



Austin Energy Regional Science Festival 2019
IMPORTANT GUIDELINES AND CHANGES
JUNIOR/SENIOR DIVISION

2019 CHANGES, MODIFICATIONS AND REMINDERS

ISEF Rules Changes:

- Projects involving culturing of micro-organisms still must be done in a lab but will now also require Qualified Scientist Form 2 (Scienceteer will add this form automatically).
- Projects involving genome editing that include alteration of germline cells, insertion of gene drives, use of rapid trait development systems (RTDS) etc. must be considered BSL-2 and conducted in a Regulated Research Institution and approved by the institutions IBC.

AERSF Changes:

- Category Name Change Biomedical Engineering to Biomedical and Health Sciences
- Exhibit hall student code of conduct and enforcement.
 - Students conducting themselves in disruptive, disrespectful, or destructive behaviors will be escorted out of the exhibit hall and handed over to their accompanying adult/teacher and may be disqualified from the competition.
- ISEF rule enforcement
 - Projects will be more highly scrutinized for potential rule violations, especially Human Participant Studies, Vertebrate Animal Studies, Microbiology and Continuation Studies. Those projects without the proper forms and approvals will fail to qualify for the competition.
- New Judge Criteria Scoring Sheet
 - Redone to reflect the INTEL ISEF Judging Criteria

Reminders:

- Schools and students must use Scienceteer (online system) to participate
- Scienceteer accounts should be created before a student starts research
- Students must obtain parental permission to create a student account
- Schools invoices with instructions on how to pay will be e-mailed after the fair
- Parking will be free of charge at the Palmer Events Center