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### **OFFICIAL RULES**

1. Participant teams may not have more than five individuals.
2. Each team may only enter one submission.
3. Schools may enter more than one team into the competition.
4. Team presentations will last less than ten minutes. The time limit will be strictly enforced.
5. All participants must speak during the presentation.
6. Participants are encouraged to accompany their presentations with digital presentation slides.
7. All presentation slides must be saved as a 2010 (or less) Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation (.ppt file extension).
8. Participants are responsible for advancing their presentation slides using the computer and projector provided. Students will not be allowed to use remote-control tools (i.e. 'clickers') to advance slides.
9. Following the presentation, judge(s) will ask questions. The total time allotted to Q&A following each presentation will not exceed 5 minutes.
10. Students are responsible for responding during the Q&A following their presentation, not accompanying teachers, mentors, or parents.
11. All participants are expected to demonstrate respect and professionalism throughout the competition.
12. The business concepts presented must be the participants' own original work. Ideas that were developed with input from class instructors or club coaches are allowed. However, participants must acknowledge this assistance on the first slide of their presentation.
13. All participants must be current high school students on the day of the competition.
14. Competition organizers are not responsible for providing any documents excusing participating students from their normal school day.
15. All ideas and business concepts presented in the competition must be legal in the state of New York. The act of presenting an idea in the competition does not confer any intellectual property rights to any sponsor or facilitator of the business plan competition.
16. Teams with products/services currently producing revenue are still eligible to present that product/service idea.
17. Judges' decisions are final.