

POLICIES OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION OF NEW YORK

ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

Each Region in NY will have the right to advance 1st and 2nd place teams to the State Finals Tournament. Should a tie exist, all teams that are tied for 1st and 2nd place may represent the Region. If a Regional Director wishes to deviate from this policy he/she must seek approval from the NYDI Affiliate Director whose decision will be final.

CHARGE OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE:

1. The Policy Committee should recommend policies for adoption by the Board as a whole. The Board or the Affiliate Director may request the Committee to recommend a policy on a particular issue, or the Committee may do so on its own motion. Final adoption of any policy remains the responsibility of the full Board.
2. The Policy Committee will use email, in particular the special group mailing list, for exchanging views and drafts. Discussion will be open, with all points of view respected. To the extent possible, a consensus shall be reached. Where unanimity is not possible, a majority vote will control the Committee's recommendation, but dissenting voters are encouraged to state their opinions to the Board as a whole.
3. The Committee Chair shall act as official archivist of all emails on policy issues.
4. Policies adopted by the Board shall be published on the NYDI web site.
5. As a first priority, the Committee will adopt appropriate policies implementing policies set by DI, Inc. We are required to operate in compliance with such policies, but specific mention of DI, Inc. policies should be considered.
6. Individual Board members should be encouraged to contact the Policy Committee when they feel new policies are necessary or existing policies should be reexamined.
7. Specific issues to consider:
 - a. Sexual harassment
 - b. Equal opportunity and absence of discrimination
 - c. Merchandising

GLOBAL FINALS--NUMBER OF TEAMS

The NYDI Board of Trustees acknowledges the unique aspects of the Global Finals and wishes to make its benefits available to the largest number of New York teams possible, therefore, the Board shall vest with the Affiliate Director, subject to the guidelines set forth below, the power to advance as many New York teams to Global Finals as are allowed each year. (When possible) New York will advance at least one team per Challenge and level to the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals Tournament. Normally this will be the first place team. Should a tie exist, all teams that are tied for first place may represent the Affiliate. If the first place team is unable to attend, the Affiliate Director, in his/her discretion, may advance the second place team. If an Affiliate Director wishes to deviate from this policy, he/she must seek approval from the DI Inc., Executive Director whose decision will be final.

Special Guidelines for Years in Which More than One Team Per Challenge May be Eligible for Global Finals:

It is the expectation of the Board that, in a year in which NYDI is permitted to advance more than one team per challenge per division to the Global Finals, the first and second place teams will be advanced to Global Finals. However, the Affiliate Director may decide, in extraordinary

circumstances, that the second place team not be advanced to Global Finals. Such extraordinary circumstances may include, by way of illustration and not by way of any limitation:

- A team whose level of performance was demonstrably below that of the first place team.
- A second place team that received a large unsportsmanlike conduct deduction.
- A team that registers late, possibly with knowledge that only one other team has entered, and fails to perform at pre-determined level.
- The Affiliate Director shall consult with the Board in making any such determination.

SUPPORT OF DI, INC. POLICIES

NYDI shall support as many DI, Inc. policies as possible but reserves the right to make a state-specific policy if peculiarities of NYDI organization, structure, or ideology call for same.

GLOBAL FINALS—ELIGIBILITY

Only teams competing at our State Affiliate Tournament will be eligible to represent NYDI at Global Finals. Any deviation from this policy requires the approval of the Affiliate Director in consultation with the NYDI Board.

RESTRICTIONS ON APPRAISERS

No Team Manager, or other person directly related to a member of a team competing or still eligible to compete, in a Regional or State Tournament may serve as an Appraiser, at any level, in the Challenge in which that team is eligible to compete.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF BOARD COMMUNICATION:

Information shared on the Board list (diofNYboard@yahoo.com) is private and proprietary to the Board of Trustees of Destination ImagiNation of New York, Inc. Members should respect the confidentiality of Board communications. No message, attachments or related files, should be copied or forwarded to outside parties without Board approval.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

The consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs by adults while they are responsible for minors, or by students participating in our program is not allowed. Any participant under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while responsible for minors will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include prohibition against participating in future Destination ImagiNation of New York activities. It is expected that any prescription drugs will be carried, by an adult, in a prescription bottle, clearly designating the person for whom the prescription was written, and that they will be distributed by an adult to only the person named in the prescription.

REGIONAL PINS

Regional pins are for the purpose of a regional gift. Sufficient quantities may be ordered that would result in no more than 2 pins gifted to each participant in a region. The NYDI board has approval rights over the pin before it is ordered.