Central New Mexico
STEM Research Challenge

Judge's Scoring Guidelines & Worksheet for Scientific & Engineering Research Projects *Junior & Senior Divisions*

Project Number:_____ **Title/Key Words:**_____

Judge scoring is conducted using a 100-point scale and is based on 6 categories of evaluation listed below. Review the criteria carefully and use the one ***most*** appropriate (i.e. scientific project or engineering project) for each project you are judging. **Note:** team projects have a slightly different balance of points including points for ***teamwork***. The following is a set of criteria that can assist you in interviewing and scoring your projects. **You will need to enter your scores and project feedback ONLINE.** This form is meant to be a tool for interviewing and a place to take notes.

GUIDELINES	NOTES *This form is **NOT** given back to exhibitors! Please use Online Project Feedback for comments you want to share with the student(s).*	Max Points	POINTS GIVEN
I. RESEARCH QUESTION –SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS • Clear and focused purpose • Identifies contribution to field of study • Testable using scientific methods **or** **RESEARCH PROBLEM – ENGINEERING PROJECTS** • Description of a practical need or problem to be solved • Definition of criteria for proposed solution • Explanation of problem constraints		**10 Points MAX**	
II. DESIGN & METHODOLOGY – SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS • Well designed plan and data collection methods • Variables and controls defined, appropriate, and complete **or** **DESIGN & METHODOLOGY – ENGINEERING PROJECTS** • Exploration of alternatives to answer need or problem • Identification of a solution • Development of a prototype/model		**15 Points MAX**	
III. DATA COLLECTION & METHODOLOGY – SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS • Systematic data collection & analysis • Reproducibility of results • Appropriate application of mathematical and statistical methods • Sufficient data collection to support conclusions **or** **CONSTRUCTION & TESTING – ENGINEERING PROJECTS** • Prototype demonstrates intended design • Prototype has been tested in multiple conditions/trials • Prototype demonstrates engineering skill & completeness		**20 Points MAX**	

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IV. CREATIVITY • Project demonstrates creativity in one or more of the above criteria		**20 Points MAX**	
V. PRESENTATION – DISPLAY BOARD/POSTER • Logical organization of material • Clarity of graphics and legends • Supporting documentation displayed		**10 Points MAX**	
VI. PRESENTATION - INTERVIEW • Clear, concise, thoughtful responses to questions • Understanding of basic science relevant to project • Understanding of interpretation and limitations of results and conclusions • Degree of independence in conducting project • Recognition of potential impact on science, society, and/or economics • Quality of ideas for further research		**25 Points MAX**	

Keep this sheet with you and use to take notes. Actual scores and comments should be entered online.

ADDITIONAL NOTES…

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