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Scientific and technological investigations and applications must be undertaken with integrity through the use of rigorous methods. Participating students must ensure that the involvement of people as participants in their research is always fully justified and if so, there is a duty to protect the wellbeing, dignity and privacy of individuals. The welfare of any animals that are subject to investigation must always be respected and likewise any experimentation carried out in the natural environment must avoid having adverse impacts.

CWSF Policy on Ethics

Youth Science Canada has policies governing the use of human participants - low risk, human participants - significant risk and animals . Ideally these policies are consulted prior to beginning work on the project; however, even if they have not been, they do define what is acceptable at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

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