

**Connecticut Science Fair Association, Inc.**  
**Form 1D - Release Required with Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_  
(Submit a release for each team member.)

### **Liability for Exhibits & Risks of Research Plan**

Since the exhibition of projects at the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair is open to the public, The Connecticut Science Fair Association, Inc., and its committees cannot and will not accept any liability or responsibility of any nature for any theft of, or loss or damage to, any Exhibit or any other property of any Exhibitor. There is no need for any equipment of value to be part of the exhibit. During final judging when equipment may be displayed each Exhibitor should secure and guard his/her Exhibit and/or other property at all times.

I have read the Research Plan prepared by my child and understand the risks and possible dangers involved in the research anticipated.

I understand and accept that the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair cannot and will not accept any liability or responsibility for theft, damage, or risk and possible danger involved in my or my child's participation in this activity.

### **Research Ethics**

I have read and will abide by the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair ethics statement. I recognize that my failure to abide by the ethics statement may result in my disqualification in the Fair and possible exclusion from future Fairs.

### **Publicity**

The Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair is a statewide event, and your participation is newsworthy. The organizations or businesses sponsoring awards at the fair may want to publicize their involvement in such an important science competition by using photographs or information about you. Your cooperation may make it possible for other promising young students to get involved in science and engineering.

You have my permission to use appropriate information about me for publicity purposes. This includes photography submitted by me as well as any photographs, videos or likenesses that may be used by the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair, its grant sponsors or the sponsors of awards for the purposes of illustration, advertising or publication in any manner. I also consent to the use of my name in connection therewith.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Finalist Signature / Date

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature / Date

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Printed Name / Relationship



## Connecticut Science Fair Association, Inc. Student Research Ethics Statement

The Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair (CSEF) expects all participants to operate at the highest code of conduct and ethics. More specifically, the CSEF will take all actions necessary to ensure:

1. All students who register projects with the CSEF, regardless of the institution where the research takes place, certify that the research proposed, hypothesis developed, experiments designed and executed, data collected, analysis performed, and conclusions reached represents the novel, unique, and independent contribution of the student.
2. The CSEF aims to promote and encourage scientific collaboration, mentorship, and advisement opportunities between students and practicing scientists and engineers. However, advisors should be careful to limit their assistance and involvement to instruction of required background theory or experimental techniques, and providing critical feedback to student generated ideas, hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions. Furthermore, all advisors are expected to operate at the highest level of scientific ethics and monitor the activities of the student to ensure their simultaneous compliance.
3. Plagiarism, of any type and format, is strictly prohibited. For clarity, plagiarism is defined as, “when an author attempts to pass off someone else’s work as his or her own.” (Nature Journal Editorial Policy, 2009). Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
  - Copying another person’s work from any resource (i.e., periodical, book, Internet) and submit it as one’s own.
  - Paraphrasing or using parts of another person’s work (i.e., ideas, written work, diagrams, graphs, charts, images) without properly citing it as a resource.
  - Duplicate publication, by reusing substantial parts of his or her own published work without providing appropriate references.

Should any member of the CSEF staff detect ethics misconduct, it will immediately be brought to the attention of the CSEF Director. Should misconduct be confirmed, the student’s project will immediately be disqualified from further participation, the student’s school and any advisers will be notified. At the discretion of the CSEF Director, the student may be prohibited from future participation at the CSEF.

Participants are required to abide by the Ethics statement and recognize that their failure to abide by the ethics statement may result in my disqualification in the Fair and possible exclusion from future Fairs.

Definitions (Oxford English Dictionary):

Ethics: moral principles that govern a person’s behaviour or the conducting of an activity.

Plagiarism: when an author attempts to pass off someone else’s work as his or her own.