2024 NYDI POLICY FOR ADVANCEMENT TO GLOBAL FINALS

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In accordance with the <u>NY Compliment Letter Global Finals 2024</u> communicated by Destination Imagination Inc., the ANNUAL NYDI POLICY FOR ADVANCEMENT TO GLOBAL FINALS, as required by the <u>POLICIES OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK</u>, is as follows:

Advancement By Place

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

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.

Global Finals Waitlist

Teams may register for the Global Finals Waitlist, administered by Destination Imagination, Inc., which allows teams that otherwise would not qualify for Global Finals to participate, if space permits. If a team qualifies to advance to Global Finals according to <u>Advancement By Place</u> or <u>Ties</u> (above), they will be removed from the Waitlist. Teams that attend due to being selected from the Waitlist will be considered part of Team New York, similar to any other advancing team, with the exception that they will not be acknowledged as New York State Champions.

Wildcard Rule Suspended

The Wildcard rule, specified in <u>POLICIES OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK</u>, shall not apply for the purposes of advancement to Global Finals 2024.

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 <u>Advancement By Place</u> and <u>Ties</u> shall be re-applied with the withdrawn team omitted.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 as a substitute, that does not meet the *Minimum Eligibility Requirements* defined in the <u>POLICIES</u> <u>OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK</u>. 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 <u>POLICIES OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF</u> <u>NEW YORK</u> adopted by the NYDI Board of Trustees, and shall be deemed to extend and supersede the provisions therein solely for the purposes of determining the advancement of teams to Global Finals 2024. 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:

- <u>NY Compliment Letter Global Finals 2024</u>
- 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.