

**MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**  
Science and Engineering Fair / Junior Science & Humanities Symposium  
**All forms due by March 5, 2012**

**Adult Media Release – March 18-March 20, 2012**  
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**NO registration will be considered complete until paid. NO students will be allowed to present until their registration is paid in full.** I (we) understand that if I (we) are paying for the registration(s) and do not pay it on time, a \$30 late fee per registration will be charged. If my (our) registration(s) will be paid by a school, district or other 3rd party, I (we) are still responsible for its payment. If MAS has not received payment from the 3rd party by the time the event starts, I (we) will need to pay for the registration(s) at the door, to be reimbursed once MAS receives the 3<sup>rd</sup> party payment.

Name of Adult:	
Signature	Date
Which student(s) are you associated with?	

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## MAS Adult Code of Ethics

### Point of Information from the Program Committee:

Over the last five years we have observed a growing level of tension in the area of sportsmanlike conduct at times of MAS competitions. We want to insure that the spirit of science competition emphasizes the joy and fun of applied science, as well as the importance of basic human dignity.

The Program Committee feels that conflict could be reduced by adherence to a Code of Ethics by which all participants (young scientists, parents, judges, and coordinators) are bound. We have researched codes of ethics from various organizations that work with youth competitions. We have modeled the following after the National Youth Sports Coaches Association and that of the International Science and Engineering Fair.

### MAS Ethics Statement for Science Competitions:

Scientific fraud and misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. Plagiarism, use or presentation of other researcher's work as one's own, forgery of approval signatures and fabrication or falsification of data or approval dates will not be tolerated. Fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for competition in affiliated fairs.

### **Parent Code of Ethics**

- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in science by following this *Parent Code of Ethics Pledge*.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all competitors, judges, teachers, mentors, and officials at the event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child compete in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will ask my child to treat competitors, advisors, and staff with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the science experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful visitor.
- In the event that I wish to file a formal complaint about something which has happened at the competition, I will follow official MAS complaint procedures.

### **Advisor Code of Ethics**

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my student ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all competitors, judges, teachers, mentors, and officials at the event.
- I will do my best to provide a safe environment for my students.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating a healthy attitude about the event's competition level.
- I will support the Minnesota Academy of Science Mission Statement.
- I will remember that I am a science advisor and that the competition is for the students.
- I will be knowledgeable in the MAS and ISEF rules and I will convey these rules to my students.
- In the event that I wish to file a formal complaint about something which has happened at the competition, I will follow official MAS complaint procedures.

### **Complaint Procedures**

Contact the SF/JSJS Director about incidents through the MAS HQ at the event or the MAS office after the event.

Name of Parent or Guardian:	
Signature	Date
Which student(s) are you associated with?	

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**ADULT WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

The undersigned understands and agrees that in consideration for receiving permission to participate in the Science and Engineering Fair (MSSEF) and/or Junior Science & Humanities Symposium (JSHS), I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Minnesota Academy of Science, its directors, officers, employees, contractors, servants, or volunteers (RELEASES) from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, injuries (including death) or damages, including court costs and attorneys fees, that may be sustained by me while traveling to or from, or attending and/or participating in the Science and Engineering Fair or Junior Science & Humanities Symposium.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the RELEASEES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, injuries (including death) or damages, including court costs and attorneys fees, which may occur to me, other participants, third-persons, or attendees, whether caused by my negligence, the negligence of others, or accident.

I understand that the RELEASES do not provide insurance coverage for any circumstance arising from my or my child's participation in the MSSEF and/or JSHS or any event or activity related to the MSSEF and/or JSHS. As such, I agree that I have reviewed my personal insurance coverage and find it adequate.

It is my express intent that this agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota.

By signing this Waiver, Indemnification and Release of Liability, I state and represent that I have read it, understand it and the conditions set forth herein, that I agree to all conditions set forth herein, and that I sign it voluntarily.

Adult's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult's Signature

This waiver must be signed and submitted for EVERY adult and student  
who will be attending the State Science & Engineering Fair  
and/or the Junior Science & Humanities Symposium.  
**Participants will NOT be allowed to compete or participate in any activities  
unless we receive a copy of this signed form.**