

# Future City Junior Rules & Procedures

## Check-in

- **CHECK-IN IS SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY** from 12-12:30pm in the atrium of Nedderman Hall at the University of Texas at Arlington. Drivers, not leaving their vehicle, may stop briefly in the lot at the North end of the building to off-load models (access off UTA Blvd, just East of Cooper). Vehicles should be moved immediately after unloading. See instructions at [www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_info.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_info.html).
- **VEHICLES PARKING** on Saturday must pre-register to avoid ticketing. See instructions: [www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_info.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_info.html).
- **AT CHECK-IN, YOU WILL RECEIVE A PACKET OF INFO** and a room and table assignment for the model display and judging. The information packet will include a copy of these rules, badges for the team members, chits for t-shirts and ballots for the People's Choice award (senior competition).
- **SET UP YOUR MODEL** in the assigned room. Your model should be ready when you check-in. You have until 1pm to get your model ready for judging. Make sure everything works before the judging starts. Note: UTA facilities/resources are not available for last-minute changes, copies, print-outs, etc. Bring your own tape, glue, staples, etc. for model repairs (no glue guns, please).
- **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK:** (forms available online at [www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_rsrc.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html))
  1. Bring with you and keep with model: CITY MODEL EXPENSE FORM and MODEL ID CARD
  2. Turn in at check-in: MEDIA WAIVER FORM and HONOR STATEMENT

## Walk-around, Model Viewing

- **MODEL VIEWING 1-2PM.** All rooms and models, junior and regular competition, will be open for viewing.
- **PEOPLE'S CHOICE BEST MODEL** – You will receive ballots at check-in. Everyone will have the opportunity to view all the models from 1-2pm. Vote on your choice for best overall model (middle school competition) and return your ballots to the box at the check-in desk.

## Model Judging

- **MODEL JUDGING** will commence at 2pm. All student team members (max 3) should be standing with their models for this period. Judges will be in 1-2 small groups that will rotate among the teams, spending about 5 minutes talking to each. Students should be prepared to answer questions about their design and briefly explain their solution to the urban agriculture problem. No formal presentations.
- **TEAM MEMBERS ONLY ALLOWED IN ROOM** during the judging period. Because of space constraints, family and friends will not be allowed in the room. Team members = 3 student-presenters, the educator and the mentor. One additional adult is permitted to attend with the consent of the educator.
- **STUDENTS ONLY ANSWERING QUESTIONS, TALKING TO JUDGES.** Educators, adults may stand along the walls of the room and observe quietly.

## Other Activities

- **ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR TEAM PICTURES.** We will be taking team pictures from 9am-2pm. Please plan to allow at least 20 minutes for this. Check-in with the photographers and have all team members assembled.
- **STUDENT/TEAM RELAXATION AREA IS IN THE ATRIUM** – There will be table and chairs available. Since this is the open, common area, please keep things as neat as possible. We have a few games and decks of cards available (on loan-out) at the Future City Shop. And, we will also have activities, such as scavenger hunts and engineering challenges, to engage students during their free time.
- **WHILE YOU ARE NOT PRESENTING** you should feel free to congregate in the atrium. **Please do not:**
  - *Go above the second floor,*
  - *Move office furniture (no chair races in the halls)*
  - *Tie up the elevators.*
- **WE HAVE GIFTS** – t-shirts and other goodies for each student team member and “thank you” gifts for the educators and mentors.
- **FINAL ROUND OF THE REGULAR/SENIOR COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE IN ROOM 100.** All teams and observers are welcome to attend. However, entry to/exit from the room will only be allowed between team presentations.

## Awards

- **ALL TEAMS SHOULD STAY FOR THE AWARDS.** Future City Competition Junior will provide prizes for Best Essay, Best Model, and Best Overall Junior Team. Prizes will consist of a cash award, gift cards for the students and a plaque/certificate. We are also planning for 1-2 special awards. When we call out the team's name, all members: students and educator should come forward to receive the awards. After receiving your awards, please return to your seats.
- **THE AWARDS CEREMONY IS COMBINED WITH THE REGULAR FCC.** Therefore, we will also be presenting awards, medals to the winning teams from the regular/senior competition. The entire ceremony is scheduled for one hour.

## Before You Leave

- **ALL TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THEIR MODEL** following the Awards Ceremony. Don't forget to pick up anything you might have left in the atrium.
- **CERTIFICATES AND TEAM PHOTOS** will be available in FC office following the Awards Ceremony. Educators should stop by to pick up their packets. Team scores will be available through the Team Center the day after the competition.

## Other Rules

- Any conflicts will be resolved locally. There is no appeal.
- The judges' decisions are final.
- Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable.