

Direct Flight at d2k.7 Global Finals

Congratulations on advancing to the Global Finals competition of *Direct Flight* at D2K.7! We would like to take this opportunity to provide some information you should be aware of as you prepare for Global Finals. We strongly encourage you to attend the **Team Manager meeting on Wednesday, May 23rd at 3:30 PM in the Knoxville Convention Center (KCC) Ballrooms ABC**. The International Challenge Masters and Head Appraisers will be available in the *Direct Flight* segment of this meeting to answer your questions.

Safety

Destination ImagiNation is committed to providing a safe environment for those presenting, appraising and watching at the *Direct Flight* Presentation sites. To that end:

- Safety is a **SERIOUS** concern
- Prep Appraisers will ask teams to see all of your team's Aircraft and Elevators
- **WARNING!** If an Appraiser believes an Aircraft is flying in a dangerous manner, your team could be told to remedy the situation. If your team does not comply, your Presentation will be stopped!
- Review the Use of Electricity section in the *Rules of the Road* (p.20). 15A, 1800Watt, 120V GFIs will be available at the Presentation Site.

Saturday's Road Race

On Saturday morning, Knoxville hosts the Tennessee Sports Medicine EXPO - 10K, 5K & Fun Walk road race until about noon. Many roads around the KCEC and KCC will be closed or have limited access. All teams performing Saturday morning should plan on delays in travel to and from the Knoxville Convention / Exhibition Center and Knoxville Convention Center.

Presentation Sites

- All 4 Levels of *Direct Flight* will present on the ground floor of the Knoxville Convention / Exhibition Center connected to the Holiday Inn Select.
- The Appraisers will provide a 40ft x 40ft area for the Presentation at each Presentation Site.
- The three sites will have the floor pre-taped according to Figure 2 found on page 5 of the Challenge. The 'Audience' is the side facing the spectator entrances (see the diagram below). The Audience will be on three sides of the Presentation Site.
- Teams **WILL NOT** be allowed to practice their Presentation on any of the Presentation Sites.
- This will be an open site. This means that doors are not shut before each Presentation. These rooms have very high ceilings, as you find in many convention centers gyms. The floors are concrete. The sites were not built with an emphasis on acoustics. The Secondary Level site is separated from Prop Storage by a thick curtain. Teams will need to speak up so the Appraisers and audience can hear them.
- The concrete floors are relatively smooth. Though many teams with wheeled vehicles in previous years had trouble with traction on the floor, there were no safety issues with people slipping.
- Prop Drop-off will be at the north end of the Center. This is also the location for Prop Storage.
- *Direct Flight* will have a packed, busy schedule. Furthermore, most teams are expected to use their full 8-minute Presentation Time. It is, therefore, very important that your team assemble in Prop Storage and be ready to go 45-60 minutes prior to your Presentation time.
- A common problem that teams face as they enter the Prep Area is missing some required paperwork. To avoid this problem, visit the Checker Table at the info booth in the Knoxville Convention Center.

Challenge Rules Reminders

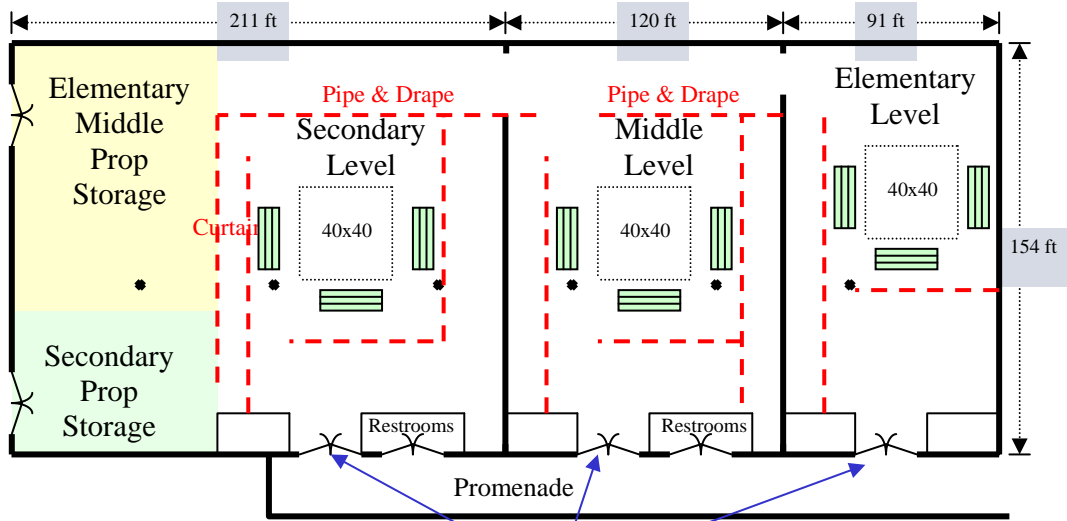
- Remember as you prepare for Global Finals that 18 rather than 12 Test Flight Cards will be in the deck (A.4.e). The cards marked with the symbol **GF x 2** will appear in the deck twice.
- On 1-May Betsy and Steve will issue a set of reminders about the Challenge for you to review. These will not change the interpretation of the Challenge. They will point out common misreadings of the Challenge. By making you aware of these, none will come as a surprise.

Please see the diagram below for more site-specific details. We are excited to see you team take flight at d2k.7!

Betsy Broughton and Steve Greenwood
International Challenge Masters
Direct Flight



**Direct Flight Central Challenge
Performance Venue:
Knoxville Convention/Exhibition Center**



Spectator Entrances