



TEAM MANAGER TOPICS

Tips, Tricks, & Timeline
for all CDI TMs

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TM TIMELINE



December 1 - Improv & Engineering Challenges Released

December 1 - T-Shirt & Pin Design Contest Entries Due

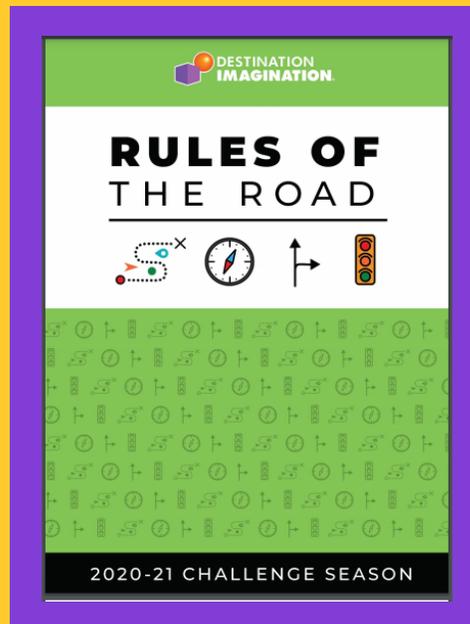
December 5 - Instant Challenge Training with Region 12 via Zoom

December 8 - **Mandatory** Team Manager Training with District Coordinators via Zoom

December 12 - Video Editing & Submission Training with Region 12 via Zoom

December 15 - Region 12 Registration Due

HOT TOPIC: RULES OF THE ROAD



To all competitive teams, the DI **RULES OF THE ROAD** document is the holy grail - the guidelines that contain all that is DI. Everything you could ever want to know about DI is contained within these 68 pages... Wait, 68 pages, you say!?! (flabbergasted, exhausted, stressed)...Yes, it is quite lengthy. Yes, it takes some time to read. Yes, it can answer most all of your questions! Yes, it is highly recommended you get to know

it well! Whether you are a brand new Team Manager learning the ropes or a savvy veteran, all TMs should take some time to read the **RULES OF THE ROAD**. Even Rising Stars! TMs should take a look to see what the competitive DI program is like so you can loosely follow the guidelines. While there are always changes and updates each year, the 2020-21 **RULES OF THE ROAD** document is full of new information pertaining to virtual solutions that every TM needs to be aware of. For example, did you know:

- You must keep and TURN IN receipts from any purchases made for supplies. (Yes, this is new! It used to be recommended to keep receipts to show appraisers if there was a question. Now, you MUST include them with your expense report!) (Page 28)
- All forms will be filled out and kept in the DI Resource Area. (Yes, this is exactly why you should familiarize yourself with the Resource Area!) (And Yes, this means no more printing off 6 copies of each. Yay!) (Page 34)
- Since all challenge solutions, including Instant Challenge, will be uploaded through YouTube, copyright rules are more strictly enforced this year. (Yes, YouTube WILL pull your video if they find any copyrighted material!) (Page 31)

These are just a few examples of some of the changes this year. So if you haven't already, try to find some time to get to know your new best friend - the DI **RULES OF THE ROAD**!



QUICK TIP: ASK QUESTIONS!

Building Coordinators & District Coordinators are great resources. You can also always email CENTERVILLEDI@GMAIL.COM for a quick reply to any question!

HOT TOPIC: VIRTUAL INSTANT CHALLENGE



By now, many of you have started wondering just how a **virtual** Instant Challenge might look. If you've done DI in the past, you're probably thinking a virtual Instant Challenge just can't be done. How will the team work together? How will they use supplies? How will they take turns and learn to share? How will they grow into leaders, timekeepers, and supply managers? Instant Challenge this year will most certainly be a bit different than what experienced TMs are used to, but the good news is there are a lot of resources to help you figure out how to navigate the new process, learn what to expect, and prepare your team.

First, check out the **RULES OF THE ROAD** (pages 45-52). There you can read about the virtual Instant Challenge process, rules for Instant Challenge interference, and even the supplies you should have on hand.

Second, if you still have questions Destination Imagination has created a new email address, **InstantChallenge2021@dihq.org**, to which your team should direct all of your questions regarding the process for virtual Instant Challenge. When your team sends your question to this email address, it will be answered by the Instant Challenge International Challenge Masters. You can find out more about this process by going to www.destinationimagination.org/blog/questions-about-virtual-instant-challenge/ and learn about the types of questions you can and cannot ask and the timeline for submitting questions.



MAGIC TRICK: CHANGE OF PACE!

If your team is getting bored, distracted, or can't stand one more minute of a virtual meeting...

TAKE A BREAK.

DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

PLAY A GAME.

DO A GET-TO-KNOW-YOU ACTIVITY.

CHANGE UP THE ROUTINE.

WORKS LIKE MAGIC EVERY TIME!



QUICK TIP: FOLLOW THE DI BLOG!

For all the latest news & updates from DI, INC.
www.destinationimagination.org/blog/



TM T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

All TMs get one free CDI t-shirt.

LOOK FOR AN ORDER FORM SOON!



INSTANT CHALLENGE SPOTLIGHT: TURKEY DRESSING

The wild turkeys are getting very worried. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and they have heard that roast turkey is the featured food. They need a plan to keep from ending up on the dinner table!

Challenge: Create costumes to disguise your wild turkeys (your team members) and come up with a clever scheme to help the turkeys avoid becoming part of the Thanksgiving dinner.

Time:

Part One: You will have 10 minutes for each team member to create a costume using any supplies found around the house.

Part Two: You will have 5 minutes to work together as a team to develop a skit that explains a plan for the turkeys to escape their traditional dinner fate.

Part Three: You will have 3 minutes to display your costumes and perform your solution to the appraisers.

Materials: Supplies found around the house.

Scoring:

up to 30 points for the creativity of the turkey costumes

up to 30 points for the creativity of the plan to avoid becoming dinner

up to 20 points for the creative use of materials

up to 20 points for positive teamwork

Wishing you and your family



a very Happy Thanksgiving!