



Regional Tournament Guide

**Nebraska DI - 26 years of the Destination
Imagination Program and
42 years of Creative Problem Solving!**

Regional Tournaments

Muddy Waters – February 22nd, 2025

Columbus Middle School

2200 26th Street

Columbus, NE 68601

Sandhills – March 1st, 2025

Kearney Horizon Middle School

915 W. 35th Street

Kearney, NE 68847

**Team Managers: Please read through this in its entirety. There are new items
that pertain to all.**

We are excited to host Regional and Affiliate Finals this year and look forward to an amazing time for our creative students!!

Before the Tournament

Step 1 – Review the Schedule

Please review the schedule and check for the following:

- that your team name and number are correct
- that your challenge placement and level is correct
- that there is no conflict with your Team Challenge and Instant Challenge times.

Notify the Tournament Director **IMMEDIATELY** should you notice an irregularity on the schedule. Any team that does not arrive at the competition site before its scheduled time may not get a chance to compete in the event. The Challenge Master at each competition site will determine if a late-arriving team has time to complete the event.

Step 2 – Know these Procedures

TEAM CHALLENGE: Each team should report to the competition site ready to perform **20 minutes** prior to its scheduled performance time.

Engineering: High Wire Act teams should report to their site **1 hour** prior to your team's Presentation time.

INSTANT CHALLENGE: Each team should report to the competition site ready to perform **15 minutes** prior to the team's scheduled competition times.

Step 3--Submit your paperwork online! Any questions can be directed to the Challenge Master or nedisecretary@gmail.com

Step 4 – Information for all Teams

Regional Tournament Schedule: All Regional Competition Schedules will be posted 2 weeks prior to the tournament. Muddy Waters on Feb 8, 2025, and Sandhills on February 15, 2025

Teams should be sportsmanlike in their demeanor throughout the tournament. Penalties can and will be given for language and behavior that is rude, discourteous, or not in the spirit of competition. **Team Managers and parents are responsible for their team the entire day, including any activities planned as time fillers between their competition and the Awards ceremony.**

RED TIES: If you are an alumnus of DI, and are either a Team Manager or Appraiser, please wear your Red Tie. If you have not been given one by NEDI at a prior Tournament, please identify yourself as such at Registration. You will be given a red tie to wear with pride. We would love to recognize you!

At the Regional Tournament Site

Step 1 - Registration

The Team Manager of Record must check in at the Registration Table once your team has arrived. Team Managers will be given a special lanyard to wear. Please bring this to Affiliate Finals as your form of identification. If you are an alum, please wear your red tie as well!

Step 2 - Appraiser

Each team must also provide a **trained** Appraiser as per Team Rule requirements to help with the tournament. Each team must have its OWN Appraiser. One Appraiser cannot be used for more than one team. If your trained Appraiser does not report, your team may be assessed a 50-point score deduction.

Step 3 - Acclimate your team

Find the following: performance site, unloading zone, restrooms, cafeteria, souvenir stand, basket raffle table, and a good place to make a team camp.

There is NO admission charge. Parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, and anyone else are invited to come and enjoy a day of fun and creativity. Please ensure they know your challenge and team name! We hate not being able to direct people to the right place if they are unsure or only know the school district!

Step 4 - Visit the Souvenir Stand

Pins: This year challenge pins will be available along with the state pin as a complete set. The theme for Nebraska in Destination Imagination revolves around ***'NE DI IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!'***

Items: The state board will offer other exciting souvenir items and fun collectables. Again, selection and number are limited, so shop early. There will also be a selection of vintage DI Global Finals Collector Pins and T-shirts, including foreign pins and Shirts. All major credit cards and VENMO are accepted.

Basket Raffle: If your team has brought a container for the raffle, please drop it off at the Souvenir Stand.

Awards

First, second and third place winners will be awarded in each challenge and level. In addition, three additional awards COULD be given. They are:

1. **DaVinci Award:** Given to reward a unique approach to a solution, risk taking, or outstanding creativity (not skill or talent). For this award solutions need not be successful to be received.
2. **Spirit of Discovery and Imagination Award (Spirit of DI Award):** Given to recognize those who act as a superior role model in the area of spirit, sportsmanship, and volunteerism.
3. **Renaissance Award:** Given for outstanding design, engineering, execution or performance.

