

Challenge B: MAKING WAVE: California State Finals

Congratulations to you and your team on all your accomplishments this year and for qualifying to participate in the California State Tournament! I am the State Challenge Master for *Making Waves* and I look forward to meeting you and your team and to seeing some well-paced presentations and Incredible Sound Machines!

In order to make your team's experience in Riverside as wonderful as possible, I would like to remind you of a few things and give you some site-specific information to help you and your team to prepare. Read on to learn about the Presentation Sites and what your team needs to do before, during, and after their Presentation. Of course, the main thing to do is to relax, have fun, and enjoy the experience!

Presentation Sites

The *Making Waves* Challenge has two wonderful sites in the Riverside Convention Center. We have one site for the Elementary Level and one site for the Middle and Secondary Levels.

Information that Applies to both Challenge Sites:

- The Performance Area is a floor in the front of a large meeting room that is bigger than the required 8ft by 10ft (.44m x 3.05m) area required for the Challenge. The area will not be taped off and there are no restrictions on the area in the room that the team may use to perform (they are allowed go outside of the 8x10 foot area).
- The Launch Area will be directly to the side of the Performance Area and will be marked with tape. The Props will be moved to the Launch Area just prior to the team performance. Once the performance time has started the team can move their Props out of the Launch Area and begin their Presentation.
- The team should plan on performing to the Audience. Appraisers will position themselves to properly appraise the scored elements, and may move during the Presentation to see a particular portion of the solution.
- Microphones will **not** be provided for teams.
- Teams are **not** permitted to alter the lighting.
- An electrical cord with a single plug will be provided at the edge of the Performance Area.
- The locations for the Presentation Sites are described below. You can view floor plans to find these locations at: <http://www.riversidecvb.com/take-tour-new-riverside-convention-center>.

Elementary Level Site

Presentation Site: Room MR1 – Lower Level Riverside Convention Center

Prop Drop-off: The Loading Dock behind Exhibit Hall B Upper Level Riverside Convention Center

Prep Area: in the hallway marked “Pre-function 116” on the Convention Center map.

Middle and Secondary Level

Presentation Site: Room MR4 – Lower Level Riverside Convention Center

Prop Drop-off: The Loading Dock behind Exhibit Hall B Upper Level Riverside Convention Center

Prep Area: in the hallway marked “Pre-function 116” on the Convention Center map.

Before The Presentation

Prop Drop Off: The Prop Drop-off Area is provided as a convenience for teams. Please keep in mind:

- The Prop Drop-off Areas will be crowded. It will be one of the busiest locations in the Convention Center. Plan your Prop Drop-off to allow plenty of time to unload, re-assemble and move the team props to the Presentation Site.

- When you drop off the team props, please removed EVERYTHING (props, team members, cars, ...) from the Drop-off Area as soon as possible. There will a lot of teams using the Prop Drop-off Area and we need to keep the traffic flowing so that every team has the same change to unload.
- Once the props are unloaded everything (and everybody) can move into Exhibit Hall B, which the team can use to re-assemble things. This area will be very crowded so please move through the Hall and on to the Performance Site as quickly as possible. Since every team at the Tournament will be using this area make sure your team is not blocking anything (doorways, power outlets, other teams, ...)
- Please ensure that your participants refrain from running, throwing, or rough-housing in the Convention Center.
- Before you leave the Prop Drop-off area be sure to double check to ensure the team has removed all of their items, tools, repair kits, etc.

Practicing: Your team may practice their Challenge solution in their hotel, outside, or at some other location. However, to ensure a level playing field and for the safety of teams and the Riverside Convention Center sites, teams should **NOT** practice in the Convention Center and will **NOT** be allowed to practice in the actual Presentation Site actual Presentation Site.

Interference: Remember that Rules of Interference for Team Challenges applies! (see *Rules of the Road*, pages 14-17.) **ONLY** members of the team may assemble, prepare, or repair props and other aspects of the *Team Challenge* solution. Team Managers, parents and supporters may only assist with unloading, uncrating, and moving props prior to the Presentation.

