

The Tension Builds at Global Finals 2014



Welcome to DI Global Finals! Congratulations to your Team! Every team member is a winner and we are happy to have you with us! We look forward to seeing all of you at the general Team Manager meeting Tuesday, May 20, beginning at 7:00PM EDT in the Knoxville Convention Center, Ballroom ABC.

Appraiser Management Team

- International Challenge Masters: Mike McClure and Michael Vitullo
- Head Appraisers - Responsible for Sites
 - Elementary: Crissy Buhr
 - Middle: Jackie Smith
 - Secondary & University: Ron Dutton
 - Structure Check-In: Stephen Taylor

You've brought your great kids. We have assembled a fine team of Appraisers.

Structure Check-In: Structure Check-In for all teams will be behind the Middle Level site of Knoxville Convention Center Exhibit Hall B. All teams must check in their Structure **one hour** before their scheduled Presentation Time, but please, not earlier than one hour. Be sure you have your Materials samples and, if using Mono-filament fishing line, the original packaging when checking in.

Prep Area: Prep Areas for all teams is in the rear of Knoxville Convention Center Exhibit Hall B adjacent to the Prop Storage Area(s). All teams will report to the Prep Area in Exhibit Hall B with all their props and paperwork at least 20 minutes before their Presentation Time. In addition to the other required paperwork, teams must present their container for their Site Assembled Prop so it may be measured. Please ensure that this item is ready at the time the team enters the Prep Area.

The weight distribution for each Challenge site (Elementary, Middle and Secondary/University) is indicated in the table below:

Weight Size	Quantity Available	Total	Approximate Thickness
5 pound	10	50	1/2in. (1.27cm)
10 pound	10	100	7/8in. (2.24cm)
25 pound	10	250	1-3/8in. (3.51cm)
35 pound	10	350	1-1/4in. (3.18cm)
45 pound	10	450	1-1/8in. (2.87cm)
Total Weight Available		1200	

Standard Olympic-style weights are used.

Tester Base Information:

- The length of the Safety Pole as measured from the top surface of the Tester Base to the top of the Safety Pole - 24in (61cm).
- The length of the Safety Pole as measured from the floor to the top of the Safety Pole - approximately 28in (71.1cm).
- There will be two 12-inch extension pipes.

- The length of the Safety Pole and 1 extension pipe, as measured from the top surface of the Tester Base to the top of the Safety Pole - 36in (91.4cm).
- The length of the Safety Pole and 1 extension pipe, as measured from the floor to the top of the Safety Pole – approximately 40in (101.6cm).
- The length of the Safety Pole and 2 extension pipes, as measured from the top surface of the Tester Base to the top of the Safety Pole – 48in (122cm).
- The length of the Safety Pole and 2 extension pipes, as measured from the floor to the top of the Safety Pole – approximately 52in (132.1cm).
- The approximate thickness of the Pressure Board is 1½in (3.81cm).
- The weight of the Pressure Board is 10 pounds. The Safety Supports are 4in (10.2cm) x4in (10.2) x 7in (17.8cm).
- The Pyramid Tester Base will be oriented exactly as shown on page 54 of the Challenge (rotated 45 degrees with respect to the Tester Base).
- Teams are not allowed to adjust the position of the Pyramid Tester Base at any time.
- Teams are not allowed to adjust the position of the Tester Base relative to the floor at any time.

Safety: An Adult Assistant is permitted in Elementary and Middle Level to help with weights 25lbs and over. The Adult Assistant may not help with weights unless guided by the team members and must remain in and/or return to the identified area until directed. **The Adult Assistant, as well as all team members placing weights on the Structure, must have Safety Goggles or Glasses and closed toe shoes.** Teams are reminded that they must provide their own Protective Eyewear. Weight placement will not be allowed to take place without these safety measures being in place.

Additional lights will be set up by our camera crew around the Presentation Site and turned on for all teams. Remember, the lighting at the Presentation Site may not be dimmed, altered, or turned off during the team’s Presentation. Microphones will not be available for teams to use during their Presentation.

A Reminder of The Tension Builds Published Clarifications:

There are six (6) Published Clarifications:

#1 - August 28, 2013

The Challenge requires the use of a Pyramid Tester Base or (PTB) in addition to the standard Structure Tester to test the team-designed Structure. Starting September 15, 2013, teams will be able to order a metal tournament-sanctioned Pyramid Tester Base from Destination Imagination at www.ShopDI.org. It will be sold to teams at the manufacturing price plus shipping. For safety reasons, teams should not attempt to build their own weight-bearing Pyramid Tester Base.

#2 - August 28, 2013

Destination Imagination is releasing both a template and an instructional PowerPoint® presentation that walks a team through the process of building a foam board Pyramid Tester Base facsimile. This facsimile is not intended to bear weight. It should only be used for measuring the height of the team-created Structure (See A.3.c for details.).

#3 - September 10, 2013

Destination Imagination is not just a tournament. We are committed to teaching the Creative Process, which consists of 6 stages. Reflection is an important part of this process. Page 3 of the Tournament Data Form is designed to encourage and help teams to reflect on their journey through the Creative Process. All Tournament Data Forms are only informational. Teams should bring copies of the forms

to their DI tournaments, but they will not be scored and there will be no deductions for missing or incomplete forms. They are used only to help the Appraisers as they look at Challenge requirements.

#4 – September 19, 2013

The Challenge section A.7.a should read “The team will design a Prop (see definition) to be assembled on-site during its Presentation, using only parts which must all initially fit into a team-provided container.”

#5 - September 19, 2013

The Challenge section A.3.f should read “The Structure may only touch the Structure Tester on the top surface (angled sides) of the Pyramid Tester Base, the bottom surface of the Pressure Board, and the Safety Pole. No part of the Structure may touch the top square-shaped edge of the Pyramid Tester Base.”

#6 - January 15, 2014

The Challenge section D.4.h.iv should read: Any part of the Structure touches anything other than the Pyramid Base of the Tester, the Pressure Board, or the Safety Pole. This means that if any part of the Structure touches the original flat base of the Tester, weight placement will end. Pieces of the Structure that incidentally fall off and touch the base or sides of the Structure Tester will not cause weight placement to end. During testing, the Weight Placement Appraiser will not attempt to determine if a piece of the Structure that makes contact with the flat Tester base is "load bearing." Any piece of the Structure that touches the flat Tester base while remaining connected to the main part of the Structure in any manner will cause weight placement to end. If there is a clean break of a piece of the Structure and that piece lands on the flat Tester base, weight placement will continue as long as the Structure continues to hold weight.

Tournament Data Form Page 3

We will be using Page 3 of the Tournament Data Forms: The Creative Process for a research project later in the year. These forms will be collected in the Prep Area. Please be sure your team members reflect thoughtfully on how they experienced the creative process as they solved the Team Challenge. Evaluation is an important part of this process, and their thoughts will help us to make the program stronger and more meaningful through academic research.

On Saturday morning, Knoxville hosts the Tennessee Sports Medicine EXPO - 10K, 5K & Fun Walk road race until about noon. Many roads around the KCC will be closed or have limited access. All teams presenting Saturday morning should plan on delays in travel to and from the Knoxville Convention Center.

Congratulations on getting to Global Finals as The Tension Builds!

Mike McClure and Michael Vitullo
International Challenge Masters
The Tension Builds