



1. Ethics Statement

Scientific fraud and misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. Plagiarism, use or presentation of other researcher's work as one's own, forgery of approval signatures and fabrication or falsification of data or approval dates will not be tolerated. Fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for competition in Regional Expos and National Finals. It is compulsory that every participant have a signed copy of the plagiarism pledge on their display board.

2. Animal Experimentation: WARNING

Eskom Expo for Young Scientists will NOT accept any project that may have affected an animal's health or well-being by causing stress, discomfort, pain or death. Note that the display of live animals or birds will NOT be allowed as part of a project at an Expo because of the possible stress that this could cause to the creatures. We encourage any non-invasive and non-intrusive studies, such as, observational, behavioural and natural history studies. Projects addressing the correct treatment of animals or conservation methods are also welcome. When research on animals is to be undertaken, professional researchers must ensure that all relevant legislation is followed, that the animals are legally acquired, that they are properly housed and fed, and that they do not suffer any pain or discomfort." Available at <http://www.exposcience.co.za/guidebook/general.html>

MINOR INFRINGEMENTS: If fixed up immediately, the project can remain on display.

1. Forgetting to sign the declaration of originality. Sign immediately.
2. Displaying photos without permission. Get permission or remove photos.
3. Naming people or products without permission. Remove names and give numbers instead e.g. brand 1, brand 2 or subject 1.
4. Bringing live animals, fish, insects etc. to Expo. Remove them from the Expo & take them home.
5. Bringing animal or human products to Expo. Remove these and destroy them.
6. Bringing dangerous chemicals or water into an Expo venue. Remove them and take them to for safe disposal.
7. Equipment does not meet electrical safety standards. Get help with re-wiring the equipment.

MAJOR INFRINGEMENTS: Projects with any of the items below should immediately be removed and disqualified AND an explanation must be given by the Chief Judge with the reason for doing so.

1. Any project that indicates animal or human experimentation should be scrutinized carefully and if any animal or human subject was in any way harmed that project must be disqualified.
2. Bringing alcohol, medicines, drugs or any illegal substances to the Expo and displaying them.
3. Belittling any person or named product(s) in the project.
4. Carrying out unsafe practice in the name of science eg asking harmful questions in a survey or handing out 'medicines'.
5. Doing scientific research on alternative medicines or medical care without the supervision of a certified scientist.
6. Doing a project based on a commercial product which promotes the product at Expo.
7. Food not sealed in transparent containers.

WHEN RESEARCH ON ANIMALS OR HUMANS IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN, PROFESSIONAL RESEARCHERS/SCIENTISTS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL RELEVANT LEGISLATION IS FOLLOWED