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GLOBAL FINALS 2024



*Celebrating 25 Years*



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Global Finals is the world's largest celebration of creativity. This year more than 8,000 of the world's most innovative students will come together to showcase Challenge solutions, collaborate, grow and have fun. We are so excited that your team has decided to attend; it is truly an amazing opportunity for your team members to showcase their solution on the Globals stage!



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# THINGS TO DO BEFORE GLOBALS

**1** Register/Deposit

**2** Payment

**3** Consent Forms

**4** Housing and Food

**5** Affiliate Merchandise

**6** Prop Delivery

# STEP 1: REGISTER/DEPOSIT



## **A. Accept Your Invitation!**

Team Managers receive an email which will direct them to accept or decline their invitation to Global Finals.



## **B. Pay Your Deposit**

Team Managers register online and pay a \$2000 deposit by **April 17th**.



## **C. Enter Names of Your Attendees**

The deadline for Team Managers to register names of all Global Finals attendees is **April 17**, 11:59 p.m. EST. Attendees include team members, Team Managers, and any spectators who will be at the event. Please note that any additional attendees who register after April 17 will be able to register on-site with a valid ID and Team Number for a \$25 processing fee.



# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

During online registration, your team may make special requests for scheduling. While DI will make every effort to accommodate your team's request, no special requests are guaranteed.

Teams' Team Challenge and Instant Challenge will be scheduled on the same day.

The tournament schedule will be available approximately 10 days prior to Global Finals. Check [GlobalFinals.org](http://GlobalFinals.org) to find the complete schedule after release.

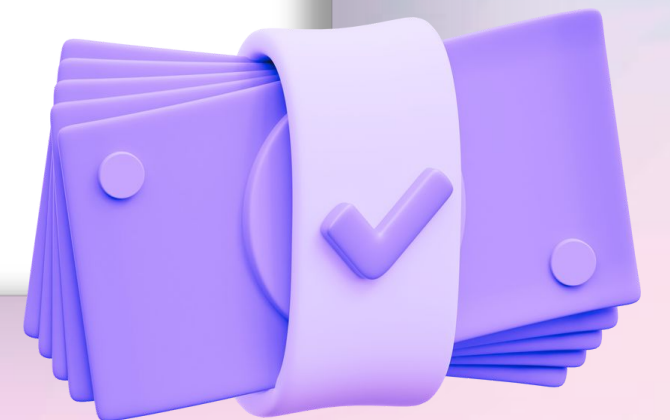


# STEP 2: PAYMENT

Total registration fees for Global Finals are **\$5500 USD**. A deposit of \$2000 must be paid by April 17th to secure your team's place in the tournament. A balance can be carried to the event, but teams who have paid in full by April 17th will have a faster check-in experience in Kansas City.

## **Registration Fees include:**

- Unlimited credentials per team
- Guarantee of up to 10 tickets for Welcome Ceremony and Closing Celebration
- Full participation in Team Challenge and Instant Challenge
- Individual Prop Storage Exhibit Space
- Pin trading and educational activities on site
- Special events throughout the tournament



# FUNDRAISING

## **Finding Sponsors & Fundraising**

To assist teams in gaining sponsors, helpful resources are available on the [Global Finals website](#).

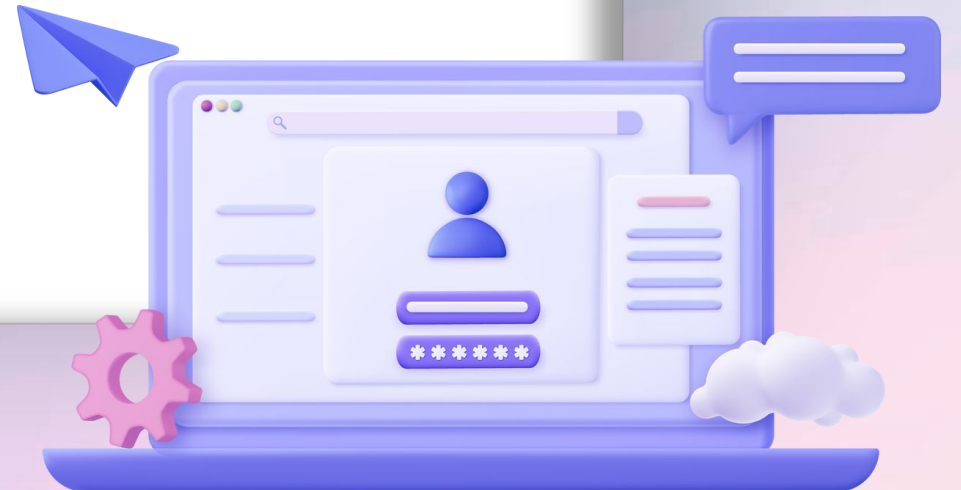
- A Guide to Team Fundraising
- Team Support Fundraising Letter Template
- Team Support Prospectus Presentation
- Fundraising Activities and Ideas
- FAQs about payments and donations





