



## Austin Energy Regional Science Festival

# MIXED TEAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

**This form is intended to regulate how students from different schools, districts, regional fairs or states can cooperate in science fair teams (“Mixed Teams”), as well as manage expectations, should the team advance beyond the school or regional fair in which the project is entered.**

Please note that the Austin Energy Regional Science Festival (AERSF) does not permit students from different countries to participate as team members in our fair, unless such students reside in the US during the science fair season.

Both students from originating school and from accepting school should get written approval from their respective schools, district and regional fair to participate in a Mixed Team. The student(s) from the accepting school should be the team leader.

### General

#### 1. Definitions:

- a. Originating School, District, Region, State – the current school, official district in which the student is officially enrolled and the Regeneron ISEF Regional Fair associated with that school or district.
- b. Accepting School, District, Region, State – the school, official district, State or Regeneron ISEF Regional Fair the student has chosen to represent, other than the student’s Originating School.

#### 2. Pre-agreed upon travel understanding:

- a. If a student chooses to represent a different school other than his/her Originating School, District, Region or State, his/her Originating School, District, Region or State has no obligation to assist with travel arrangements or expenses related to the competition.
- b. The Accepting School, District, Region or State may choose to assist the student however they may see fit but are under no obligation to do so.
  - i. If the Accepting School, Region, District or State chooses to arrange travel and provide financial aid for the student, the Originating School, District, Region or State may not interfere with, manipulate or change in any way, the travel arrangement.
- c. The Originating School, District, Region or State may choose to assist the student however they may see fit, but are under no obligation to do so.

3. The student will fully represent the Accepting School, District, Region or State in the competition. Any awards received will represent the Accepting School, District, Region or State.

4. The Originating School, District, Region or State has no claim on any award won by a student who represents an Accepting School, District, Region or State.

### Austin Energy Regional Science Festival

#### 1. Texas Science and Engineering Fair

- a. AERSF does not fund or assist with funding of expenses related to participating in the Texas Science and Engineering Fair (TXSEF). Should a Mixed Team advance to TXSEF, it is the sole responsibility of the student(s) from the originating school to make those travel arrangements and pay the associated expenses.

#### 2. Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair

- a. AERSF does fund the expenses (air travel, hotel accommodations, registration fee and per diem) of students selected to advance to Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) as well as

one accompanying teacher per school. This includes the expenses of students from other regions or states who participate in Mixed Teams, with the possible exception of air travel. Should the air transportation expenses from the student's originating location to the ISEF location exceed the amount paid from Austin, TX to the ISEF location by 50% or more, AERSF reserves the right request that the students/parents pay the difference or make arrangements to have the student(s) transported to and from Austin, TX to travel with their team member(s).

- b. Once Mixed Teams are accepted by AERSF, all team members will be part of the AERSF Official Party; team members will travel and be housed together and be accountable to both the Mixed Teams Accompanying Adult and the AERSF Adult in Charge.

**Signatures, Originating School (this is the school that will NOT be represented at the AERSF)**

---

Project Name, Category

---

Student Name, Telephone, E-mail

---

Student Signature and Date

---

Parent Name, Telephone, E-mail

---

Parent Signature and Date

---

School/District/State

---

School Director Name, Telephone, E-mail

---

School Director Signature and Date

---

Regional Fair Name, ISEF #

---

Regional Fair Director Name, Telephone, E-mail

---

Regional Fair Director Signature and Date

**MIXED TEAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

**Signatures, Accepting School (registering school)**

---

Project Name, Category

---

Student Name, Telephone, E-mail

---

Student Signature and Date

---

Parent Name, Telephone, E-mail

---

Parent Signature and Date

---

School/District/State

---

School Director Name, Telephone, E-mail

Austin Energy Regional Science Festival, USTX13

Regional Fair Name, ISEF #

Russell Cowen, 512-972-9532, Russell.cowen@austinenergy.com

Regional Fair Director Name, Telephone, E-mail

---

Regional Fair Director Signature and Date