

# Judging Backboard Recommendations

Listed below are some recommendations for building a successful and competitive science project backboard.

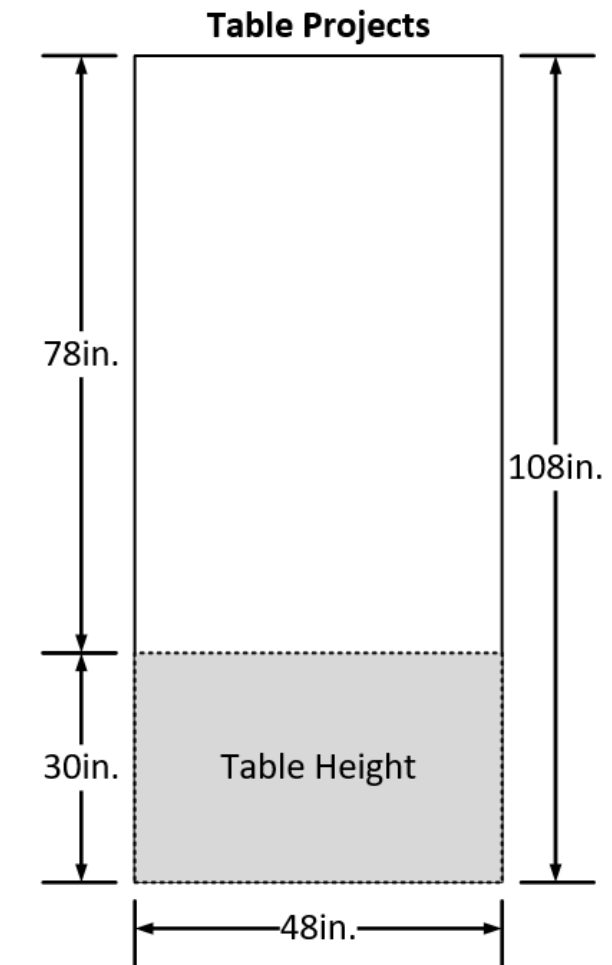
## 1. Project Dimensions

### a. Overall Maximum Measurements

- i. Height: 108 inches
- ii. Width: 48 inches
- iii. Depth: 30 inches

### b. Table Projects

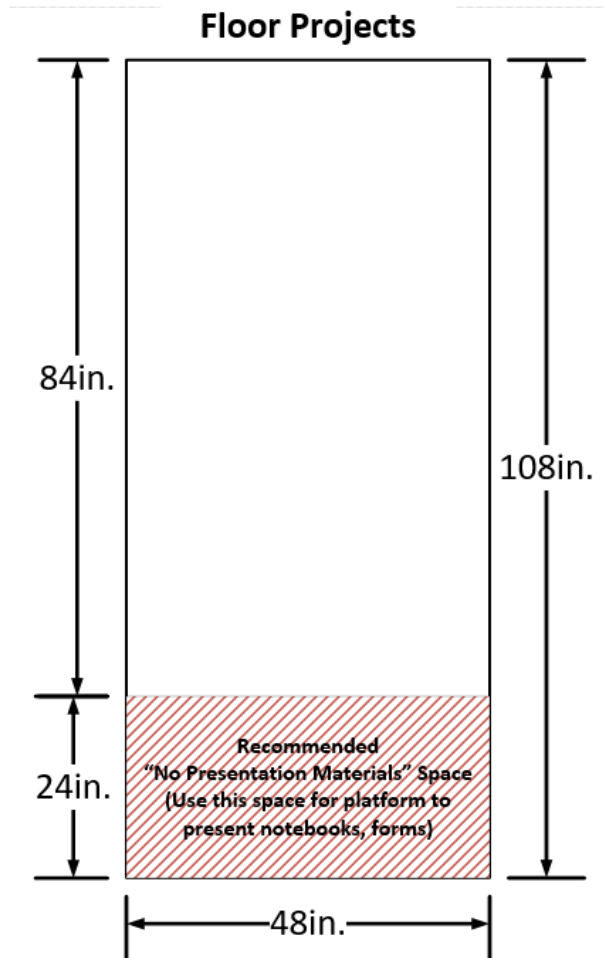
Effective Project Display Measurements: 48" width, 78" height



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## c. Floor Projects

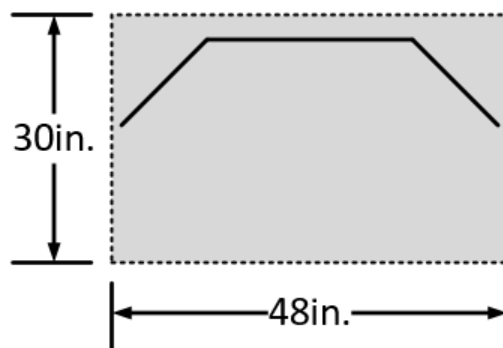
Effective Project Display Measurements: 48" width, 84" height



For Floor Projects (including full presentation posters):

1. Avoid filling the backboard with information 24" downward.
2. Use a mini-platform 24" in height to set your backboard.

