



Participation in this competition is voluntary. The following must be met to avoid disqualification:

### Teams and registration

1. There must be 2 to 5 members per poster (team).
2. Submissions must be made online via the [Community Division registration system](#):
  - i. by one member of the team
  - ii. before 10 November of the year of competition.
3. To assist administration (including preparation for judging) please **register (for free) by 1 August annually**.
4. The registered entrant is responsible for all elements of the team and its function, including but not limited to:
  - i. ensuring each team and the submission meets the competition rules; and
  - ii. having the permission of all team members to submit an entry on their behalf, and in so doing reflecting the team's agreement with all rules relating to this competition.

### Posters

#### Dimension and Content

1. Posters must be the equivalent of a single one-sided sheet. They may be either:
  - created physically on an A1 page (841 mm x 594 mm or 33.1 in x 23.4 in) and photographed for e-submission; or
  - an e-poster (created electronically)

In either event, a single file must be submitted online – see criteria below in **Submission**

2. Font sizes:

Poster content must be legible if the submitted file (containing image of physical poster or e-poster) was printed on A4 and viewed at arm's length.

Thus, the *smallest* font size on:

- an e-poster should be equivalent to 10 pt Arial;
  - a physical poster on A1 sheet should be equivalent to 22 pt Arial (so viewable from a distance of approx. 2 metres).
3. A poster containing any form of potentially offensive material or otherwise inappropriate for public display will be excluded from the competition. The organisers reserve the right to withdraw any submissions at their discretion.
  4. Any topic is permissible but the poster must illustrate clear aims, methods, quantitative analysis, interpretation and communication of statistics or statistical information and findings.
  5. In planning the projects on which posters are based, it is important to take into account the '**Judging Criteria**' and '**Additional Tips**' documents, accessible from the *Key Information* section of the NSPC website ([www.ssapostercomp.info](http://www.ssapostercomp.info)), which clarify educational goals.

6. Data used may be from either primary (collected by participants) or secondary (previously published by someone else) sources; if the latter, the source must be cited in the poster.
7. Posters must be presented in English.
8. Posters must NOT contain any information identifying community members who have created or submitted them.

THERE MUST BE NO NAMES NOR AFFILIATIONS ON THE POSTER!

9. Posters must be the original design and creation of the team and must cite any content obtained from existing sources using appropriate footnotes and references. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.

### **Submission**

1. Electronic submissions are made via the website adhering to the following instructions:
  - Maximum file size is 10Mb
  - It is the responsibility of the submitting author or teacher to ensure that the poster will be able to be viewed for judging via the file
  - Preferred file types are pdf and jpeg; please check other formats with organisers
2. THERE MUST BE NO NAMES (PEOPLE or SCHOOLS) ON THE POSTER
3. All entries become the property of the competition organisers and will not be returned.
4. By submitting a poster, community entrants give permission for their work to be displayed at various conferences, special events, in publications and promotional material, and in electronic format on the internet without expectation of royalties nor other benefits.

### **Judgement**

1. The '**Judging Criteria**' document should be viewed - accessible from the *Key Information* section of the NSPC website ([www.ssapostercomp.info](http://www.ssapostercomp.info)).
2. Judges will be appointed by the competition organisers – these may include industry and academic personnel.
3. The judges' decision is final.

Please consider the additional resources available from the NSPC website ([www.ssapostercomp.info](http://www.ssapostercomp.info)).

Thank you for your consideration of this competition. We hope to bring many valuable and enjoyable hours of team-based learning experience to the broader community.

**Professor Peter Howley, The University of Newcastle**  
**Chair of Statistical Education, Statistical Society of Australia.**