

IDEA Annual Design Competitions



Timetable for the Competitions

December 1st – Engineering Design and Architectural Design Team Competition guidelines are released to schools on the IDEA Website Competition tab.

February 1st – Regional Registration Deadline:

1. Use the Google form link for registration from the IDEA website and fill in the information.
2. This form will register your students and you will receive a confirmation email.
3. Print the form and send by U.S. Mail with fee payment to: or use the PayPal link:

IDEA Financial Director
Joe Sieczkowski
224 Juniper Circle
Streamwood, IL 60107

or use the PayPal link provided when registering.

NOTE: Send by registered mail if concerned about deadline.

4. Since 2015 – The Financial Director will create a master enrollment file and share it with Competition Directors and Regional Directors, so you do NOT need to send the registration form to Regional Directors.

February 15th – Regional Registration Update:

If there are changes to your final counts, you may email your Regional Director.

Pre-paying for alternates has been discontinued. Each teacher may have one (1) alternate per division, and that name can be submitted at some time after registration prior to your Regional date.. Alternates can only be substituted for a paid registrant that can no longer attend.

February - March – IDEA Regional competitions at the Regional Competition Sites

Dates for Regionals are posted on the IDEA website. Contact the Regional Director for clarification, check the website, or check with the Competition Director.

April 1st – State Registration Deadline:

- A. Registration qualifier XLSX forms or Google Form for the state competition need to be completed by the REGIONAL DIRECTOR by April 1st. This is a critical deadline for state competition planning.
- B. Individual teachers should also confirm and assist with state planning by completing the Google Form of their qualifying students, with an indication of those who plan to attend, software needed, etc. to the Assistant Competition

April – IDEA State Competition at ISU in Normal, Illinois
Dates are posted on the IDEA Website each year.