



## OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Introduction

Classrooms or student groups who want to participate in BC Green Games should find a Team Leader (teacher sponsor or secondary student), choose a project appropriate to the goals of BC Green Games, document their experiences in a digital format, register and submit their project on BC Green Games website before the due dates.

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#### 1. BC Green Games Partners

- BC Green Games is managed by Science World British Columbia. All inquiries should be directed to BC Green Games, c/o Science World, 1455 Quebec St. Vancouver BC V6A3Z7.
- Presenting sponsors for BC Green Games 2011 are BC Hydro and Fortis BC.
- Additional support has been provided by the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education, the Environmental Educators Provincial Specialist Association, and Richmond and North Vancouver School Districts.

#### 2. Schedule and Deadlines

- The BC Green Games begins September 1, 2011 and ends April 30, 2012.
- Online registration period is September 15, 2011 to February 28, 2012.
- Online voting period is March 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012 at 11:59pm PST.
- BC Green Games activity can begin immediately upon registration. Online submissions to BC Green Games will be accepted between February 1 and March 1, 2012.
- Judging period is in March 2012 (exact dates to be determined) and will include online favourites as well as a judging panel of experts and VIPs. Winners will be notified no later than April 24, 2012.
- Any changes to these deadlines will be posted on the BC Green Games website.

### 3. Team Make-up and Eligibility

#### o Team

- A team may consist of a student group (two or more students), a class, or a school.
- Teams must designate a Team Leader (teacher sponsor or secondary student). Team Leaders are responsible for registration and obtaining written approval from the school's administration.
- Teams will enter as either Elementary (grade K-7) or Secondary (grade 8-12) grade groups.
- Team members must be in the same grade category (Elementary or Secondary) and must be enrolled in the 2011-2012 school year at a BC Ministry of Education funded school.
- **Student Responsibilities**
  - Students are responsible for the development and communication of their entry.
  - Students should develop entries that are appropriate to a school setting and do not contain any content that could be considered inappropriate or offensive by participants or BC Green Games partners or could adversely affect the name, reputation or goodwill of BC Green Games Partners.
  - Students should follow their school's online etiquette guidelines/policies when using discussion forums and email, as well as in project creation.
- **Team Leader and Teacher Sponsor responsibilities**
  - To lead a team in BC Green Games, a Team Leader (teacher sponsor or secondary student) must register on behalf of the team.
  - Team Leaders must represent and warrant that they have obtained written approval from the school's administration.
  - Team Leaders must provide BC Green Games with their teacher sponsor or administrator's contact information.
  - Teacher sponsors or administrators must collect, and keep on file at the school, all Student Release Forms.
  - Team Leaders must have working email addresses.
  - Teacher sponsors and Team Leaders are responsible for submitting BC Green Games entries, including completion of all relevant web and Release forms.
  - Teacher sponsors play supporting roles generating and developing entries and should encourage links to community experts where possible.



- Team Leaders and Teacher Sponsors are responsible for the behaviour and ethical conduct of their students and peers during entry development, both inside and outside the classroom.

- **School Administration Responsibilities**

- Administrators of BC Ministry of Education funded schools must consent to teams' participation in BC Green Games and provide requested information for prize acceptance purposes.
- Seeking expertise from community members during project development is encouraged.
- This contest is not open to any other kinds of individuals, corporate entities or organizations of any kind.

#### **4. Contents of Submission and Entry**

- BC Green Games entries may consist of action projects implemented in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school year or that occurred in the last 12 months and were not submitted to BC Green Games 2011 unless acknowledged.
- **Registering Green Games Projects**
  - Team Leaders must log in and agree to the rules and regulations.
  - Team Leaders must complete ALL forms in the registration section. These forms cannot be re-accessed or modified after they have been submitted.
  - Secondary student Team Leaders must provide BC Green Games with the contact information of a teacher sponsor or administrator (to [info@bcgreengames.ca](mailto:info@bcgreengames.ca))
- **Submitting Green Games Projects**
  - BC Green Games are eco-friendly; entry content or attachments will not be accepted by means other than website submission.
  - Teams must complete ALL forms in the submission section. These forms cannot be re-accessed or modified after they have been submitted.
  - Acceptable content guidelines:
    - Supporting files must be clearly named and uploaded to the BC Green Games website.
    - Specific formats may include, but are not limited to:
      - Images (Maximum five images or four images plus one video) Size: five MB max each
      - A Video (Length: less than three minutes; Size: 100 MB max; File Type: avi, wmv, mov, mp4)
      - PowerPoint File (Size: 50 MB max)



