

# Participant Community Guidelines

## HONEST COMMUNICATION

All contributions are expected to:

- Be in compliance with this Code of Civility
- Be accurate (where they state facts)
- Be genuinely held (where they state opinions)
- Be in compliance with applicable law in the United States and in any country from which they are posted
- Respect Yourself and Others

We require that all N.I.C. participants treat other people with respect. Any use of Communication Services (see the Code of Civility) to threaten, harass, stalk, or abuse others using these services is unacceptable and is strictly forbidden.

We reserve the right to remove content that advocates or encourages expressions of violence, bullying, general cruelty, bigotry, racism, illegal activity, hatred, or profanity. This includes content that is deemed inappropriate, offensive, or that violate guidelines in the Terms of Service or the Code of Civility. Falsely impersonating an N.I.C. employee, agent, manager, host, or any other person other than yourself, is forbidden.

### Protect Your Privacy

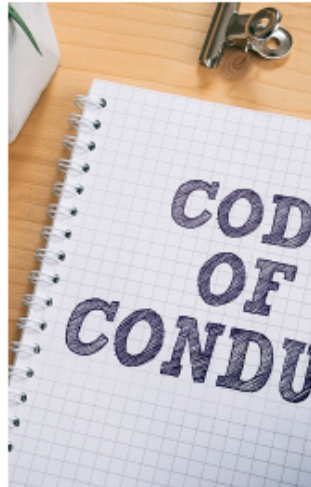
We caution you against sharing unnecessary personally identifiable information during the Zoom challenge (such as home address or personal contact information), which may be inadvertently obtained by others or, in rare instances, used for illegal or harmful purposes. Talk to your coach, parent or the N.I.C. staff if you have a question or concern.

### Non-Discrimination Policy

The N.I.C. continuously addresses issues of diversity and multiculturalism and is committed to engaging in actions that create inclusive communities, increased diversity, and the elimination of discrimination. The N.I.C. prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, and gender identity or expression in all of its programs and activities.

## CODE OF CIVILITY

As part of our commitment to making the N.I.C. and its related social media channels a great place to meet and interact with others who have a passion and commitment to science, technology, engineering, math, innovation and entrepreneurship, you agree to abide by this Code of Civility. By participating on the Site and social media community, you give your commitment to abide by this Code when contributing to all N.I.C. resources and programs, including, but not limited to, profiles, team pages, chats, posts and comments, emails, social media sources, etc. ("Communication Services"), and to help create a positive experience for all the community's users.



We reserve the right in our sole discretion to eject or ban any user from participating in the National Innovator Challenge (N.I.C.), the Site or social media community who behaves in a manner deemed inappropriate or offensive, or who violates the guidelines of this Code of Civility. The N.I.C. and its partners and service providers are not responsible for any user-created content or other activities.



## CONFIDENTIALITY & PATENTS

Protecting your idea, app or prototype It is sole responsibility of the creator(s) of their Idea, App or Prototype to determine whether their Idea, App, or Prototype requires protection, what type of protection it may require. It is the sole responsibility of the creator to contact the appropriate legal professionals to secure any/all protection they deem necessary.

# Parent/Guardian Agreements

## RELEASE AGREEMENT

**B**y registering your child, you grant permission for your child to take part in the National Innovator Challenge and verify agreement with the following Innovation World photography/filming release:

Without expectation of compensation or other remuneration of any kind, now or in the future, on behalf of my registered student, I as guardian do hereby give consent, permission, and authorization to Innovation World, including its parent, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, members, directors, officers, principals, partners, and agents, to use their name, image and likeness, including all rights, title and interest therein, for Innovation World's use in whatever form (digital, web-based, hard-print or otherwise) and for whatever purpose in perpetuity. Innovation World's use includes, without limitation, any advertising, video footage, recording, publication, website, radio, digital media, print media, or other promotional marketing or media activities, as well as, all film, motion picture and television rights (e.g., free television, pay television, basic cable, subscription, video-on-demand, pay-per-view, syndication, digital streaming, and all other methods of transmission delivery systems and formats). Both my registered child and I as their guardian, hereby further release Innovation World from any and all claims or disputes, including damages in any form, for libel, slander, right of publicity, invasion of right of privacy, trademark infringement or false endorsement, breach of contract, or any other tortious claim or persona right associated with Innovation World's use of said name, image and likeness, and further, hereby acknowledge that Innovation World shall have no obligation to use said name, image or likeness.

This consent is given in perpetuity and does not require prior approval. By completing the online registration and paying the non-refundable registration fee, I hereby grant my child permission to participate in the National Innovator Challenge (N.I.C.) hosted by Innovation World. I have been thoroughly informed of rules and requirements of the N.I.C. I understand and consent to my child being in virtual contact with Innovation World employees and volunteers for the purpose of judging my child's project. I hereby release Innovation World and any of its officers, directors, employees or sponsors, from responsibility and liability for any damage, injury or illness that my child may sustain as a result of or in any way connected to my child's participation in the National Innovator Challenge and, further, waive any and all rights to assert any claims against Innovation World for any damages allegedly sustained as a result of my child's participation in the National Innovator Challenge.



## BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT

I understand and agree that my child's behavior with regard to their participation in the National Innovator Challenge is my responsibility. I will instruct my child in proper behavior and ensure that they respect and adhere to the Code of Conduct, which include the Participant Community Guidelines and the following:

1. The content of my child's project submission in the National Innovator Challenge shall be age appropriate and non-discriminatory.
2. My child's National Innovator Challenge project submission must be of a nature where it cannot cause harm to property, animals, my child or other children, and any other adults.
3. Plagiarism, defined as when an author attempts to pass off someone else's work as their own, of any type and format, is strictly prohibited.

In the event of (a) behavior problem(s) regarding my child's participation in the National Innovator Challenge or failure to adhere to the Participant Community Guidelines, I understand that I will be contacted to correct any problem or issue. In the event a problem or issue cannot be corrected, I recognize my child will no longer be allowed to participate in the National Innovator Challenge for the remainder of the event year.

