GNOSEF- MAXIMUM SIZE OF 
PROJECT
30 in (76 cm) deep front to back 
48 in (122 cm) side to side 
108 in (274 cm) floor to top (72” 
from table top)

Maximum project sizes include all project materials and supports. Since GNOSEF entries are 
displayed on a table, the table height becomes part of the project dimensions and the table 
plus all other parts of the project must not exceed the allowed dimensions. GNOSEF does not 
remove tables to place project entries on the floor. All components for judging or public 
display must be within the maximum size of project permitted on the table. NO parts of the 
project may be located in front of the table, under the table, or on the floor.

GNOSEF- ABSTRACT
The only abstract allowed anywhere at a project is the official ISEF abstract. An OFFICIAL abstract must appear in front 
of the project. It may be placed in or on a frame (NO GLASS) in front of the project or laid flat on the table in front of the 
project. Student’s name should be on abstract but the school name MAY NOT APPEAR on the abstract during 
GNOSEF competition. The term “abstract” may NOT be used as a title or reference for any information on a 
finalist’s display or materials at the project except as part of displaying the official abstract.

GNOSEF- NOT ALLOWED WITH DISPLAY
1. School identifiers are not allowed on the abstract, display or other project materials.
2. Living organisms, including plants
3. Soil, sand, rock, cement and/or waste samples, even if permanently encased in a slab of acrylic
4. Preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals or taxidermy specimens or parts
5. Human or animal food as part of the exhibitor demonstration of the project.
6. Human/animal parts or body fluids (for example, blood, hair, urine)
7. Plant materials (living, dead, or preserved) (Exception: manufactured construction materials used in building the project or display)
8. All chemicals including water (Projects may not use water in any form in a demonstration)
9. Items that may have contained or been in contact with hazardous chemicals (Exception: Item may be permitted if professionally cleaned and document for such cleaning is available)
10. All hazardous substances or devices (Example: poisons, drugs, firearms, weapons, ammunition, reloading devices, and lasers)
11. 3-D Printers
12. Dry ice or other sublimating solids
13. Sharp items (for example, syringes, needles, pipettes, knives, nails, screws, sharp edges on materials)
14. Flares or highly flammable materials
15. Batteries with open-top cells or wet cells
16. Glass or glass objects unless deemed by the Display and Safety Committee to be an integral and necessary part of the project such as a computer screen
17. Any apparatus deemed unsafe by the Scientific Review Committee, the Display and Safety Committee, or Society for Science & the Public
18. Photographs/visual presentations of vertebrate animals undergoing surgical techniques, dissections, necropsies, or other lab procedures are not allowed.
19. Distracting project sounds, lights, odors, or any other distracting display items in the opinion of the Scientific Review or Safety Committee are not allowed.
20. Any items that are acknowledgements (including patent pending statements) and/or are intended for distribution including:
   a) Any disks, CDs, business cards, printed materials, etc. (including unofficial abstracts) designed to be distributed to judges or the public
   b) Flash drives, brochures, booklets, endorsements, and additional give-away items including, but not limited to, pins, key chains, food etc.
   c) Any awards or medals
21. Postal addresses, World Wide Web, email and/or social media addresses, QR codes, telephone and/or fax numbers of a project or finalist.
22. Active Internet or email connections as part of displaying or operating the project.
23. Prior year’s written material or visual depictions on the vertical display board. (Exception: The project title displayed in the finalist’s booth may mention duration of the project.) For example, Year 2 of an Ongoing Study. Please note continuation projects must vertically display the Continuation Project Form 7.
24. Any items deemed unsafe by the Scientific Review or Safety Committees are not allowed.