# STEP 3: CONSENT FORM

- ✔ All attendees (including Team Managers, team members, and spectators) will be sent a consent form via DocuSign.
- ✔ All attendees must electronically sign this form before arriving in Kansas City. Attendees under the age of 18 must have the form signed by a parent/guardian.
- ✔ If a paper copy is needed, the Team Manager can download the form to be signed in-person.



# TOURNAMENT FORMS



Your Tournament Forms will be filled out online in the Resource Area.

The Tournament Data Form and Expense Report will have all the information you already entered for your Affiliate tournament but these may be updated for Global Finals.

You will need to complete new Prep Checklists for Team Challenge and Instant Challenge.

These forms will be open to submit this April in the [Resource Area](#).

# STEP 4: HOUSING/FOOD



## **Housing**

- Housing is booked separately from Team Registration.
- There is a variety of accommodations in Kansas City to meet each team's needs and budgets.
- The official hotel room block is linked in the Housing tab of your team's registration page.
- A credit card will be required to book these rooms.
- Room block rates will end on May 1.



## **Food**

- On-site concessions (menus will be available at [GlobalFinals.org](https://GlobalFinals.org) this spring)
- Restaurants and grocery stores (many are walkable from the event site!)

# STEP 5: AFFILIATE MERCHANDISE

Represent our state by wearing your NH shirts at the Welcome Ceremony and Closing Celebration!

Team Managers will receive an email with a coupon code for a free NH Global Finals 2024 t-shirt for each team member and Team Manager.

You'll need to order your t-shirts from the NH-DI Online Store at [store.nh-di.org](https://store.nh-di.org) by Thursday, April 18th.



# STEP 5: AFFILIATE MERCHANDISE

Most teams participate in pin trading, so place your orders before you make the trip. (We recommend at least 10 pins per team member.) If you order your pins by May 9, we can have them ready for pickup at Spoil Your Dinner.

You can also order additional NH T-shirts for your team members and supporters from the NH-DI Online Store at [store.nh-di.org](https://store.nh-di.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Sines at [melinda.sines@nh-di.org](mailto:melinda.sines@nh-di.org).



# STEP 6: PROP DELIVERY

## **Prop Shipment**

We encourage teams to ship or deliver their props in advance to avoid long wait times on-site. Prop shipments may arrive starting Monday, April 22. Prop shipments cannot be accepted after Thursday, May 16.

## **Hand Delivery/Driving Your Props**

If you plan to drive your props to the site, please make sure to indicate that when you register for Global Finals. Teams who plan to unload their own props will be provided directions to Prop Storage when they arrive in Kansas City.

## **Affiliate Prop Truck**

The NH-DI Prop Truck will roll again this year, at last year's pricing!



# WHEN YOU ARRIVE

 ON-SITE REGISTRATION

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# ON-SITE REGISTRATION

One of your first stops in Kansas City will be at the Municipal Arena for on-site registration. This is where you will pick up your team's credentials and can get other questions addressed!

**New for 2024:** A new streamlined check-in process, using a unique code sent to you via email, allows you to get through on-site registration faster than ever!

On-Site Registration Times for each day are as follows:

Wednesday, May 22 8AM-8PM

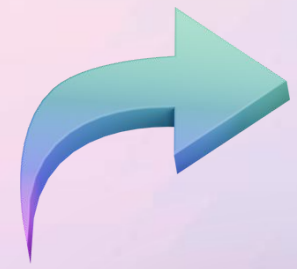
Thursday, May 23 6:30AM-5PM

Friday, May 24 7AM-5PM

Saturday, May 25 7AM-4PM







# PROP STORAGE

After you have checked in at On-Site Registration, you will be given instructions about how to access your team's props at Prop Storage.

The Prop Storage area also includes "garages" where teams may make any adjustments to their props before their Presentation.





