

2018 Fernley STEM Festival Poster Display and Safety Regulations



The Fernley STEM Festival (FSF) Judging Committee is the final authority on display and safety issues for projects approved to compete in the Fernley STEM Festival. Occasionally, the FSF Judging Committee may require students to make revisions in their display to conform to display and safety regulations.

Items Not Allowed at Posters:

1. Living organisms including plants AND cultured microorganisms
2. Soil or waste samples unless permanently encased in a slab of acrylic
3. Taxidermy specimens or parts
4. Preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals
5. Human or animal food
6. Human/animal parts or body fluids (for example, blood, urine)
7. Plant materials (living, dead, or preserved) which are in their raw, unprocessed, or non-manufactured state. EXCEPTION: manufactured construction materials used in building the project or display.
8. Laboratory/household chemicals including water.
9. Poisons, drugs, controlled substances, hazardous substances or devices (for example, firearms, weapons, ammunition, reloading devices and lasers)
10. Dry ice or other sublimating solids.
11. Sharp items (for example, syringes, needles, pipettes, knives)
12. Flames or highly flammable materials
13. Batteries with open-top cells or with exposed terminals. Only AAA, AA, C & D batteries are acceptable.
14. Awards, medals, business cards, flags, endorsements and/or acknowledgements (graphic or written) unless the item(s) are an integral part of the project
15. Photographs or other visual presentations depicting vertebrate animals in surgical techniques, dissections, necropsies, or other lab procedures
16. Active Internet or e-mail connections as part of displaying the project.
17. Prior years' written material or visual depictions on the display board. [Exception: the project may mention years or which year the project is (for example, "Year Two of an Ongoing Study")].
18. Glass or glass objects unless deemed by Judging Committee to be an integral part and necessary part of the project
19. Any apparatus or object deemed unsafe by the Judging Committee

Items Allowed; BUT, with the Restrictions Indicated

1. Soil, sand, rock, and/or waste samples if permanently encased in a slab of acrylic.
2. Postal addresses, World Wide Web and e-mail addresses telephone numbers, and fax numbers of participant only.
3. Photographs and/or visual depictions if:
 - a. If not deemed offensive or inappropriate by the Judging Committee.
 - b. Credit lines if their origins ("Photograph taken by ..." or "Image taken from...") are attached. (If all photographs being displayed were taken by the participant or are from the same source, one credit line prominently displayed is sufficient.)
 - c. They are from the Internet, magazines, newspapers, journal, etc., and credit lines are attached. (If all photographs/images are from the same source, one credit prominently displayed is sufficient.)
 - d. They are photographs or visual depictions of the participant.
 - e. They are photographs of human subjects for which signed consent forms are at the project.
4. Any apparatus with unshielded belts, pulleys, chains, or moving parts with tension or pinch points if for display only and not operated.
5. Class II lasers (High School ONLY) if:
 - a. Operated only by the participant
 - b. Operated only during judging
 - c. Labeled with a sign reading "Laser Radiation: Do Not Look Into Beam"
 - d. Enclosed in protective housing that prevents physical and visual access to beam
 - e. Disconnected when not operating
6. Class III and IV laser (High School ONLY) if for display and not operated
7. Any apparatus producing temperature that will cause physical burns if adequately insulated