

SWITCH! at Global Finals 2008

Welcome to Global Finals 2008! Congratulations to your teams! Every team member is a winner and we are happy you could join us! We look forward to seeing all of you at the Team Manager meeting Wednesday, May 21 at 3:30pm in the Knoxville Convention Center.

Appraiser Management Team

- o ICMs: Michael Howard and Ed Stephens
- o Head Appraisers - Responsible for Sites
 - Elementary – Bob Brown
 - Middle – Bruce Urban
 - Secondary & University –Judi Vos
 - Check-In Head Appraiser -Rocco Marzuola

You've brought the best teams. We have assembled a full complement of great Appraisers.

Structure Check-In for all teams will be in the Knoxville Convention Center beginning at 7:00am Thursday, Friday and Saturday. All teams must check their Structure in **one hour** before their scheduled Presentation Time. On Saturday morning, Knoxville hosts the Tennessee Sports Medicine EXPO - 10K, 5K & Fun Walk road race until about noon. Many roads around the KCEC and KCC will be closed or have limited access. All teams presenting Saturday morning should plan on delays in travel to and from the Knoxville Convention / Exhibition Center and Knoxville Convention Center.

Prep Area for all teams is in the Knoxville Convention Center. All Middle, Secondary and University teams will report to the Prep Area in Exhibit Hall A at least 20 minutes before their Presentation Time. Elementary Level teams will report to the Prep Area in Exhibit Hall B at least 20 minutes before their Presentation Time.

The weight distribution for each Challenge venue- Elementary, Middle and Secondary:

Weight Size	Quantity Available	Total	<i>Approximate</i> Thickness
5 pound	10	50	1/2in. (1.27cm)
10 pound	10	100	7/8in. (2.24cm)
25 pound	10	250	1-3/8in. (3.51cm)
35 pound	10	350	1-1/4in. (3.18cm)
45 pound	10	450	1-1/8in. (2.87cm)
Total Weight Available		1200	

Standard Olympic-style weights will be used. The thickness of each weight is APPROXIMATELY as listed above. Some may be thicker and some may be thinner. They will NOT all be of uniform thickness.

Length of Safety Pole is 26 inches as measured from the floor to the Top of the Safety Pole. There will be two 12 inch extension pipes.

The weight of the Pressure Board is 10 pounds.

A Reminder of 5 Important *Switch!* Published Clarifications:

1. Teams must not add on pieces of wood or glue to their Structures for the sole purpose of meeting height requirements in this Challenge.
2. The base of the Structure Tester illustrated in Figure C: Isometric View on page 7 of the Challenge should measure 18 inches.
3. A.3.g should read: To designate the parts of the Structure that will contact the Structure Tester during testing, the team will put a colored mark on the Structure parts that will contact the Pressure Board or the Tester Base in each Orientation, using a different color for each Orientation. They will do this at the end of the Structure Check-In procedure. (See C.2.c)
4. C.2.c should read: At the end of the Structure Check-In procedure, the team must designate which Structure Orientation is Orientation A and which is Orientation B and mark the Structure as stated in A.3.g. Teams may use colored markers, colored pens or pencils to mark these parts, using a different color for each Orientation. The team will state the color for each Orientation on the Tournament Data Form. The intent of this requirement is that the team marks the structure so that it is clear to the Appraisers which Orientation they will test first (A or B) based on the flip of the coin. (See A.4.a)

5. The first sentence of A.6.c should read: During the Stop Time while the team is preparing to change the Structure's Orientation on the Tester, one or more team members must creatively present a Freeze-Frame scene.

6. On Page 1 of the Tournament Data Form, in Part Two the Side Trips listed should be Side Trip 1 and Side Trip 2.

Interference: *Rules of the Road*, Rules of Interference for Team Challenges, pages 14 –17, apply to this Tournament as they have to all others! Appraisers and other Tournament Officials will deduct points for Interference or Unsportsmanlike Conduct in order to keep a level playing field for all teams.

Congratulations on being a Global Finals 2008 *SWITCH!* team! You may have experienced twists and turns on your way to Knoxville, but we are sure you and your team will be SWITCHed On for your Global Finals 2008 experience.

Michael Howard and Ed Stephens
International Challenge Masters
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