

POLICIES OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK

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CHARGE OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE:

1. The Policy Committee should recommend policies for adoption by the Board as a whole. The Board or the Affiliate Director may request the Committee to recommend a policy on a particular issue, or the Committee may do so on its own motion. Final adoption of any policy remains the responsibility of the full Board.
2. The Policy Committee will use email, in particular the special group mailing list, for exchanging views and drafts. Discussion will be open, with all points of view respected. To the extent possible, a consensus shall be reached. Where unanimity is not possible, a majority vote will control the Committee's recommendation, but dissenting voters are encouraged to state their opinions to the Board as a whole.
3. The Committee Chair shall act as official archivist of all emails on policy issues.
4. Policies adopted by the Board shall be published on the NYDI web site.
5. As a first priority, the Committee will adopt appropriate policies implementing policies set by DI, Inc. We are required to operate in compliance with such policies, but specific mention of DI, Inc. policies should be considered.
6. Individual Board members should be encouraged to contact the Policy Committee when they feel new policies are necessary or existing policies should be reexamined.

SUPPORT OF DI, INC. POLICIES

NYDI shall support as many DI, Inc. policies as possible but reserves the right to make a state specific policy if peculiarities of NYDI organization, structure, or ideology call for same.

RESTRICTIONS ON APPRAISERS

No Team Manager, or other person directly related to a member of a team competing or still eligible to compete, or person nominated by a team, in a Regional or State Tournament may serve as an Appraiser, in the Challenge and Level in which that team is registered to compete.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF BOARD COMMUNICATION

Information shared on the Board list (board@nydi.org) is private and proprietary to the Board of Trustees of Destination Imagination of New York, Inc. Members should respect the confidentiality of Board communications. No message, attachments or related files, should be copied or forwarded to outside parties without Board approval.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

The consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs by adults while they are responsible for minors, or by students participating in our program is not allowed. Any participant under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while responsible for minors will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include prohibition against participating in future Destination Imagination of New York activities.

It is expected that in most cases any prescription drugs will be carried, by an adult, and that they will be distributed by an adult to only the person for whom the drugs were prescribed. Students who are approved by their physician to self-carry medication are permitted to do so, assuming that they possess a note from their physician approving self-carry. In all cases any prescription drugs shall be contained in a prescription bottle, clearly designating the person for whom the prescription was written, the prescribed dosage, and the correct procedure for administration.

SMOKING, VAPING AND OTHER INHALANTS

NYDI recognizes the deleterious effect that tobacco, marijuana, and other inhalants have upon health. With this in mind, NYDI expressly prohibits all participants, both minors and adults, from smoking, or from using electronic cigarettes or other vapor delivery devices at all NYDI sponsored events. This prohibition shall apply to the entire interior of the building where the event is taking place as well as in any location within 25 feet of the entrance of the building where the event is taking place. Note that this policy may be superseded by the rules of the event venue or laws in force at that location, which may be more restricting concerning where smoking or vaping may take place, or may define specific smoking areas.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING

The Affiliate Tournament should take place in late March or early April, in order to provide at least 6 weeks between the Affiliate Tournament and Global Finals.

Regional Tournaments should take place in late February or early March, allowing at least two, and preferably 3 weeks between the Regional Tournament and the Affiliate Tournament.

Regional Tournaments should be scheduled, to the extent possible, to avoid conflicts in which multiple tournaments take place on the same weekend.

Where appropriate, snow dates should be scheduled for all Tournaments and announced in advance, so that a severe weather event does not eliminate our ability to conduct a Tournament.

DEADLINES

The registration deadline for participation in the NYDI program for a particular program year shall be December 15th of the year preceding the Tournament. Regions may, at their discretion, allow late registration (with a late fee assessed) until January 15th of the year in which the Tournament takes place. Waiving of late fees is in the sole discretion of the Regional Director. Registrations after January 15th will be accepted only with the Regional Director's individual approval, and at his/her sole discretion.

Enrollment of teams in the Regional Tournament or Affiliate Tournament (if the team is invited to participate) must be complete at least 3 weeks before the date of the tournament. Exceptions may be granted at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

ADVANCEMENT

The NYDI Board of Trustees acknowledges the unique aspects of the Global Finals and wishes to make its benefits available to the largest number of New York teams possible, therefore, the Board shall vest with the Affiliate Director, subject to the *Responsibilities* and *Regulations* set forth below, the power to advance as many New York teams to Global Finals as are allowed each year.