Teams are encouraged to stay for the awards ceremony, we will announce how many teams are advancing to Affiliate Finals.

**NE DI Affiliate Finals
Saturday, April 5th, 2025
at UNK in Kearney, NE**

Each team advancing to the Affiliate Finals MUST be represented in Kearney by an Appraiser trained during this competition season. The Appraiser must have appraised at their Regional Competition.

Affiliate Finals Schedule: The Affiliate Finals Schedule will be posted on March 22nd and emailed to all Team Managers

Specific Tournament info!

MUDDY WATERS REGIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

Muddy Waters Competition Date: February 22, 2025, there is NO snow date.
If the weather is bad, check our Facebook page.

Competition Site:

Columbus Middle School
2200 26th St
Columbus, NE

- **Appraisers** will check in at their assigned challenge, follow signs from Visitors Entrance. Challenges begin at varied times, so watch for updates.
- **Maps** will be emailed to all Team Managers and Appraisers with the schedule, Please distribute to your fan club!
- **Team registration** will begin at 7:30 a.m. **All teams must be checked in by 10:00 a.m.**
- **Team Registration** will be in the lobby by the Visitor Entrance
- **Teams** are to report to their competition sites 20 minutes prior to their scheduled time.
- **Engineering: High Wire Act** teams should report to their site approximately 1 hour prior to your team Presentation time.
- The **Awards Ceremony** will be in Auditorium around 4 pm and will be preceded by a Trivia game of Kahoot and the basket raffle drawing.
- **Concessions** will be near the Visitor Entrance hosted by the Columbus Middle School Student Council
- **Souvenirs and Basket Raffle** will be in the school Cafeteria
- **Prop Storage** will be in the small gym
- Teams and fans hang out will be in the cafeteria or the small gym.
- We encourage you to check out other challenges throughout the day
- **In. case of Emergency, please contact Regional Tournament Directors**

Connie 402-366-4850 or Alicia 402-297-9556

Or Souvenirs-Ashley 402-851-9004

Team managers and Parents must supervise their teams all day. Teams are responsible for policing all areas –please be gracious guests!

Basket Raffle

Celebrating 26 years of Destination Imagination

in Nebraska!

**And 42 years of Creative Problem Solving in Nebraska!
We will be holding a Basket Raffle at our Regional and Affiliate Finals
Tournaments.**

Let's get creative & have fun! Here's how:

1. Fill a PLASTIC container or Basket (any size or shape) with any item(s) of your choice.

How about 25 of something?

- An Instant Challenge - what can you make out of 25 _____
- Snacks that would help a team get pumped for competition
- Pins from previous years
- Energy drinks
- A first aid kit
- Popcorn and a movie
- Anything else that sounds fun!

2. Decorate the outside of the container

3. Bring it to the tournament sales area.

Tickets will be sold for 50 cents each.

The proceeds will go to benefit DI in Nebraska.

Drawings will be held just before the awards ceremony.

Please fill out the following form and attach it to your basket. Each basket will be sold through raffle, and the drawings will be held before the Awards Ceremony. Have fun putting together a basket that represents YOUR TEAM!

This basket donated by:

Team Name: _____

Team Number: 129- _____ Level: EL ML SL UL

Hometown: _____

Quick Check List

Please bring the following:

- -----All team members
- -----your props and team sign
- -----Your enthusiasm
- -----Your patience
- -----Your basket for raffle
- -----Something that gets your team pumped for competition
- -----Something for your team to do while they have 'down time'

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!!!

2025-2026 Pin and T-shirt Design Contest
Send your designs to Ashley, at nedimerch@gmail.com
or
bring them to Affiliate Finals.

The entry deadline is July 1st, 2025

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON! WE LOVE SEEING TEAMS GROW
TOGETHER AND LEARN!