

## **Preparing for Tournament Day- Rising Stars 2020**

### **How to Prepare Team Members and Parents:**

- Determine weeks in advance how all props, costumes, members, and supplies will get to the tournament, and ensure that it all fits in the appropriate vehicles.
- Ensure that all parents know the schedule of the day, and where they need to be. Team members should be at the Presentation Site 20 minutes before their performance time to meet with the Prep Appraiser for a safety and protocol check.
- IC is optional for Rising Stars, but please let the IC check-in people know early in the day if you know your team will not be doing IC.
- Explain to team members how the Presentation Site will work: they will meet with a prep appraiser, then have time to introduce themselves (briefly), then they will perform, appraisers will ask them a few questions, and then they will move all of their props from the presentation site back to parent vehicles before they can go watch other performances.

### **Rules for the Tournament:**

- It is the responsibility of the team to be prepared to clean up any wet or messy materials in their presentation.
- The Prop Storage Area does not allow paint, spray paint, hot plugged in appliances, hot glue guns, or anything else that can damage the building, in any way.
- Parents are not allowed into IC or to be present with the team while they meet with the Prep appraiser. Team managers over the age of 18 only!
- Official rules will be posted at the Tournament, and all managers/parents/spectators/members should adhere to the Rules of the Road.

### **What to Bring**

- Completed Starry Showcase form (5 copies)
- Completed Declaration of Independence (2 copies)
- Extra blank forms just in case

- Snacks, water, epi-pens/medications, all parent contact info, copy of tournament schedule and map, extra supplies of prop materials, duct tape, sewing kit, small first aid kit (medical staff WILL be on hand at all tournaments!), entertainment (books, games, headphones, ect), and anything else your team will need for a long day.

### **Questions about the challenge?**

- Feel free to email the ACM, Jessie, with any clarifying questions about the challenge ([risingstars@melrosedi.com](mailto:risingstars@melrosedi.com)). Managers are encouraged to read the definitions section of the challenge when looking for clarifications.
- Rising Stars are always encouraged to think outside the box and push the limitations of their creativity, in the safest and most educational way possible!
- Small reminder: safety is MADI's number one priority, if a presentation becomes unsafe, for any reason, the manager, RCM, and appraisers all hold the power to pause a performance in order to stop unsafe behavior.

Please email [risingstars@melrosedi.com](mailto:risingstars@melrosedi.com) with any questions at all, and good luck at your tournament. We immensely appreciate all the hard work of all managers; you are the bread and butter of this organization. Thank you so much for all you do, from all of us at MADI!