

# 2024 GSEF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT



Required for EVERY STUDENT (including team members) attending the 2024 Georgia Science & Engineering Fair. Failure to submit with all required signatures will result in ineligibility.

The participant, and the parent or legal guardian of the participant if the participant is under 18, for the sole consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, of the right to participate in the event or program described as the Georgia Science & Engineering Fair (the "Program"), do hereby agree to the following relating to the Program.

## RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

I fully and voluntarily consent to my child's participation in the Program. I hereby acknowledge my awareness that participation in the Program may expose me/my child(ren) to risk of property damage, bodily or personal injury. I understand that the risks that I/my child may encounter include, but are not limited to accidents, bumps, bruises, cuts and abrasions, muscle strains and sprains, and exposure to contagious diseases and communicable illnesses, including but not limited to, COVID-19, which may cause death, as well as other risks that may not be foreseeable. I knowingly and freely assume any and all such risks.

In exchange for being allowed to participate in the Program, I hereby release and forever discharge and agree to indemnify the University of Georgia the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights, expenses, actions, and causes of action, of whatever kind, arising from or by reason of any personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, or the consequences thereof, whether foreseeable or not, resulting from or in any way connected with my participation in the Program. I further covenant and agree that for the consideration stated above, I will hold forever harmless and will not take legal action against the University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, and their officers, agents, and employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out of my participation in this activity whether caused by negligence or otherwise.

I understand that the acceptance of this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant not to sue shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or part, of sovereign immunity by said Board, its members, officers, agents, and employees.

I understand that as a state agency, the University of Georgia is exempt from licensing by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning for minors programs.

## PHOTO AND MEDIA RELEASE

The participant, and the parent or legal guardian of the participant if the participant is under 18, hereby give the University of Georgia, and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the right and permission to use, reproduce, edit, exhibit, project, display, copyright and/or publish my/my child's images, likeness, and voice in which I/my child may be included in the whole or in part, developed during participation in the Program and thereafter, and to circulate the same in all forms and media for any lawful purpose whatsoever. My consent includes, but is not limited to, images, likenesses and recordings that may be deemed to be educational records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA").

I understand and agree that my/my child's image will become part of the University of Georgia's photograph file and that it may be distributed to other organizations or individuals for use in any publications, media, or technology now known of or hereafter developed in the future for any lawful purpose whatsoever without further permission from me. I also understand that I will receive no compensation in connection with the use of my/my child's image.

I hereby waive the right to inspect or approve my/my child's image or any finished materials that incorporates the image. I further release, discharge, and agree to waive the University of Georgia, and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, their licensees, successors, legal representatives and assignees from any liability for violation of any personal or proprietary right that I may have in conjunction with said pictures or images and with the use thereof. I further acknowledge and agree that the University of Georgia and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and its members, their officers, agents, and employees shall not be responsible for any of such image, likeness or recording by any third party accessing it through the internet or any other means.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants in a Program/Activity hosted at or by the University of Georgia. It applies to all participants including minors and their parents/guardians.

Requirements:

- Respect and adhere to Program/Activity rules, guidelines, and protocols including all those specific to this event or activity.
- Follow all instructions and directives given by Program Staff.
- Act in a courteous manner and treat participants, parents, volunteers, staff, and others with respect. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times.
- Uphold an individual's right to dignity by supporting an environment of inclusion which welcomes involvement of participants from all backgrounds.
- Abide by the decisions made by the GSEF Judges and Staff. Subjectivity will always be a minor part of competitions; unsportsmanlike conduct by student or guardian will result in disqualification of the project.
- Obey University policies and local, state and federal laws.
- Follow the Safety & Supervision Guidelines outlined in the Event Handbook.
- Student participants must be present during scheduled interviews and follow the Attendance Policy outlined in the Event Handbook.
- If participating in ISEF as part of the GSEF delegation, follow directions of chaperones and adhere to rules of conduct for student delegates.

Participants who fail to adhere to this Code of Conduct are subject to a range of disciplinary actions. When appropriate, immediate corrective action will be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants. Failing to adhere to this Code of Conduct may subject participants to disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the Program and future Programs/Activities offered at the University of Georgia.

I understand that the student will be subject to the rules and standards of conduct of the Program and the University System of Georgia. I further understand that the student's violation of the rules and standards of conduct or failure to comply with the reasonable direction of Program Staff may result in the student's dismissal from the Program. The parent/guardian accepts responsibility for all costs associated with removing the student from the Program. I understand that dismissed participants are not eligible for a refund of any fees or expenses and may not be eligible to participate in future Programs/Activities.

I certify that I understand and have read the above carefully before signing. I acknowledge and represent that I freely and voluntarily sign this Agreement, and that it is my express intent that this Agreement shall contractually bind my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and my child's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, as well as myself and my child.

Student (Participant) Signature (required for ALL students, regardless of age)

Date

Student (Participant) Name (please PRINT clearly)

Parent/Guardian Signature (required for all students under 18)

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (please PRINT clearly)

Parent/Guardian Phone