

# Medical Mystery

## Welcome to MADI Team Manager Bootcamp

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We can answer questions on site procedures at tournaments, and can talk about how appraisers will be trained in Massachusetts. We cannot, however, validate solutions or answer specific questions regarding interpretation of the challenge requirements. If we are asked a question we can't answer, we will recommend that your team write for a clarification (see pp 24-25 of the *Rules of the Road*). The deadline for requesting clarifications is Thursday, February 15, 2019 at midnight PST.

Please be sure you have the full version of the challenge. It is 11 pages long. You also need *The Rules of the Road* for the current year. The challenge cannot be completed successfully without both.

### Some Things to Remember:

- READ THE CHALLENGE – all of it. Then, after you've read it, read it again and again and again . . . . .
- Make sure the team reads the challenge. Stop on occasion during the season to re-read the challenge to make sure that the team has not missed anything and/or to make sure that they are not headed in the wrong direction.
- Your team is responsible for knowing about any published clarifications. These are binding on all teams, and supersede the rules in the challenge and any team clarifications. All tournaments will abide by the published clarifications. Go to [www.idodi.org](http://www.idodi.org) and click on 'Clarifications' in the 'Teams Challenges' drop-down menu on the homepage.
- **Special Definitions** – there are definitions in sections A.1, 2, 4, and 5; B.1 and 2; and C.1. They start with "for this Challenge" and are the only definitions of these words that will be considered when appraising this Challenge. We don't care what *Webster's* says! Please note that these definitions apply every time the word is mentioned in the Challenge, not just to the section it appears in.
- **Read and understand *Rules of the Road* pages 21-23 under *safety*. If a team breaks any of the rules listed in this section, they may not be allowed to present. If anything the team brings is deemed to be unsafe based on these rules, the team will not be allowed to use it. Period. It is important that they know these rules!** You should also make sure you read the section on expenses (18-20), especially those items that are exempt from cost. The list is all-inclusive, so if an item is not on that list, a value must be assessed. You will also find the non-challenge specific paperwork the team needs to fill out in the ROR.

### The Story:

- The story features a Medical Mystery which affects a *human* character, defined as a homo sapien.
- See the definition of Medical Mystery in section I.A.2 and note that it says that one or more characters *in the story* do not have an explanation for the mystery.
- How the human character is portrayed is up to the team.
- There must be a diagnosis supported by at least one symptom – this is the only objective scoring element.
- The team's research about the human body must be integrated into the story. They should explain how it is integrated on the Tournament Date Form (TDF), and they will be asked about the integration by an appraiser.

### The Sympt-O-Matic:

- The technical device in this Challenge is the Sympt-O-Matic, which is a representation of the part(s) of the human anatomy that are both experiencing the Medical Mystery and the effect of at least one symptom.
- The Sympt-O-Matic must use technical methods to demonstrate the effect of at least one symptom.
- It is up to the team to decide how they want to use the Sympt-O-Matic in their Presentation.
- The Sympt-O-Matic is being scored on Technical Design and Technical Innovation.

### Double Vision:

- Double Vision is "one action or scene that is shown from 2 or more perspectives *at the same time.*" (emphasis added) [I.C.1. p5]
- Teams are being scored on effective blocking and staging to enhance the Double Vision
- This can happen at any time during the Presentation, and for as long as the team chooses. The Challenge states that if the Appraisers believe that the presentation of the Double Vision is too brief, the teams scores for IV.C. could be effected. The Challenge does not indicate how long that is, so it's up to the team to determine what's reasonable.

### **Tournament Data Form (TDF)**

- This four part form is designed to assist the appraisers. We have not seen the team's solution before, and will only have the presentation time and short Q&A after the presentation to evaluate that solution. We also have a very short amount of time to read the TDF before the presentation. It should be clear, brief, complete and **neat**. Please.
- Part Four of the TDF is not necessary at MA tournament. If your team makes it to Globals it will be collected there, though Appraisers will not see it. It is used by DI, Inc. for statistical and development purposes. It can also be used by you and your team as a way to approach the challenge and as a learning tool.

### **Team Choice Elements**

- There are two Team Choice Elements.
- Items that are being scored in the central challenge and the team identification sign **cannot** be used as Team Choice Elements. Anything else can as long as it can be evaluated separately as a 'stand alone item'.
- The Team Choice Elements must be presented during the eight minute presentation to be scored.
- The challenge specifically states that "each *Team Choice Elements* should have a meaningful connection to the team's *Central Challenge* solution". Appraisers will be trained to consider this when scoring Team Choice Elements.

Have a wonderful rest of the season, and remember that a team's solution is theirs, not yours. They own it, they are responsible for it. Let them have that – it's very empowering! You just bring the pizza! Also, the Team's solution is not complete until the last time they present it! They will still be working on it in Prep! Don't worry! Breathing is good!