Reporting to the Prep Area: The team and Team Manager(s) should report Prep Area at least 20 minutes before the team's scheduled Presentation time. Parents and supporters should enter through the Audience Entrance to watch the Presentation. Parents and supporters may assist the team in moving their Challenge solution to the Launch Area.

The Presentation

By the Book: Meaning that the sites will be run according the written program material (the Rules of the Road, the Challenge and the Challenge Clarifications).

Is the Team Ready: Participating in the 2015 Destination Imagination California State Finals is a once in a lifetime experience. In the Launch Area before they perform the team will be asked if they are ready. It is not required for the Challenge, but many teams will create their own unique way of informing the world they are ready to present *the best solution of the year*.

Published Clarifications: Six Published Clarifications have been issued for this Challenge. If your team requested a team only Clarification, please be sure to bring the answer you received from the International Challenge Masters with you to the Tournament.

1 2014-09-18 Rules of the Road: page 248

On page 248, Instant Challenge Procedures, #4. it should read: "WELCOME to the Instant Challenge portion of our tournament. Anything is possible here, and you will have the opportunity to use the creative problem solving tools you have learned. Every team competing in your Team Challenge at your competition level will be presented this Instant Challenge today. Once the Instant Challenge begins, any participating team member may ask how much time remains in that part of the Challenge."

2 2014-09-18 Scientific Challenge: Making Waves D.2.b

Section D.2.b should read: Theatrical effect that all Sounds produced by the Incredible Sound Machine and any other team-created sound-making devices have on the story.

3 2014-09-18 Scientific Challenge: Making Waves A.3.d

The last sentence of A.3.d should read: If the team makes modifications that are simply

decorative to a purchased item or to a commercially made instrument, the team will receive lower scores for Technical Design and Innovation.

4 2014-10-13 University Level Team Manager

In the Rules of the Road, page 226, University Level, the following should be added to the end of the paragraph: For University Level only, a team member who is the age of 18 or older may serve as the Team Manager.

5 2015-01-09 Sound Waves

The Challenge states in A.4.b: \"The team must create and present two visual displays of the Sound WAVES that correspond with the two live Sounds that are listed on the Tournament Data Form.\" Please note that this is NOT a visible reaction to the sounds, but it is a representation of the Sound WAVES, as defined in A.4.a. How the team chooses to interpret the Sound WAVES through their representation is up to the team members (A.4.c).

6 2015-01-09 Sound-making Devices

To further clarify, not change, some points in the Challenge, please note: The intent of the Challenge is that all sound-making devices be team designed and built. The Challenge states in A.3.d: \"All sound-making devices used during the Presentation must be designed and constructed by the team, using its own ideas, adaptations and skills. No unmodified standard classroom or any commercially made musical instruments or sound-making devices may be used at any time during the Presentation.\" This includes the entire Presentation, from setup to finish, and it includes Team Choice Elements. For this Challenge, to be considered modified the changes made to a purchased item or to a commercially-made instrument must be more than simply decorative. For the Incredible Sound Machine, Clarification #3 still applies.

After the Presentation

At the conclusion of your team's Presentation, please expect the following:

- The team will take a bow and the Appraisal Team will talk to them for a few minutes.
- While we understand that you want to save this moment for posterity, because of the number of teams and time constraints, staged pictures cannot be taken of the team in the Presentation Area.
- The Team Manager, parents, and supporters should remain with the audience until the Timekeeper/Announcer invites them to assist with clean up and removal of the team's solution. At that time, the team and their supporters will remove all items from the Presentation Area and exit through clearly marked doors.
- Before you leave the Presentation Site, be sure to double check to ensure the team has removed all of their items, tools, repair kits, etc.

I look forward to seeing you at the State Tournament. If you or your team has any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me @ jaysbaker@osualum.com. As part of the all-volunteer Tournament Committee I am here to help make this a positive experience for **everyone**. I know my Appraisers can't wait to be amazed by your teams' fantastic presentations!

Thank you for everything you have done for your team and I hope you, the team and its supporters have a fantastic time in Riverside!

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