

# 2021 NYDI POLICY FOR ADVANCEMENT TO GLOBAL FINALS

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In accordance with communicated instructions from Destination Imagination Inc., the ANNUAL NYDI POLICY FOR ADVANCEMENT TO GLOBAL FINALS, as required by the [POLICIES OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK](#), is as follows:

## Eligibility to Participate in the Affiliate Tournament

For the 2020-2021 Program Year, there will be no Regional Tournaments. All New York teams are eligible to participate in the 2021 New York Affiliate Tournament. This rule supersedes and replaces any rules specified in [POLICIES OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK](#) for the purposes of determining participation in the Affiliate Tournament.

## Advancement By Place

The first and second placing teams (by total score) per Challenge, per Level will advance to Global Finals 2021.

## Ties

Throughout this policy, the term “tie” shall be given the meaning as defined in the Rules of the Road.

In the event of a tie, the tied teams occupy the same place, and advance according to place as described above.

## Other Teams

In addition to the teams advancing according to the provisions above, Destination Imagination, Inc. may allow other teams to be selected to attend, pending availability, as discussed in the [March 31, 2021 “Global Finals 2021 is Going Virtual” email](#). If space becomes available for more teams, and if NYDI is permitted to select which teams may participate, then those teams will be selected according to the following criteria, applied in order:

- The next ranked team (by total score) for that Challenge and level.
- Teams that have placed first in either Central Challenge, Team Choice Elements OR Instant Challenge.
- Teams that have received a Renaissance, DaVinci, Spirit of DI or Torchbearer Award.

- The discretion of the NYDI Affiliate Director.

This *Other Teams* rule supersedes and replaces the *Wildcard* rule, specified in [POLICIES OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK](#), which shall not apply for the purposes of advancement to Global Finals 2021.

## Substitute Teams

In the event that a team that has been selected to advance or to participate in the Lottery System withdraws from competition, the Affiliate Director may, at their discretion, choose to advance an additional team. To determine which teams now advance, the regulations above on *Advancement By Place, Ties and Other Routes* shall be re-applied with the withdrawn team omitted.

## Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Under no circumstances shall a team be selected for advancement to Global Finals, or for inclusion in the Global Finals Lottery, other Global Finals certification process, or as a substitute, that does not meet the *Minimum Eligibility Requirements* defined in the [POLICIES OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK](#). It is recognized that this may result in fewer than the maximum allowed number of teams advancing to Global Finals.

## Precedence of this Policy and Severability

This Policy exists within the framework of the [POLICIES OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK](#) adopted by the NYDI Board of Trustees, and shall be deemed to extend and supersede the provisions therein solely for the purposes of determining participation in the 2021 New York Affiliate Tournament and determining the advancement of teams to Global Finals 2021. Any NYDI Board of Trustees approved regulation or policy that is not explicitly superseded by the rules itemized in this Policy shall remain in force.

The provisions of the following documents take precedence over those found in this Policy:

- NYDI's *Affiliate License Agreement* with Destination Imagination Inc. (renewed annually)
- [BY-LAWS OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK, INC. \(NYDI\)](#)

In the event of any conflict between any provision of this Policy and any of the three documents listed above or any applicable law, all other provisions of this Policy shall retain full force and effect.