

## **Policies Specific to Massachusetts DI Program 2009-2010**

Listed below are policies the MADI Board has established for the 2009-2010 season. Please be sure all Team Managers, Parents, and Administrators are aware of our policies.

- 1. All memberships must have representation at the fall Contact Meeting & the February Regional Tournament Meeting.**
2. Single team memberships taken by private groups/individuals that are **NOT** connected with an established non-profit, such as a school, library, town recreation program, etc. must pay for a CORI background check, attend their Regional Contact Meeting and the Café I training. All of these criteria must be met before a private individual can manage and register a team for competition.
3. The Massachusetts Code of Behavior Rules will be enforced at all state sponsored tournaments. Be sure everyone coming to the tournaments is informed of the rules to avoid a team being penalized or disqualified.
4. Rising Star primary teams need to be aware of the special MA policies that may vary from International Rules.  
Rising Star teams should follow the same Interference Rules as other levels. (different from DI Inc)  
Rising star teams may have more than 7 on a team.  
Rising star teams receive their awards immediately after their performance.
5. Any team can choose to participate in a regional tournament as NON-competitive. These teams will receive all participant pins and ribbons, be scheduled in the Central and Instant Challenge as all other teams, but will not be scored in any way. **The decision to register as NON-Competitive must be made when the team registers.**
- 6. All payments or copy of School Purchase Order must be received by the February Regional meetings for a team to participate in the tournament.**
7. Each TEAM must provide one adult that will officiate at the team's regional tournament for the entire day. Teams who do not provide an appraiser will be charged a \$150 fee. (DI HS students in 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be accepted) If training is needed, appraisers **MUST** attend the state training.
8. No team manger or team member participating in 2010 may appraise in Instant Challenge.
9. All team members should be prepared to participate in their Instant Challenge. This is the essence of teamwork and the basis of learning how to problem solve. This is one of our goals for every team member. Full participation is expected.
10. No one is allowed to visit a tournament site prior to the tournament day with the intent of "checking out" " the site, building, or prop areas. We are guests of the school and it is unfair to intrude. This is also considered unfair to other teams. This could result in an "Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty" for the team. RDs will make every effort provide information and describing the sites at your regional meeting and may even offer a tour at that time.
11. Teams may introduce themselves before their presentation. This must be done without any enhancement to their presentation. This is done before their time begins. (sometimes different from international procedures)

12. Team members may only enter and participate in ONE instant challenge on the regional level. Team members also acting as Team Managers may not enter any IC room as a team manager at any regional tournaments that season.

13. MADI offers 4 \$500 scholarships and 1 \$1000 to graduating high school senior. Applicants need not be currently involved but must have participated at some time in DI during their school career. Seniors will be recognized at each Regional's closing ceremonies and presented tassels for graduation. Scholarships are announced at the State Finals.

14. Teams advancing to the state finals will be charged a \$25 Registration Fee to cover increased costs for security and safety.

15. All teams attending Global Finals and representing Massachusetts must stay in campus housing with all the MADI teams. Although parents, siblings and other spectators may be housed anywhere, team members and managers must stay in the DI Inc. assigned housing.

16. Teams are allowed to change or improve anything in their solution from one level to the next however it is interference and unsportsmanlike to use any ideas they have seen or heard about from other teams during the entire regional season. It is also considered unsportsmanlike to visit other regional tournament/s for the sole purpose of "checking out" the team/s they will be performing with at the State Finals.

## 2010 Changes

The Instant Challenge Symposium will be run at both Café trainings.

Final Scores will not be posted at Tournaments but Email blasted to all teams within 2 days after the tournament.

A copy of Award nomination sheets will be given to the team with their awards at closing ceremonies.

Divided gyms used as sites & prop storage should remain open for better noise & behavior control.

No studios needed for Challenge D. – hooray!

RDs can edit and attach appraisers to teams that mistakenly registered as independent.

RDS can now check financial status of teams directly on database.

Fee changes: Both Cafes- \$45 each

Early Team Registration: \$80	Late: \$125
Appraiser Fee: \$150	State Fee: \$25

No HS Freshman/Sophomore may appraise or represent a team as an official.

Only HS Jrs/Srs on past DI teams may officiate and train to score teams.

Non-DI Jr/Srs may only be a team's official in a non-scoring volunteer role. (not prep)

MA Appraisers do not have the option of training in NH this year.

Any team managers that are also on a DI team/ or team members serving on multiple teams CAN ONLY ENTER 1 IC Room on the regional level. (even if at different tournaments)

ALL IC appraisers will train this year. (full day training)

No self-managed teams/ Teams must have TM 18 years or older. Younger managers are fine but they must have an adult co-manager as well.