## d. Both Table and Floor Projects cannot exceed 30" depth.



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## 2. Project Layout and Flow

### a. Key Sections

At a minimum your project should have the following sections on the backboard.

- i. Problem
- ii. Hypothesis
- iii. Procedure
- iv. Data
- v. Results
- vi. Conclusion
- vii. Application
- viii. Future Research

### Additional Notes

- i. Each section can contain text, photos, graphs, charts and/or illustrations.
- ii. Include a small text box with information:
  - a. saying who made the sketches and graphs, and
  - b. who took the photos.

### b. Abstracts and Forms

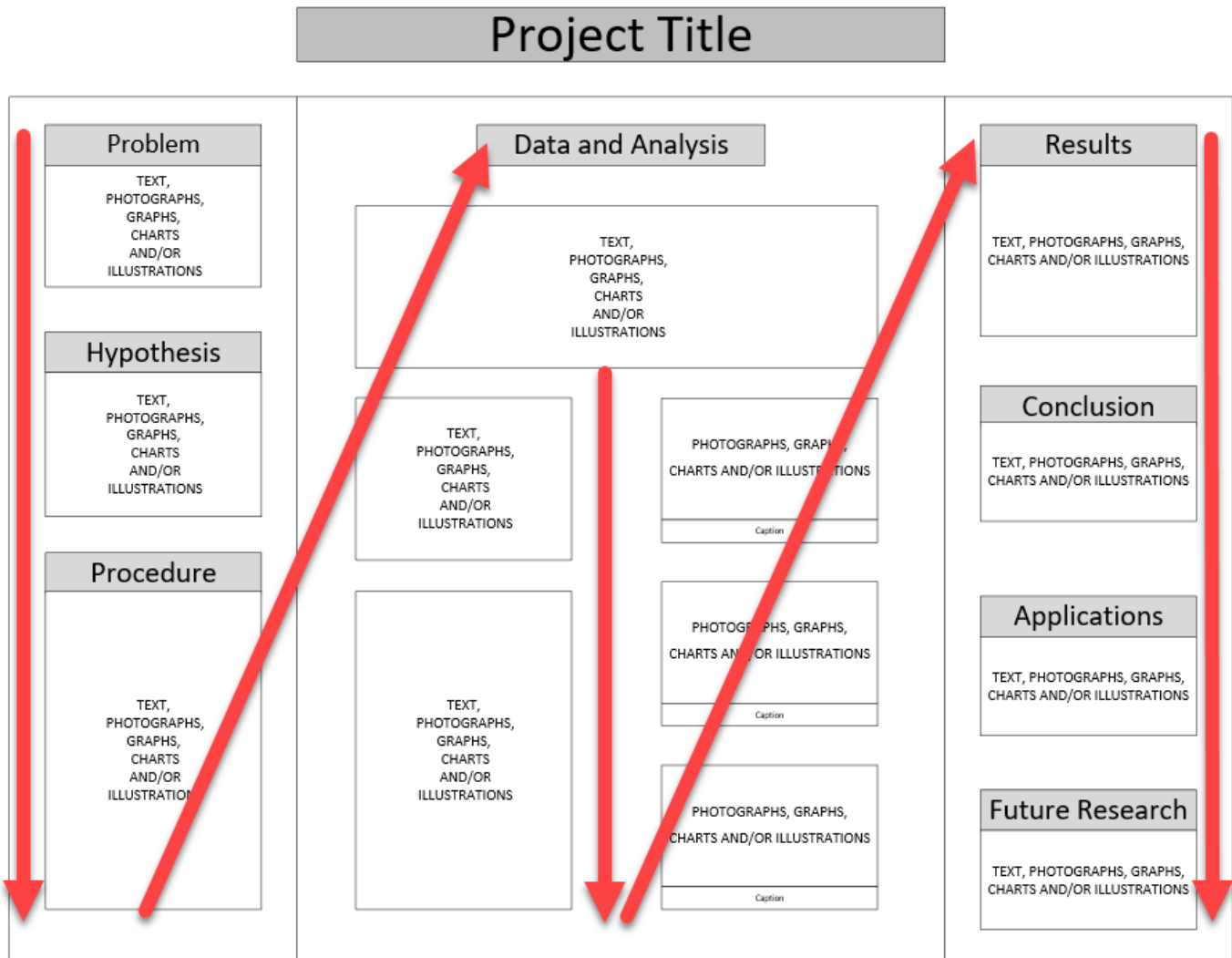
- i. Abstracts can be on the backboard or on the table.
- ii. Some projects require Forms like
  1. ISEF Form 1C if working at a Research or Industrial setting; and/or
  2. ISEF Form 7 if a continuing project.

