

“Power to Hear” Engineering Design Competition Rules & Eligibility Requirements

The following are the rules and eligibility requirements for the engineering design challenge participants. In order to qualify to participate in the Final Event, each participant and team must meet all criteria and follow all stated rules.

A. Student Eligibility Requirements

1. Participation is limited to students enrolled in schools located in the New England states. Schools are defined to include public, private, or home schools.
2. To be eligible to compete as a student team member, a student must be currently enrolled in grades six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, or twelve. Students enrolled in school environments with alternative grade or level designations must be engaged in a program of study equivalent to the corresponding school grade level.
3. Student team members must have attained the age of 12 as of September 1, 2010.
4. Student team members shall not yet have attained the age of 19 as of September 1, 2010.
5. Teams may be organized around extra-curricular organizations. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, science clubs, and museums programs are encouraged to participate.
6. Student team members may only participate on one team.
7. Student team members *may not* transfer from one team to another.

B. Team Composition

1. A team consists of one designated teacher/coach and *no fewer than three nor greater than six student* members.
2. Only those team members identified on the official registration form are considered part of the team.

C. Competition Rules

1. One teacher/coach may lead multiple teams.
2. A team teacher/coach must be at least 21 years of age by October 1, 2010.
4. Coaches may be a teacher or other responsible adult.
5. All submissions shall be the original work of the students involved.
6. All communications between members of a team and external persons shall be documented.
7. No team may register after 10:00 PM Eastern Time March 7, 2011.
8. All work must be submitted prior to 10:00 PM Eastern Time April 25, 2011.
9. All submissions must conform to the specifications outlined in the Engineering Design Challenge Guidelines.