

## DEADLINES:

Registrations and entry updates – entry at Regional Fair closes February 24, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

**TEACHERS:** Now through January 19, 2024 – see other deadlines below.

- Teacher Registration of student entries opens. **Teachers should Register** at <http://www.sefi.org/register/>

## **STUDENTS and TEACHERS: January 19, 2024**

- **Deadline** for SRC/IRB Pre-Experimentation Review.
- Pre-Experimentation Review opens. Scientific Review Committee (SRC)
- ISEF rules for all students in **4th grade through 12th grade**.
  - Some of the policies the regional fairs need to enforce include ensuring prior approvals for projects involving vertebrate animals, potentially hazardous biological agents, hazardous chemicals, and human subjects. Requiring students to gather all appropriate signatures on their forms. An **Institutional Review Board (IRB)** is a committee that, according to federal regulations (45-CFR-46), must evaluate the potential physical and/or psychological risk of research involving humans. All proposed human research must be reviewed and approved by an IRB before experimentation begins. This includes review of any surveys or questionnaires to be used in a project. We have added members to our Scientific Review Committee and created an Institutional Review Board for the regional fair-names at the bottom of page.

Full list of rules and forms: <https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/international-rules/>

**STUDENT: February 23, 2024** Deadline for completed SEFI.org registration and SRC Review/Approvals.

**STUDENT:** Contact your Science Fair Teacher when entry is completed. Teacher must verify completed registrations for each student and will move the student to Regional Fair.

**STUDENT:** Check registrations for SRC review notifications – approved or rejected. Rejected entries must be updated and resubmitted by the teacher. Notify teacher when you are ready to resubmit.

**TEACHERS:** Student Registration and SRC verification update deadline – **February 23, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

This includes **resubmission** of student based on **notifications of needed forms** sent by SRC to the student/teacher via SEFI.org.

- **BEFORE** student moved to regional status: <http://www.sefi.org/register/>
- **Teachers need to check registrations and verify content is complete.**

**All Divisions:** On the SEFI web site, registrations must include:

Address, phone, grade, date of birth, project title, and category.

Research plan and brief abstract **must** be included in online entry.

Student/Parent Email required. **Do not use a school email. Teacher email may be used.**

Check the box to indicate whether your display needs electricity.

Gender and ethnicity is requested, option available if you decline to answer.

Human Consent Form – if human subjects are part of the project this form must be completed and uploaded in Sefi.org with project.

Additional for: **Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>:** Additional appropriate 2024 ISEF forms and **TheCN.com:**

<https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/international-rules/>

**Entries promoted to State Fair: STUDENTS Grades 4-12: April 6, 2024.** State Fair Virtual components must be in **TheCN.com** during regional fair. **STATE FAIR** has announced that projects will require **THECN.COM** as well as **in-person judging**. On the individual student's main Sefi.org Student and Project Information you will see notification for **THECN.COM**.

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