

Hello Team Managers,

The day you all are waiting for is almost here! For most of the teams, this is a brand new experience, and we promise this will be a fun-filled, unforgettable, wonderful day for your team. Please read through this letter and pass it on to your team members' parents to help them prepare for the **Tournament Day** at **Centennial High School** on **February 17th, 2018!**

The **Awards Ceremony** for competitive teams will be at the gym on the same day at 7:30 pm. If you are also managing a Rising Stars team, there will be a separate Tournament Letter, so please follow those directions accordingly for your Rising Stars team. The Tournament Schedule will be uploaded to the NExT Region website in the first week of February.

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## **TOURNAMENT PARKING**

- **Carpooling is highly recommended.** Parking can be challenging, and can take up to 30 minutes during busy times.
- There will be signs in the parking lot, so please pay attention and follow them as close as possible to be on time.

## **TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN** (Before checking into the Instant Challenge or Team Challenge)

- The Registration desk for all the competitive teams to Check-In **except** Rising Stars will be located inside the west side entrance of the School. The west side entrance is facing the parking lot in front of the Tennis courts and can be seen in the below google map pointed by the red arrow. If you are managing a **Rising Stars** team or a sibling is part of a **Rising Stars** team, the Rising Stars Challenge Masters will send a specific Tournament Letter with helpful details pertaining to Rising Stars. The **Rising Stars** teams should expect their Tournament Letter during the early part of February.



- Team Managers should arrive at the Tournament Check-In table **45 minutes** prior to the team's **first** performance of the day. Please check the [Tournament Schedule](#) on the [Tournament page](#) to determine if the team will perform their Instant Challenge or Central Challenge first. A mobile version of the schedule can be found at the top of the [Tournament Schedule](#) page.
- Following Tournament Check In, *Improvisational Challenge: Treasure!* must check in at their Prep Room **30 minutes** prior, *Engineering Challenge: Drop Zone* must check in at their Weigh-In/Prep Room **60 minutes** prior, and *Xtreme* teams must check in at their Base Camp/Prep Room **60 minutes** prior to their team performance. All other team challenges must check in at their Prep Room **20 minutes** prior to the team performance
- Reminder: **The team's first scheduled performance time may be the Central Challenge OR the Instant Challenge**

## **REQUIRED FORMS**

Team Managers are **REQUIRED** to have the following forms at check-in. *There will not be a copy machine available.* The closest Kinkos is 10 minutes away and located [here on 121 and Custer](#).

All forms can also be found on the [Tournament page](#) of NeXT Regions' website.

- 5 copies of the completed **Tournament Data Form (Page 1 and 2)**
- 1 copy of the completed **Tournament Data Form (Page 3)**
- 2 copies of **The Declaration of Independence**
- A copy of any private clarifications your team has written (Copies issued to your team)
- 1 copy of the completed **Expense Report**
- Copies of receipts, in case your team is asked for them by the appraisers
- **2: Media and Medical Release Form** (for each Team Manager and Team Member)
- 2 copies of the completed **Team Photo Forms with photos.**
- **1 Team Identification Sign (listing Team Name, Team Number, Level & School)**

## **CENTRAL CHALLENGE LOGISTICS**

- You can check your team's Central Challenge and IC performance schedule on The NExT Regional Schedule at <http://www.nextregiondi.com/>
- Signs around the building and information at the Check in Desk (which is located in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor main entry) will guide your team, friends and family to your performance room. **Parents and friends need to know your Challenge name, team manager name, and school name to find your performance room.**
- Teams need to ensure their equipment will not damage the performance floor, as damages could potentially lead to score deductions.
- **Don't be late.** *Once a performance begins, the room doors will be closed and no one will be allowed to enter.* We suggest arriving on campus about **45** minutes before your Team's scheduled performance time in order to **park and** check-in your team.
- Teams and spectators should be quiet in the hallways to avoid disrupting the performances.
- Team and Team Managers only must arrive to their "Prep Room" 20 minutes prior to their performance time. No others allowed in these rooms.

- Team Managers are encouraged to **review the Rules of Interference** with their Team and Parents before Tournament Day. In addition, please make sure you have checked all published clarifications for your challenge on <https://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-program/clarifications/>
- Your Central Challenge Scores should be picked up at your challenge site from the Head Appraiser. The TM may bring questions/concerns on the scores to the Head Appraiser within 30 minutes of receipt.

### **INSTANT CHALLENGE LOGISTICS**

- All teams should check-in for Instant Challenge upstairs 15 minutes before their scheduled Instant Challenge performance time.
- Only team members and one team manager are allowed in this part of the building.
- The Instant Challenge area will be clearly marked with Purple signs and tape.

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

The Award Ceremony will be held at the Competition Gym, Centennial High School, this is the gym with the bleachers on both sides. Please use the Gym entrance.

### **TEXAS DI TOURNAMENT SITE RESTRICTIONS**

Texas DI has permanently adopted the following site restrictions for the Affiliate Tournament. The following **are not** allowed at the Tournament, during performances, or at the Award Ceremony.

<b>Aerosol Propelled Paint</b>	<b>Air Rifles</b>	<b>BB Guns</b>	<b>Confetti</b>
<b>Dry Ice</b>	<b>Fire/Smoke</b>	<b>Flame</b>	<b>Gratuitous Violence</b>
<b>Helium</b>	<b>Laser or Laser Pointers</b>	<b>Latex</b>	<b>Live Animals</b>
<b>Party Poppers</b>	<b>Paint Guns</b>	<b>Smoke Machines</b>	<b>Sparklers</b>

There will be **no dimming or turning off of lights** by the team, unless otherwise specified by their challenge.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Challenge Pins, Hats, T-Shirts, etc., for 2018 will be available at the Dime Store for purchase.
- Food, Concessions and Drinks will be sold at the cafeteria.
- Maps and Tournament Programs will be available at the Registration Tables.
- A medical nurse will be available for minor medical emergencies.

- All props, sets, material, etc. must be taken home with you. No disposal of these items or **TRASH** on site.
- **Team Managers, Parents or Team Members will not be allowed to visit the Tournament site prior to Saturday, February 17, 2018.** Any violation will result in team deductions.
- Lost and Found: Can be found at the Registration Desk.

**STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION (2018 Affiliate Tournament, April 6-7, 2018 in Mansfield TX)**

- The Going-to-State meeting will be held on Saturday evening at 9 pm in the **Centennial High School Competition Gym** following the award ceremony. One team manager should attend.
- Texas DI will continue the Bonus Team program to allow more teams to participate in the Affiliate Tournament in Mansfield, TX. Bonus teams will be selected from regional teams across the state who came close to qualifying but did not quite make it. Invitations will be issued in early March, and must be accepted promptly. So if your team almost qualified for advancement to the Affiliate Tournament, and you'll still like to go, hang onto your sets, props, and costumes – AND your creativity. Maybe you will get a phone call or e-mail in early March!