

# Dialogue

Hot Destination ImagiNation News from your Affiliate Director – 11/23/04

## Time to Start Thinking about Appraisers!

We are always in need of new appraisers, please feel free to copy this article and the [Appraiser Response form](#) on our website along with the [Team Challenge Summaries](#) on our website and pass them on to anyone who might be interested in Appraising. Please call me at (716) 675-7566 if I can be of any help or assistance to you, I thank you in advance for your support in this exciting event!

We require that each membership provide the name, address and telephone number(s) of at least one potential Appraiser for each two teams it sends into **REGIONAL** competition. This assures that our Appraisal team is representative of all of our members. Check with your **REGIONAL DIRECTOR** for information and requirements regarding Appraisers for your tournaments. The Eastern Regional Director is [Seth Davis](#) - the Eastern Regional Tournament is scheduled for 3/5/05. The Western Regional Director is [Dee Urban](#) - the Western Regional Tournament is scheduled for 3/12/05. The Central Regional Director is [Jan Simone](#) - the Central Regional Showcase is scheduled for 3/19/05.

Here is a sample Appraiser Invitation letter:

In the past, the role of appraiser during the competition has contributed greatly to the overall success of the event. I am inviting you to appraise one of the challenges at this year's Regional Tournament. The [Team Challenge Summaries](#) can be accessed at our website. As always, Instant Challenges cannot be revealed until the day of the competition.

**Please fill out the " [Appraiser Preference Form](#) " and return it as soon as possible, but not later than 2/1/05** so we may send out Appraising team assignments and the complete Challenge in advance of our **Appraiser training**. It is essential that all appraisers be properly certified for their particular challenge and therefore **Appraiser training is mandatory**. Your attendance will insure personal confidence, as well as competent Appraisal. If you would like to Appraise, but this session is inconvenient, please contact your Regional Director – we CAN and WILL make special arrangements for you!

If you are interested in also appraising at our State Tournament please check the appropriate box on the Appraiser Response Form. I urge you to consider this critical role.

Cre8ively Yours,  
Dee Urban, Affiliate Director  
Destination ImagiNation of NY

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## Team Cheers! - Updated for 2004-2005 Season!

This year we will once again be offering **Team Cheers!** in our **Western Region & State Tournament Programs**.....and hopefully help your team raise a little money for an end of year party! A **Team Cheers!** is an ad wishing a team, school, team member, Team Manager, Appraiser, or district good luck. Here's the way it works...

Each 1/8 page (2" x 2.25") ad costs \$10 (team keeps \$5)  
¼ page (2" x 5") costs \$20 (team keeps \$10)  
½ page (4" x 5") costs \$40 (team keeps \$20)  
Full page (8" x 5") costs \$80 (team keeps \$40)

Your team sells the ads to parents, teachers, administrators, PTOs, local businesses and keeps half the money raised. The other half along with the text for the ad is forwarded to the Affiliate Director for inclusion in tournament program. **For complete details about "Team Cheers" please visit our [website Team Cheer page](#).**

## Checking for Clarifications:

**REMEMBER** clarifications are updated at the DI Web-site ([www.destinationimagination.org](http://www.destinationimagination.org)) regularly! Check for new clarifications daily by going to our NY home page and clicking on "link to National Clarifications" in the Website Menu. Your team may ask for Clarifications through 2/15/05. As of 11/23/05 these are the current published Clarifications:

### Dizzy Derby

Number	Date Issued	Challenge Section	Clarification
1.	2004-10-05		<p>In the copies of Dizzy Derby that are issued on the CD and printed materials, there is a symbol for a square that was misprinted 5 times in the Challenge. In each case the square appears as a blank rather than the symbol that appears in the upper left Marked Area in Figure 1. The 5 locations in the Challenge are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. (A.3.a): following "the three Marked Areas ("</li> <li>b. (A.3.e): following "the three Marked Areas ("</li> <li>c. (D.2): following "squares labeled"</li> <li>d. (D.2): following "with the correct symbol"</li> <li>e. (D.4): following "the three Marked Areas"</li> </ul> <p>If your copy of the Challenge does not have the square printed in these places, please write it in.</p>
2.	2004-11-01	A.4	<p>This clarification will further explain what a team can expect from the <i>Thumbs-up-Yes</i> and <i>Thumbs-down-No</i> Detour Appraiser signaling. (A.4.e)</p> <p>If a team desires to know the outcome of their current Detour, they must ask the Detour Appraiser for a ruling. There is no automatic ruling. While a team may receive a <i>Thumbs-up-Yes</i> response from the Detour Appraiser for the current Detour, this does not mean that they will receive Bonus Laps for the Detour. The successful completion of prior Detours is required for subsequent Detours to receive Bonus Laps. (A.4.f)</p> <p>If a team asks the Detour Appraiser for a ruling and the current Detour is only partially completed or was incorrectly completed, the Detour Appraiser will give a <i>Thumbs-down-No</i> response.</p>

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### Live! It's RaDlo DI!

