

Helium and Latex Policies for OHDI Tournament 2019

Attention all Tournament Officials, Team Managers, Team Members, and Supporters: Beaver Local Schools is a Latex-Free Facility. For the protection of students with allergies, as well as the general public, no latex* products are to be brought onto the property for any reason. Thank you for your cooperation.

Policy Updates/Reminders for Ohio Destination Imagination Tournament: Beaver Local Schools, March 30, 2019.

Latex-Free Balloons and Helium Balloons will be permitted provided the team follows the stipulations set forth on page 21 in the 2019 edition of the *Rules of the Road*:

Helium Balloons: Your team may use helium balloons, but they must be controlled by your team at all times. Your team is responsible for retrieving any stray balloons and will be held responsible for any damage that may occur as a result of using helium.

and the rules required in the Engineering Challenge (proof of materials) will be required in all challenges:

Monster Effects: (Challenge E) Engineering

10. Latex-Free Balloons: Commercially available, non-porous, inflatable balloon made of polyester film (such as Mylar®) or latex-free synthetic rubber. Original packaging must be provided (p.5).

FYI:

11. Latex-Free Rubber Bands: A commercially available, continuous loop of rubber used to hold items together. Thickness/width: 1/32in to 1/8in (0.75mm to 3.0mm); unstretched loop length: 1in - 6in (25mm - 150mm); unstretched length when cut: 2in - 12in (50mm - 300mm). Original packaging must be provided (p.5).

***Latex** allergy symptoms range from hives, itching, stuffy or runny nose to asthma symptoms, such as wheezing, chest tightness and difficulty in breathing. . . . The most severe **latex** allergy can result in anaphylactic shock or death.