No food or drinks, except small containers of bottled water for personal consumption are allowed in the Exhibit Hall
Electrical Regulations
1. All participants who require electricity for their projects must indicate such during registration and must provide a UL/CSA-approved 3-prong extension cord which is appropriate for the load and equipment.
2. Electrical power supplied to the project is 120 or 220 Volt, AC, single phase, 60 cycle. No multi-phase will be available or shall be used.
3. Electrical devices must be protectively enclosed. Any enclosure must be non-combustible. All external non-current carrying metal parts must be grounded.
4. Energized wiring, switches, and metal parts must have adequate insulation and over-current safety devices (such as fuses) and must be inaccessible to anyone other than the finalist. Exposed electrical equipment or metal that possibly may be energized must be shielded with a non-conducting material or with a grounded metal box to prevent accidental contact.
5. For lighting used for decoration or illumination, lamp wattage must not exceed fixture ratings. Lighting must not pose risk of injury if touched. As low a voltage as possible must be used.
6. When student is not at exhibit, all electrical power must be disconnected, or power bars must be switched off. (Exception: during pre-judging audio visual displays may be available.)
7. An insulating grommet is required at the point where any wire or cable enters any enclosure.
8. No exposed live circuits over 36 volts are allowed.
9. There must be an accessible, clearly visible on/off switch or other means of quickly disconnecting from the 120 or 220 Volt power source.

Laser Requirements
Class 1 and Class 2 lasers are allowed to be used provided a finalist avoids indiscriminate exposure to other finalists, judges, or visitors (except if passed through magnifying optics such as microscopes and telescopes, in which case they may not be used). No other lasers may be used or displayed. Display and Safety inspectors may revoke the privilege and require lasers to be removed if misuse is observed. Serious offenses may result in failure to qualify.

Other Safety Regulations
1. Any inadequately insulated apparatus producing extreme temperatures that may cause physical burns is not allowed.
2. Any apparatus with unshielded belts, pulleys, chains, or moving parts with tension or pinch points must be for display only.
3. GNOSEF Display and Safety Committee reserve the right to remove any project for safety reasons or to protect the integrity of the GNOSEF and its rules and regulations.

Photograph/Image Display Requirements
Display of photographs other than that of the finalist must have a photo release signed by the subject, and if under 18 years of age, also by the guardian of the subject. Sample consent text: “I consent to the use of visual images (photos, videos, etc.) involving my participation/my child’s participation in this research.” (These forms must be available upon request by a Display & Safety inspector, but shall not be displayed.)

Finalists using audio-visual or multi-media presentations (for example, 35mm slides; videotapes; images, graphics, animations, etc., displayed on computer monitors; or other non-print presentation methods) must be prepared to show the entire presentation to the Display and Safety Inspectors before the project is approved.

Any photograph/visual image/chart/table and/or graph is allowed if:
1. It is not deemed offensive or inappropriate by the GNOSEF Scientific Review Committee or the Display and Safety Committee. The decision made by any one of the groups mentioned above is final.
2. It has a credit line of origin (“Photograph taken by...” or “Image taken from...” or “Graph/Chart/Table taken from...”). (If all images, etc. being displayed were taken or created by the finalist or are from the same source, one credit line prominently and vertically displayed on the backboard/poster or tabletop is sufficient.)
3. It is from the Internet, magazine, newspaper, journal, etc., and a credit line is attached. (If all photographs, etc. are from the same source, one credit prominently and vertically displayed is sufficient.)
4. It is a photograph or visual depiction of the finalist.
5. It is a photograph or visual depiction other than finalist for which a signed consent form is at the project or in the booth.
1. **GNOSEF Scientific Review Committee, and/or the Display and Safety Committee** reserve the right to remove any project or parts of a project for safety reasons or to protect the integrity of the GNOSEF and its rules and regulations.

2. If a project fails to qualify and is not removed by the Finalist, **GNOSEF** will remove the project in the safest manner possible, but is not responsible for damage to the project.

3. **No changes, modifications, or additions to projects by students or school personnel may be made after approval** by the **Display and Safety Committee and the Scientific Review Committee**. Changes, modifications, or additions to projects after the **Display and Safety Committee and the Scientific Review Committee** have approved a project may result in disqualification of the project.

4. **All decisions by the GNOSEF Display and Safety Committee and the Scientific Review Committee are final.**