



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> Street

Columbus, NE 68601

**Sandhills – March 1st, 2025**

Kearney Horizon Middle School

915 W. 35<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and emailed to all Team Managers**

# Specific Tournament info!

## SANDHILLS REGIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

**Sandhills Competition Date: March 1, 2025, there is NO snow date.**

If the weather is bad, check our Facebook page for information.

### **Competition Site:**

Horizon Middle School  
915. W. 35<sup>th</sup> St  
Kearney, NE 68847

- **Appraisers** will check as instructed by the Challenge Master/Regional Director. 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 8 a.m. **All teams must be checked in by 10:30 a.m.**
- **Team Registration** will be in the Main Entrance marked GYM on the northeast corner of the school
- **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 3:30-4 pm
- **Concessions** will be available, hosted by ADK-a women's teacher Sorority Group
- **Souvenirs and Basket Raffle** will be on the west side of the school Cafeteria
- **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:**

Reid Bednar 308-850-9830 Site Director

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

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](mailto:nedimerch@gmail.com)  
OR  
bring them to Affiliate Finals.

The entry deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

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