



CWSF Responsibilities - Finalist

1 Behaviour

- 1.1 Finalists are responsible for their behaviour at the CWSF and are required to follow:
 - Youth Science Canada policy, including Academic Integrity, CWSF Eligibility, and the Code of Conduct
 - Rules set by the adult delegate(s) designated by their regional STEM fair
- 1.2 Failure to meet these standards of conduct may result in the finalist failing to qualify prior to the CWSF, disciplinary sanctions during the CWSF, or being sent home.

2 Disqualification

- 2.1 Disqualification of a project may occur prior to, or at any time during and after the fair. Upon receipt and screening of project summaries or at any other time before, during or after the fair, should a YSC volunteer or staff member suspect that a project is ineligible or in violation of a YSC policy, they will initiate an investigation by filling out an Incident Report as described in the YSC Discipline Policy. Reasons for disqualification of a project include, but are not limited to significant academic integrity, ethics or safety violations.
- 2.2 Finalists may be disqualified from the fair for behavioural or unethical conduct that is injurious to the moral tone of the CWSF or that puts themselves, other people, or their property at risk. Violations of behavioural or ethical conduct are described in the YSC Discipline Policy.
- 2.3 If a finalist is sent home as a result of behaviour or disqualification, the additional expenses for that trip will be the responsibility of the finalist's region. Refunds, if any, from canceling a flight booked through the CWSF Travel Plan will be credited to that region. Reimbursement of registration fees will be made at the discretion of YSC after considering fixed costs and expenses already paid on behalf of the finalist(s). Any finalist disqualified after the fair will forfeit any medal, award or prize money they received.

3 Appeal

- 3.1 A finalist, disqualified in violation of human or animal use regulations, may appeal his/her case to the National Ethics and Safety Committee. When in doubt, regional fair representatives should seek an advance ruling on the project from the National Ethics and Safety Committee.
- 3.2 A finalist, disqualified for a major violation of ethical conduct, may make an appeal as described in the YSC Appeals Policy.

4 CWSF Participation

- 4.1 Finalists are expected to be present for the entire duration of the CWSF.
 - a) Exemptions to this policy must be approved by the YSC Executive Director. Approval shall only be given where the finalist will be present from the beginning of judging to the end of the awards ceremony.

- b) All projects must remain on display until the scheduled take-down time.
 - c) Temporary leaves of absence during which a finalist is off the fair site and not under supervision of the region shall only occur with prior approval of the Executive Director.
- 4.2 All finalists are to be at their projects during assigned times.
 - 4.3 Each finalist is expected to attend all tours and events that are part of the planned program of the CWSF.
 - 4.4 To ensure fairness of judging during the judging process, CWSF finalists shall not disclose participation in or awards won at any other STEM fair. This restriction applies to all forms, including but not limited to verbal, written and clothing.
 - 4.5 During the CWSF, finalists will be photographed with their exhibits. The photos are used for the awards ceremony and may be used for promotional purposes.