# GETTING AROUND KANSAS CITY

## **KC Streetcar - Free to Ride**

- Within walking distance downtown to many hotels and restaurants

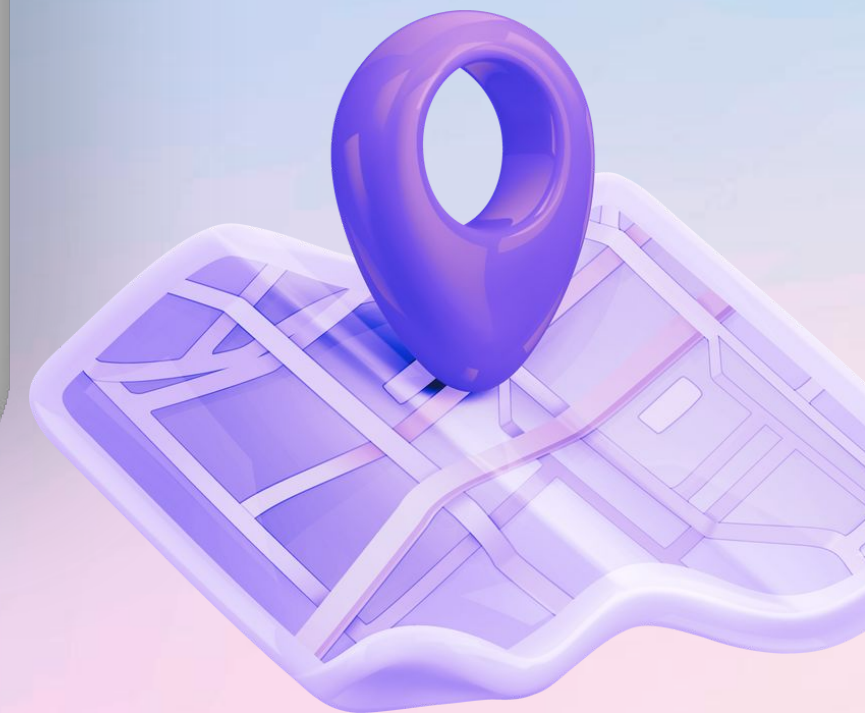
## **Walking**

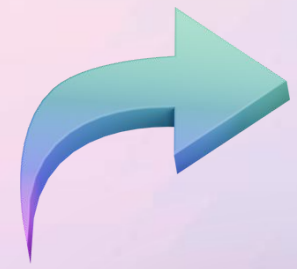
- Downtown Kansas City is easily walkable with easy access to restaurants, hotels, the streetcar, the Kansas City Convention Center, and Municipal Arena.

## **Parking**

- Limited, free bus and car parking will be available at the Liberty Lot on a first-come, first-served basis. Shuttles will run from the Liberty Lot to the Convention Center.

**For more information, please visit [GlobalFinals.org](http://GlobalFinals.org).**





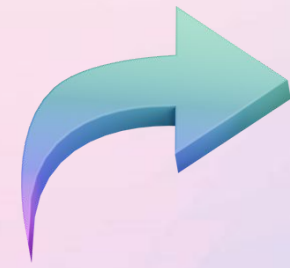
# AIRPORT SHUTTLES

Some hotels will offer complimentary airport shuttles from Kansas City International Airport. Please look on your hotel website for this information.

Kansas City Transportation Group is offering discounted rides to shuttle your team between the airport and your hotel. DI teams receive a 5% discount when you [order your shuttle here!](#)

Taxis or ride share services like Uber and Lyft are also available.





# WELCOME CEREMONY/ CLOSING CELEBRATION

## **Welcome Ceremony**

Wednesday, May 22 7:30PM (Doors open at 6PM\*)

