Fair Rules

(1) ENTRY AND PRESENTATION. Any student who attends a public or private school in the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, and the southern half of St. Martin is eligible to enter. Due to space limitations, a maximum of ten projects can be entered from a school fair provided a parish fair is not held. Parishes that have a parish fair in addition to school fairs may enter a maximum of three (3) projects from each category to represent all the schools in the parish or system.

(2) ENTRY FORMS All exhibits must be entered on the official entry forms and must be received on or before the date indicated in the schedule of events. Numbered spaces will be assigned and posted at the check-in and throughout the gym the day of the Science and Engineering Fair. Entry forms may be found on the website. Each school should print the required number of forms for student use. All items on entry forms must be filled in completely. Incomplete forms will delay or invalidate the entry form. Complete list of forms required click here.

(3) SPACE LIMITATIONS. EXHIBITS MAY NOT EXCEED SPACE LIMITS SET BY THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR. Front to back, max of 76 cm (30 inches); side to side, 122 cm (48 inches); and floor to top of project, 274 cm (108 inches). The height includes a table of 76 cm (30 inches).

(4) ELECTRICAL POWER. Exhibitors must request electrical power on the entry form. Electrical power will be limited to 300 watts; 110-120 volts AC. Exhibitor must provide their own UL approved extension cord.

(5) RESPONSIBILITY. Neither the Science Fair Committee nor the sponsoring institution, Nicholls State University, assume any responsibility for the loss or damage to property of the exhibitor (or other visitors), although reasonable care will be exercised toward protecting each exhibit and to insure the safety of the exhibitor and other visitors.

(6) EXHIBITS. A student may enter only one project. Team projects may involve two or three students. Repetition of previous work is not permitted unless considerable alteration, approach, elaboration, or testing is evident. All exhibits must be constructed and assembled by the students themselves. The sponsor or other technically trained persons may give advice, but may not otherwise assist.

(7) SAFETY. Reasonable safety precautions should be observed in constructing an exhibit which could be hazardous to public display. See Display and Safety Regulations sheet for possible violations (at http://www.sciserv.org/isef) All equipment and tools necessary for installation must be provided by the exhibitor. A UL approved extension cord must be provided for apparatus needing electricity. Running water and gas cannot be supplies.

(8) THE PROJECT EXHIBITOR must be present during judging. Team projects must have one spokes-person to present the project, but all participants should be present for the judging
process. The exhibitor/spokes-person will have a maximum of five (5) minutes to present the merits of the project (or longer, at the discretion of judge/s), plus additional time to answer questions, if any.

(9) REGULATIONS – The Louisiana Region 10 Science and Engineering Fair is required to follow local, state, and federal regulations concerning experimentation and public displays.

Anything which might be considered hazardous to public display is prohibited. This includes live disease-causing organisms, microbial cultures, flammable materials, dangerous chemicals, combustible solids, fluids, or gases, drugs listed under Drug Abuse control, or the operation of a Class III or IV Laser.

Rules for research involving humans, vertebrate animals, pathogenic agents, controlled substances, recombinant DNA, human & animal tissues, and hazardous substances or devices are quite specific. Before beginning a project of this type, the research plan must be formulated. There must be evidence of a literature search, and the type and amount of supervision must be established. When human subjects are used each participant must sign an INFORMED CONSENT CERTIFICATE. This applies to both adults and minors.

Awards

CATEGORY AWARDS. All First, Second, and Third place winners will be awarded an appropriate Regional Science Fair award.

General Information

An area for unloading projects will be available at the back the Student Union. However, be prepared to park your car some distance from the gym.

Those involved in the Fair are invited to have lunch in the cafeteria or the Student Union.

Participants must remove their projects from the Union no later than the close of the awards presentation.

All entries should be submitted by the school at one time.

The designation of a discipline is the student and sponsor’s decision and will not be changed the day of the fair.

All entry forms must be reviewed by the sponsoring teacher prior to submission by the school to the regional fair.

All rules and regulations must be followed. Please note details, (e.g. exact project size, time limits, presentation, written papers, discipline entered.)