/or Competition Winners (as applicable) from among all non-suspect, Eligible Entries received up to time of such action using the judging procedure set forth herein.

You hereby acknowledge and agree, personally and through your parent or legal guardian, that the relationship between you and the Competition Entities is not a confidential, fiduciary, exclusive or other special relationship, and your decision to submit an Entry in connection with this Competition does not place the Competition Entities in a position that is any different from the position held by members of the general public with regard to elements of the Entry, other than as set forth in these Official Rules.

11. SIMILAR IDEAS:

You understand and acknowledge, personally and through your parent or legal guardian, that: i) Competition Entities have wide access to ideas, stories, designs, film, tape, video, and other materials, and those new ideas are constantly being submitted to it or being developed by their own employees; ii) many ideas or stories may be competitive with, similar to, or identical to content in your Entry and/or each other in theme, idea, plot, format, or other respects; iii) You will not be entitled to any compensation as a result of Competition Entities' use of any such similar or identical material that has or may come to Competition Entities, or any of them, from other sources. Except where prohibited by law you acknowledge and agree that the Released Entities do not now and shall not have in the future any duty or liability, direct or indirect, vicarious, contributory, or otherwise, with respect to the infringement or protection of your copyright in and to the Entries. Finally, you acknowledge that, with respect to any claim of yours relating to or arising out of any Competition Entities' actual or alleged exploitation or use of any Entry or other material submitted in connection with the Competition, the damage, if any, thereby caused to you will not be irreparable or otherwise sufficient to entitle you to seek any injunctive or other equitable relief or in any way enjoin, otherwise interfere with, delay, or interrupt the production, distribution, exhibition, or other exploitation of any production based on, or allegedly based on, your Entry, and your rights and remedies in any such event shall be strictly limited to the right to recover damages, if any, in an action at law.

12. PERSONAL DATA:

Without limiting Section 8 (Ownership of the Entry/Grant of Rights) above, your Personal Information will be processed for the purpose of the Competition in accordance with the Google Privacy Policy located online at <http://www.google.com/intl/en/privacy.html>, and including providing you with updates regarding your participation in the Competition, requesting your participation in surveys to improve the Competition, and as otherwise set out in these Official Rules. **You personally, and through your parent or legal guardian, expressly agree to the use of your personal information for such purposes.** Sponsor will not sell, share or otherwise disclose information collected in any manner with third parties, other than those parties necessary to fulfill the above purposes, unless you have given your prior express consent to receive additional information from Sponsor or a third party. You have a right of

access to, modification and withdrawal of your personal data. You also have the right of opposition to the data collection, under certain circumstances, in accordance with applicable law. To exercise such right, write to Google LLC, Attn: Google Science Fair 2018, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043. The data controller and data recipient is Google LLC, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043.

For European Union residents, please note that Entrants' data will be transferred outside the European Union to the following countries: the United States, Australia, and other countries which do not provide an adequate level of protection according to EU data protection regulations, for the purpose of administering this Competition. We will take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that your personal information is treated securely and in accordance with the Google Privacy Policy and these Official Rules in respect of such transfer. By entering the Competition, you expressly agree to such transfer.

13. **CHOICE OF LAW:** Unless the laws relevant for the domicile of the Registered User provide otherwise, this Competition is governed exclusively by United States law and is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws. Except where prohibited by law, any and all legal actions or claims arising in connection with this Competition must be brought exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Santa Clara, in the State of California.

14. **COUNTRY SPECIFIC NOTICES:**

If any provision of these rules is invalid under the applicable law, rules or regulations of a particular country, it will only apply to the extent permitted. In addition to the tax liability disclosures in these rules, Competition Winners are subject to abide by the income reporting and, if applicable, the payment of any taxes due per the laws, rules and regulations of the winners' country of residence. By entering the Contest, Entrants hereby expressly agree and accept that for all that is related to the interpretation, performance and enforcement of these Official Rules, each of them expressly submit themselves to the laws of the United States of America and to the jurisdiction of the competent courts in the County of Santa Clara, in the State of California, United States of America, expressly waiving to any other jurisdiction that could correspond to them by virtue of their present or future domicile or by virtue of any other cause.

A. For Canada: For Quebec, Canada residents only, all legal requirements concerning the La Regie des Alcools des Courses et des Jeux (the "Regie") shall apply. If a Competition Winner is from Canada, he or she may be required in writing to assign any copyright to the applicable Competition Entity. Any litigation respecting the conduct or organization of a publicity contest may be submitted to the Regie for a ruling. Any litigation respecting the awarding of a prize may be submitted to the Regie only for the purpose of helping the parties reach a settlement.

B. For Mexico: If you are from Mexico, by entering the Competition, you hereby expressly agree and accept that for all that is related to the interpretation, performance and enforcement of this Official Rules, each of them expressly submit themselves to the laws of the United States of America and to the jurisdiction of the competent courts in the County of Santa Clara, in the State of California, United States of America, expressly waiving to any other jurisdiction that could correspond to them by virtue of their present or future domicile or by virtue of any other cause.

C. For Germany: Nothing shall exclude your liability as well as the liability of the Competition Entities for damages to life, body and health and for intent, gross negligence and fraudulent concealment of defects or breach of any guaranteed quality (“Beschaffenheitsgarantie”). In cases of slight negligence, you and THE COMPETITION ENTITIES are only liable for the breach of cardinal obligations (“Kardinalpflichten” meaning those obligations which must be fulfilled for an orderly performance of the contract and those obligations where the parties regularly rely on the performance of the other party); In these cases, the liability is restricted to any loss or damage which was reasonably foreseeable at the time THIS CONTRACT COMING into effect.

D. Right to Withdraw for Legal Residents of Italy: If you are a consumer, according to Article 64 of the Italian Consumer Code, you will be entitled to a period of ten (10) business days to withdraw your Entry into a Competition without any penalty or cause. The period for exercising the right of withdrawal may be exercised by sending a letter stating the Entrant’s desire to withdraw via email to sciencefair@google.com (provided that confirmation is also given by certified email no later than forty-eight (48) hours thereafter) by no later than ten (10) days following the date of his/her entry.

15. COMPETITION WINNERS LIST:

On or about May 2019 the names of the Regional and Global Competition Winners will be posted on the Competition Site.

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