- Word Document (Size: 10 MB max)
- Computer-generated projects that communicate a central idea e.g. website may be linked to in the summary text
- All entries must be original work. Entries must comply with copyright law. No entry may include any trademarked or third-party material(s) (photos, voice-overs, music etc.) without obtaining written permission from the owner(s) of the trademarked material(s).
- Entries may be part of a school's regular academic program, may be a student-initiated program, or may be completed in consultation with supporting environmental education organizations.
- By submitting an entry, each team member individual and team grants BC Green Games the right to use the entry in whole or in part for any purpose whatsoever, to make copies of the entry for further promotion and to display entry on its website or any successor website and can publicly perform, display or distribute such entry to any person or organization in any manner.
- It is recommended that each team includes, as part of their submission, an [attribution – non-commercial – free distribution Creative Commons 3.0 licence](#).
- Rights Release (including Model Release)
  - When containing photographs, artwork, or video taken or made by other persons; likenesses or voices of other persons; and/or music or audio composed, performed or recorded by other persons, the required Student Release Form is completed by the applicable person(s) or by the parent/legal guardian, if applicable person is a minor. If the Student Release Form is not received as directed the entry will be disqualified.
  - Any projects submitted, including images, may be published on the web.
- Previous competition entries
  - A team may submit an entry that was entered in another competition as long as BC Green Games registration and submission requirements have been met.

## 5. Disqualification

- BC Green Games Partners reserve the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify a team or disqualify an entry if they are of the opinion that:
  - There has been no timely and proper submission of the entry
  - There is a violation of any portion of the rules, or the required forms, or inappropriate conduct.

## **6. Disclaimer of Warranties/Release/Limitation on Liability**

- If for any reason BC Green Games is not capable of running as planned, including unauthorized intervention, technical failures or any other causes which corrupt the proper conduct of BC Green Games, the BC Green Games partners reserve the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend BC Green Games. The BC Green Games partners are not responsible for any technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers, or providers, computer equipment, software or communications which may occur during registration or entry submission.

## **7. Judging/Viewer's Choice**

- Professionally qualified judges will evaluate all entries based on three qualities: environmental responsibility, creativity and innovation and communication. Any decisions made by the judging panel will be final.
- Web viewers will select the winner of a "Viewer's Choice" award. This will be determined by the number of times a particular entry has been selected as the 'favourite' by web viewers (counted as a vote for the project). Only registered viewers are allowed to vote for videos; registered viewers will be allowed to select up to five 'favourite' videos.
  - Registered viewers must have registered with a valid e-mail address. The validity of the e-mail address is at the discretion of the BC Green Games Partners. Votes may be discounted if an e-mail address is deemed invalid.
  - The chances of winning a "Viewer's Choice" award prize depend upon the number and quality of submissions received in each category, as well as the number and preference of votes cast.

## **8. Prizes**

- BC Green Games judges will choose ten Elementary winners and ten Secondary winners. Each of these winners will receive \$1000.
- BC Green Games judges will choose one Elementary and one Secondary Energy Prize winner. Each of these winners will receive \$1000. Projects will be considered for the energy prize if they enter the tag "energy" during project submission.
- Members of the public will choose the recipients of two "Elementary Viewer's Choice" and two "Secondary Viewer's Choice" awards. Each of these winners will receive \$500.
- BC Green Games may provide prize substitutions, cash alternatives and transfer prizes.
- Additional special prizes may be added at a later date.



BC Green Games reserves the right to modify the rules to the extent that it believes it is appropriate. The decisions of the BC Green Games partners are final and binding in all matters as they relate to this Contest, including without limitation, eligibility and/or disqualification of entries.

The BC Green Games Partners reserve the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend this Contest should a virus, bug, or other cause beyond the reasonable control of the BC Green Games Partners or its agents corrupt the security or proper administration of BC Green Games. Any attempt to deliberately damage any website or to undermine the legitimate operation of this promotion is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, BC Green Games reserves the right to seek remedies and damages to the fullest extent permitted by law, including criminal prosecution.

Modifications to these rules will be posted on the BC Green Games website.

**PRIVACY POLICY:** By entering information on the BC Green Games, you consent to the use of such information to administer, implement and fulfill this Contest.

The personal information you provide in this contest will only be used by the BC Green Games Partners for:

- Administering access and participation on [www.bcgreengames.ca](http://www.bcgreengames.ca)
- Administering and awarding BC Green Games
- Sending you information about BC Green Games and related Science World programming.

If you have any questions about how BC Green Games handles or uses your personal information, please contact the BC Green Games Project Manager at 1-800-363-1611 or [info@bcgreengames.ca](mailto:info@bcgreengames.ca)