

A code of conduct...

- *is a set of consistent guidelines for an acceptable standard of conduct.*
- *addresses in a concise manner the broader issues of ethical responsibility, and encourages greater transparency and accountability.*
- *provides reasonable expectations for participation in a Science & Engineering Challenge event.*

Participants (generally school students)

- Come prepared, follow directions, and play by the rules.
- Never argue with event staff. If you disagree, ask your teacher to talk with Challenge staff.
- Verbal abuse, taunting or intimidating event staff or other teams is not acceptable.
- Contribute to your team. Your team's performance will benefit; so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good results whether they are from your team or another.
- Treat everyone as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of others.
- Cooperate with your teacher, team-mates and other teams.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Event staff

- Prepare fully, set a good example, follow the rules, and assist all participants equally.
- Always act with honesty, fairness, transparency and integrity.
- Compliment and encourage all participants to achieve their personal/team best.
- Be consistent, objective, professional and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn 'unsporting' behaviour and promote respect.
- Do not be alone with, or inappropriately touch a participant.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give all participants a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

Parents and members of the public

- Focus on participants' creativity and commitment, rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage participants to always work according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at anyone for making a mistake or performing below your expectations.
- Respect the decisions of Event Staff and encourage participants to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteers, Event Staff, parents, teachers and administrators.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Teachers

- Give all participants an equal opportunity to join in the event.
- Respect the other schools by arriving on time and staying until the end of the day.
- Make participants aware of the positive benefits of joining in the event.
- Do not help your class/team too much. Let them learn from experience, and don't expose yourself to criticism by giving your team an unfair advantage.
- Work with participants to ensure that they behave appropriately throughout the day.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability cultural background or religion.