

## National Secondary Schools Poster Competition - Judging criteria ^

### 1. Clarity of the message

- a. Is the poster understandable without extra information?
- b. Are the objectives, research question or hypotheses clear?
- c. Are the results and conclusions clear?
- d. Is the poster clearly and logically set out?

### 2. Data collection

- a. Are the collected data appropriate for answering the research question?
- b. Are the data collection methods clearly stated? (e.g., primary data collection by print, telephone, web survey, or other measurement tools; or Secondary sources are cited – published reports, databases etc.)
- c. Has quality of the data been considered? (i.e., accuracy of measurements, size of the sample, reliability of sources, methods of sampling, etc.)
- d. Has variation been considered when obtaining data?
- e. Have comparison groups been considered and well-constructed where applicable?
- f. Are the data sources referenced in the poster?

### 3. Analysis and conclusions

- a. Are the data analysed in terms of the research question or hypotheses?
- b. Is the analysis appropriate for the kind of data collected?
- c. How well is the research question answered?
- d. Are there conclusions and are they supported by the data?
- e. Are there any limitations discussed or improvements for future studies suggested?

### 4. Graphs and tables

- a. Are the graphs/tables/statistics appropriate for displaying and summarising the data?
- b. Are there adequate graphs/tables from different perspectives?
- c. Does every graph/ table add something to the poster?
- d. Are the graphs/tables properly titled and explained?

### 5. Presentation

- a. Is the poster readable from 2 metres (7 feet) away?
- b. Is there a good balance between graphs and text?
- c. Does the poster look neat?

### 6. Creativity/importance

- a. Is the research question creative, original?
- b. Can the study answer an interesting question?
- c. Is the design creative and original?
- d. Is the poster eye-catching?

^ based upon the criteria provided by the ISLP, see [http://iase-web.org/islp/documents/Poster\\_Compensation\\_2014-2015/judging\\_criteria\\_English.pdf](http://iase-web.org/islp/documents/Poster_Compensation_2014-2015/judging_criteria_English.pdf)