Number	Date Issued	Challenge Section	Clarification
1.	2004-11-08		<p>Audience responses such as laughter and applause are expected and welcome. However, teams are reminded that they MAY NOT directly or intentionally involve the audience or the Appraisal Team in their Presentation because it would be like having extra team members who are adding something to the Challenge solution. The complete Rules of Interference for Team Challenges can be found on pages 14-16 of the <i>Rules of the Road</i>.</p>
2.	2004-11-18		<p>The News Bulletin may be presented at any time during the RaDlo Broadcast (A.5.c). Therefore, the second sentence in A.1 should read (note the added comma, which is missing in the original version of the Challenge): "The team's Presentation will include a live RaDlo Broadcast (C.9) that will feature an original Story (C.10), a Commercial Break (C.2) which includes a Commercial, and a News Bulletin (C.5)."</p>
3.	2004-11-18		<p>Since teams may create anything they wish for a Side Trip, this Challenge does not restrict the use of visual elements, such as costumes, sets, props and visual acting skills to be used for that purpose. Appraisers, however, will only consider the auditory effects they can hear from the RaDlo Broadcast when scoring the required elements in the Central Challenge. There will be no Tournament-provided screen or other device on stage to hide the team as they present their RaDlo Broadcast.</p>

### IMPROVing Along

Number	Date Issued	Challenge Section	Clarification
1.	2004-10-20		Table Three, No. 7 and Part Two on the Tournament Data Form, No. 7 should read: <b>Belts:</b> Sometimes used in shipping or moving to hold things/items in place. The belts may have buckles, clips, hooks or other means of attachment, although it is not required. They can be solid or stretchy.

### Designing Bridges

Number	Date Issued	Challenge Section	Clarification
1.	2004-10-05	C.12	<p>C.12 should read: Span: The distance between the Support Blocks' vertical surfaces that face the Tester base, with the Support Blocks touching both the Alignment Lines and the Bridge placed on them for testing. The Span measurement is in inches (if measured in cm, divided by 2.54 to determine the measurement in inches), which is then rounded down to the nearest whole number of inches.</p> <p>For example, a Span that measures 20¾ inches will be officially recorded as 20 inches. A Span measured as 60 cm will be divided by 2.54, which equals 23.62 inches, which will be officially recorded as 23 inches.</p> <p>Please see Figure 3 in the Challenge</p>

### Checking for Program Information:

It is very important that you get in the habit of checking e-mail and our website at <http://nydi.org> often! Because of the increase in mailing costs it is prohibitive to continue to do business by mail, therefore it is **CRITICAL** that every team have at least one person who is responsible for checking e-mail at least three times a week, and preferably daily, for important information about the program. If you want to be included on our e-mailing-list please send a note to Dee Urban at [deeurban@adelphia.net](mailto:deeurban@adelphia.net) giving me your name, school, and e-mail address.

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### Challenge Pins – Time to order is almost gone!

Challenge Pins make a great little gift for team members, Team Managers, Parents, teachers, Principals and others who support our fabulous DI teams! Please go to our website [Challenge Pins page](#) and place your order today! These great pins will be available in VERY limited quantities at our Tournaments, the only way to assure you get the pins you want is to pre-order them! Please note that only the PUZZLE PINS can be ordered after 12/1/04. Orders will be filled in January.

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### Do you know a DI kid looking for a scholarship?

Every year VOMBO – the official booster organization of Destination ImagiNation, Inc. raises and distributes more than \$10,000 in Scholarships to students in our program. The deadline for applications from High School Juniors, Seniors and College Students is fast approaching on 12/31/04. Please follow the link from our website homepage to the [VOMBO Scholarship webpages](#) to find out more and access an application.

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### Giving Thanks....

We are so thankful to all of our Team Managers – without your heroic efforts we would be unable to open the world of Creative and Critical Problem Solving DI-style to kids in NY. We are so thankful to our team members who never give up and who amaze and astound us daily renewing our faith in a bright future. We are so thankful for the Parents who cart our kids to team meetings, provide snacks and who allow the kids to own their Challenge solutions. We are so thankful to our Boards of Education, Schools, Principals and School Coordinators who in times of budgetary constraints find creative ways to fund our program. At this special time of Thanksgiving please accept my most sincere thanks for all you are doing to make the world a better place in which to live by helping to teach children that no problem is so big or complex or daunting that it cannot be solved by teamwork, persistence and creativity!

*With Sincere Gratitude,  
Dee*