Responsibilities

Regional Directors

Regional Directors shall designate teams for advancement to the Affiliate Tournament according to the Regulations set forth below. Any change in advancement policy between Regional Tournament and Affiliate Tournament shall require the adoption of an amendment to this policy by vote of the NYDI Board of Trustees.

Affiliate Director

Each year, when Destination Imagination, Inc. communicates the allowed Global Finals complement to NYDI, the Affiliate Director shall present to the NYDI Board of Trustees a proposed ANNUAL NYDI POLICY FOR ADVANCEMENT TO GLOBAL FINALS. The policy

shall comply with the Global Finals complement, tie advancement provisions, and any other provisions (e.g. wildcards, lotteries, etc.) that are defined by Destination Imagination, Inc. for NYDI for the program year in question, and shall be guided by the Regulations set forth below. In the event of any conflict with other provisions of this policy, the ANNUAL NYDI POLICY FOR ADVANCEMENT TO GLOBAL FINALS shall have precedence and shall control.

NYDI Board of Trustees

The ANNUAL NYDI POLICY FOR ADVANCEMENT TO GLOBAL FINALS that is proposed by the Affiliate Director will become binding by vote of the NYDI Board of Trustees or may be referred back to the Affiliate Director by the Board of Trustees for further revision. The ANNUAL NYDI POLICY FOR ADVANCEMENT TO GLOBAL FINALS must be ratified by the NYDI Board of Trustees before the Affiliate Tournament takes place.

Regulations

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

In order for a team to be eligible for consideration for advancement to the next Tournament:

- The team must be certified by the Challenge Master as having made a good-faith effort to present a solution to the Challenge.
- The team may not have any deduction for Unsportsmanlike Conduct that is greater than 15 scaled points.

Any adverse decision concerning minimum eligibility requirements is appealable to the Affiliate Director, whose decision will be final. Decisions to refuse advancement due to failure to meet minimum eligibility requirements must be communicated by the Affiliate Director to the Board of Trustees, in writing.

Advancement By Place

The number of teams that may be advanced from one Tournament to the next level of Tournament shall be computed as the minimum of:

- The number of teams competing
- The number of teams competing divided by 8 (rounded down to the nearest integer) plus 2
- In the case of advancement to Global Finals, the allowed per-Challenge/Level complement granted by Destination Imagination, Inc.

This may be represented by the following formula:

$\text{MIN}(\text{CEILING}(\text{NumTeams}), \text{FLOOR}(\text{NumTeams}/8) + 2, \text{Complement})$

For example: If up to 7 teams compete, 2 advance; if 8-15 teams compete, 3 advance; if 16-23 teams compete 4 advance; and so forth.

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.

Wildcard

Any team whose total score is within 10 points of an advancing team and has won (1st place) in any competition portion (Central Challenge, Team Choice Elements or Instant Challenge) will be given the opportunity to be evaluated by a second set of Appraisers, and therefore advanced.

If a team that does not meet the Wildcard Criteria in the paragraph above but places higher than a team that is advancing according to the Wildcard Criteria, then that team will also be advanced.

Substitute Teams

In the event that a team that has been selected to advance 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 *Wildcard* shall be re-applied with the withdrawn team omitted.

University Level Teams

As indicated in Rules of the Road, University Level teams are eligible to participate at Global Finals regardless of whether they have presented a solution at a Regional or Affiliate Tournament. University Level teams that are registered with NYDI are invited to present their solutions at our Regional Tournaments, Affiliate Tournament, or both, at their discretions.

Discretion to Advance

The NYDI Board of Trustees recognizes that unusual circumstances may arise that warrant the advancement of additional teams outside of these regulations. In such a case, the Affiliate Director may choose additional teams to advance on his/her discretion. In all cases, the Affiliate Director shall provide a detailed justification to the Board of Trustees explaining the reason for the team to be advanced.

Precedence of this Policy and Severability

The provisions of 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 either document listed above or any applicable law, all other provisions of this Policy shall retain full force and effect.