

March 15, 2020

From: The Desk of the Jersey Shore Science Fair Director

Subject: Jersey Shore Science Fair Contingency Plan

The Jersey Shore Science Fair contingency plan is to be activated under advisement of Stockton University as the host of the event. At this time Stockton University has cancelled many events for the month of March, including the 2020 Jersey Shore Science Fair, and the plan will be activated.

At this time, the JSSF Director has activated the Jersey Shore Science Fair Contingency Plan and has contacted all the advisors (teachers) via e-mail of the situation with instructions on how to proceed as a virtual fair. There are 569 students being processed through to the appropriate categories so that they can be judged, and your help is greatly appreciated.



Project(s) Qualifications:

- The process includes only the projects [currently registered](#)
- Any students who requested to be removed from competition cannot be added back. There are **NO** exceptions to this rule.

The following rules of engagement for Projects:

1. An e-mail will be sent to each school (Advisor/Teachers) outlining the rules
2. Advisor/Teachers will be asked to select the top three (3) in each of the fifteen (15) categories (Attachment A). This number could be adjusted depending on the volume listed in each category; the number of judges we have in lineup to judge each category will help with the final decision.
3. The JSSF Director will advise of the dates the information is to be received for processing. This would also include item number 4 (listed below).
4. The students selected can submit additional information to add to their project to help judging noting that all files must be saved as a PDF:
 - NAMING convention must follow the format of using the Project ID number only – any projects received not properly name will be deleted. All files to be submitted in PDF format and the naming convention should be the Project ID – for example: **JPHY01**, **IPHY01**, **UPHY01** etc. Please note since there may be issues and a need to submit multiple files for the same project, to avoid conflicts in naming – place note the file content i.e., JPHY01-abstract, JPHY01-research plan, JPHY01-forms, etc. (Please make sure the grade level is in front of the Project ID: **J=Junior, I=Intermediate, U=upper**).Suggested items – please limit the size of the file. Please use discretion when submitting – the judges will have many projects to review.
 - PowerPoint Presentation (saved as a PDF only)

- Copy of their poster (saved as a PDF only)
- Research findings, etc. (saved as a PDF only)

The package with the additional information **MUST** be submitted to the director per the schedule noted in the email to the advisors (teachers) (item 3 above). No additional packages will be accepted after the deadline date once the judging begins.

The Director is under the assumption that the abstract and signed forms to enter the fair were submitted previously as instructed.

Judging process:

We have qualified judges on hand with virtual judging experience. There will be 2 to 3 judges assigned to each category for review and select the winners.

The judges assigned will meet via online video conferencing or by other conference means to discuss the projects assigned.

The judges' decision is final.

Winners:

List of winners selected to move to the next level will be posted on stockton.edu/JSSF website by March 23rd and a broadcast e-mail from the director will be sent with the additional guidance of what the student needs to know to compete at the Delaware Valley Science Fair.

Thank you for your patience.

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Jersey Shore Science Fair Director

Attachment A – Science Fair Categories

- Behavior and Social Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Consumer Science (grades 6-8, only)
- Consumer Science
- Earth and Space Sciences
- Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Mathematics
- Medicine and Health
- Microbiology
- Physics
- Zoology
- Team Projects