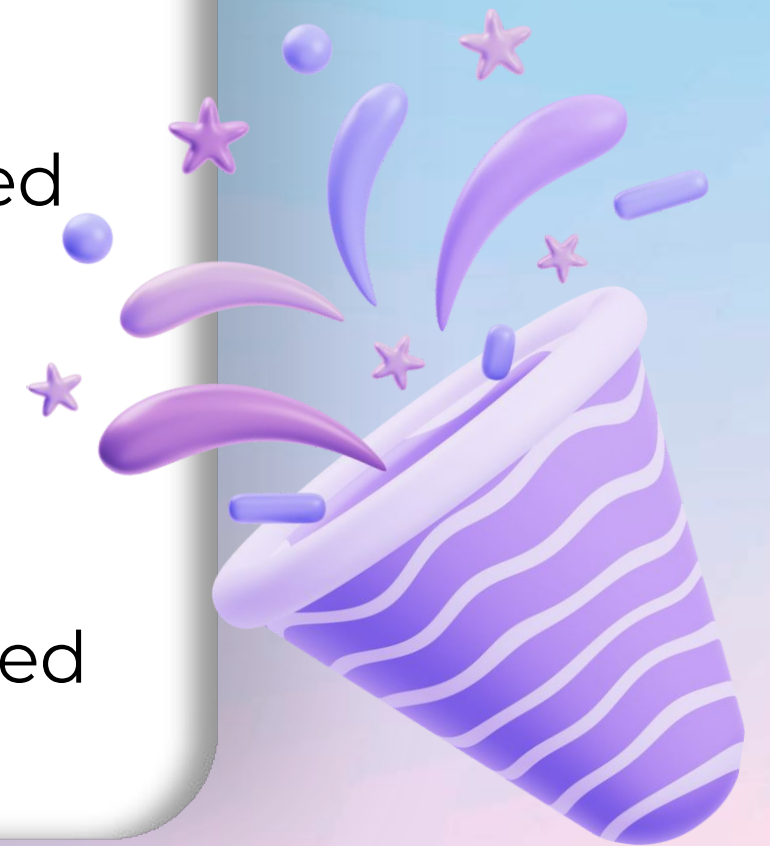
Welcome Ceremony is our official start to Global Finals. We celebrate you and all of your accomplishments, beginning with a parade featuring hundreds of team members representing Affiliates from around the world.

\*Note: Your team and spectators MUST be registered and credentialed prior to entering the Welcome Ceremony.

## **Closing Celebration**

Saturday, May 25 4PM (Doors open at 2:30PM)

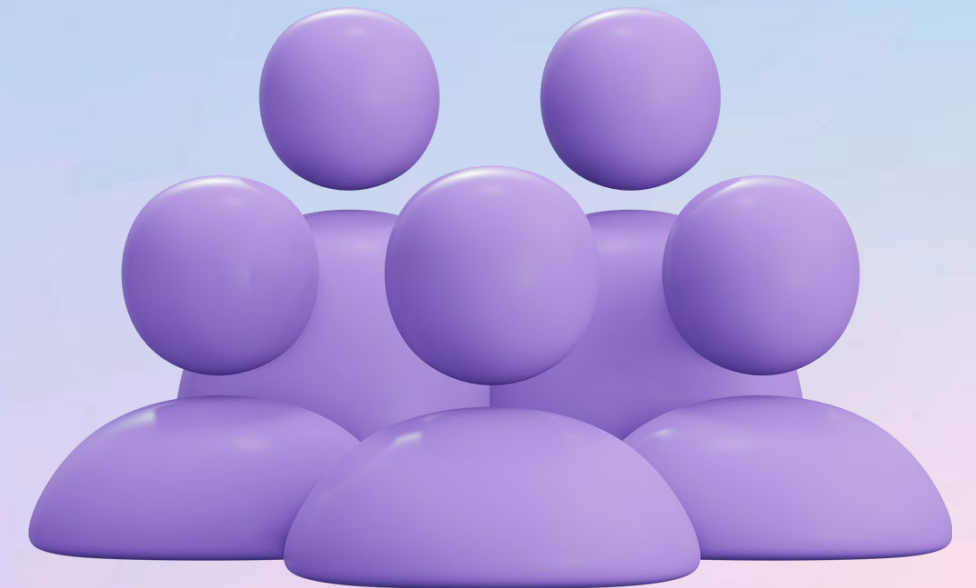
We bring an end to Global Finals with a world-class celebration packed with thousands of cheering fans. We'll present awards and trophies!



# SPECTATORS

Please direct all spectators - friends, family members, adoring fans to [GlobalFinals.org/spectators](https://GlobalFinals.org/spectators).

Note: The Team Manager is their primary contact for event information!



# IMPORTANT DEADLINES

April 17: Registration/Deposit due (Global Finals)

April 18: T-shirt Orders Due (NH-DI Store)

April 26: Prop Truck Reservations Due (NH-DI Store)

May 1: Housing Block Closes (Global Finals)

May 8: Prop Truck Payments Due (NH-DI Store)

May 9: Pin Orders Due (NH-DI Store)

May 10: Spoil Your Dinner (NH-DI Celebration)

May 13-17: Prop Truck Drop Off (Candia NH)

