

JUDGING PART II: TRAINING & INTERVIEWS

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF JUDGE TRAINING?

- Provide support to judges about the general expectation of the day and their responsibilities as a judge
- Provide information around the general ethos and spirit of judging in a science fair
- Ensure all judges are on the same page about timelines, reviewing projects, providing feedback, and supporting students



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CONDUCTING JUDGE TRAINING



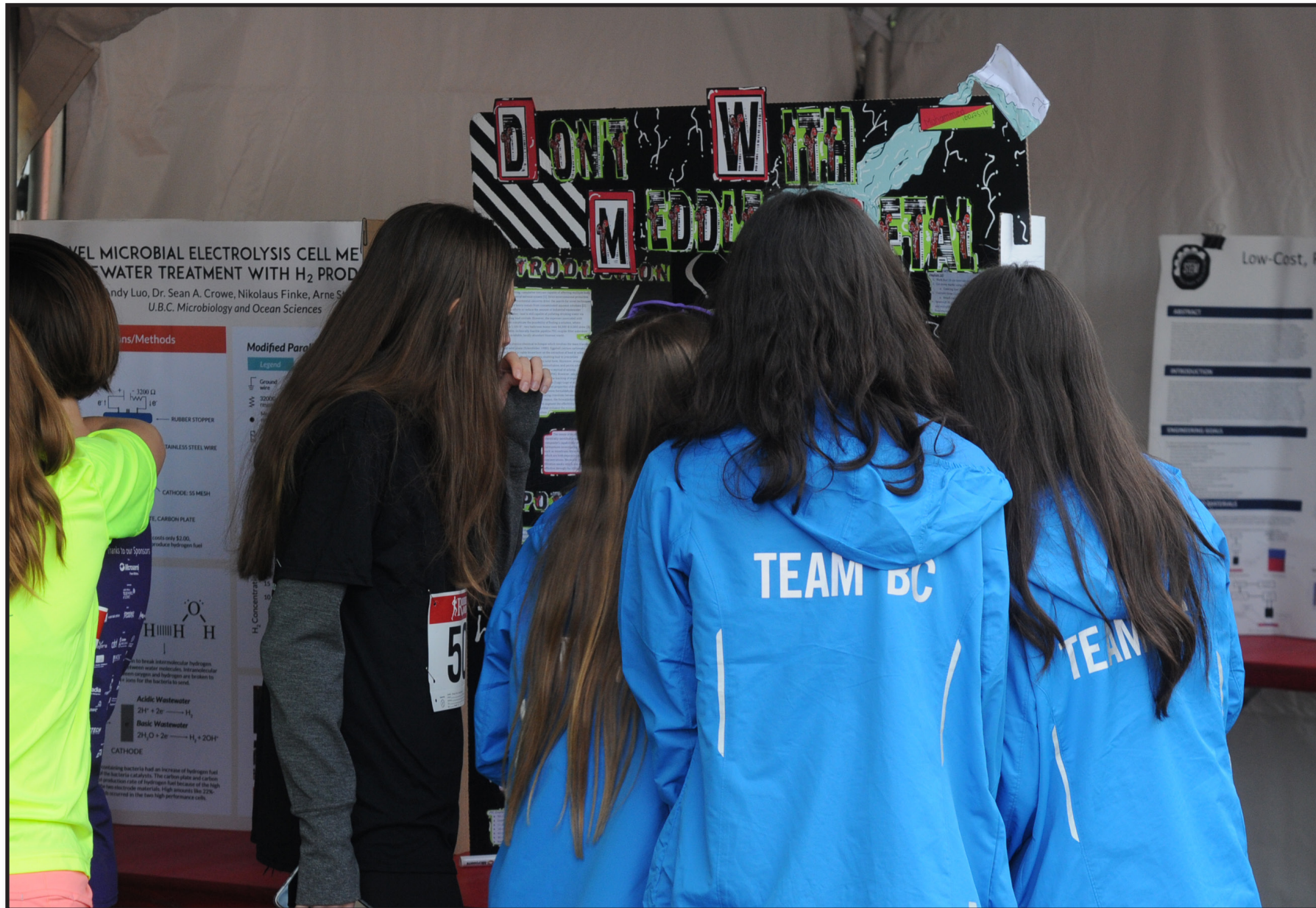
- How do I conduct judge training?
 - Online, in-person, blended, asynchronous – you pick!
 - Generally some information is shared in advance of the fair day (e.g., schedule, rubrics, general expectations, maybe a handout or video)
 - Day-of there is often a training session for all judges (60-90 minutes)
- What information should I include in judge training?
 - How to provide effective feedback
 - Ways to ask encouraging questions and continue the conversation with the students
 - Considerations around the environment for conducting the interview
 - How to read and use the judging rubric

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RESOURCES FOR JUDGE TRAINING

- Sample judge training video and handout previously created by SFFBC*
- Connect with Gerry (gerry@sciencefairs.ca) for any judging questions

**see resources at www.sciencefairs.ca/learn/for-regional-volunteers/*



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STEM FAIR PROJECT JUDGE INTERVIEWS



- How do I schedule interviews?
 - Doing your best to incorporate everyone's availability and number of interviews they are willing to conduct – ask this information in advance of your judges when they register
- How long should interviews be?
 - No more than 30-minutes
 - When designing the schedule, budget for a 30-minute window but the interview is generally 15-20 minutes and the remaining time is used to fill out the judging rubrics while information is fresh
- How many judges should judge each project?
 - At least three, but more is better – aim for four or five per project

*Sample worksheet for interview scheduling at www.sciencefairs.ca/learn/for-regional-volunteers/