



## BirdSO 2021 Academic Honesty Policy (Div. B/C)

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We strive to achieve the highest possible academic integrity and honesty between all our events, teams, and divisions. Below, we will detail our policy to achieve this integrity to ensure that we have an equal playing field for all competitors.

- We will **not be implementing “catch” questions or “gotcha” questions**. We fully disagree with implementing questions intended to catch cheaters, as oftentimes these may result in unfair disqualifications to teams that may not have cheated. As such, we hope that all teams do not answer questions hesitantly and answer questions as if it were any other in-person event.
- For **build events - notably Helicopters, Mission Possible, Gravity Vehicle, and Mousetrap Vehicle**, the national building policy applies. Only students of the 15 member team may contribute to the construction of the device. Parents and coaches may guide when necessary, but may not build or construct the device.
- For **Write It CAD It**, teams will be disqualified if it is determined that cheating has occurred. The writer may not share screenshots or communicate with the CAdEr in any way, shape, or format during their event.
- Resource Policy: All notesheets (events that require 8.5 \* 11 inch piece(s) of paper) must be printed out. For these events as well as events that do not require any external resources, event supervisors will keep track of "time out of browser". However, for events that require a binder, online binders are permitted.
- A list of events and their “time out of browser” status can be found [here](#) for division B and [here](#) for division C. All event supervisors will be reasonable with “time out of browser”, and all disqualifications will be thoroughly reviewed by our scoremasters.

Our competition runs on the honesty of all competitors, teams, coaches, event supervisors, and organizers. As such, this is a final reminder to be honest and fair to all teams and all competitors. **Do not cheat. Cheating is disrespectful to all competitors, coaches, parents, and the Science Olympiad community.**

Cheating will result in disqualification of the event and a score of **n+2** as the placement for the event.

For questions and concerns regarding our Academic Honesty Policy, please email [bird.scioly@gmail.com](mailto:bird.scioly@gmail.com).