These Forms may be displayed either:

1. by placing the Forms vertically in a plastic holder on the table, or
2. by placing the Forms directly on the backboard.

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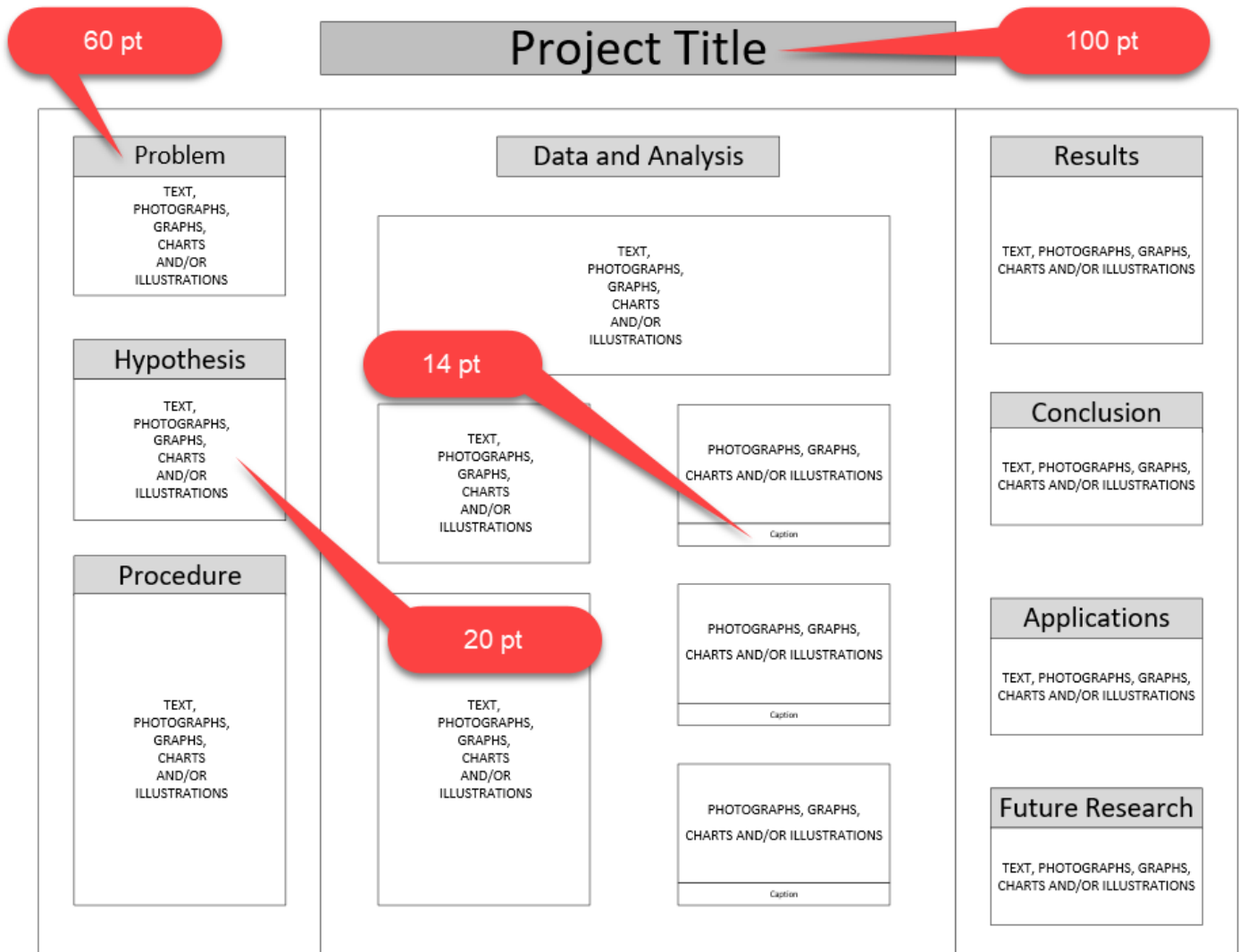
## c. Project Flow



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## 3. Project Font and Size

- a. Use sans-serif fonts (for example *Calibri*, *Arial*)
- b. See below for recommended font sizes.



4. Use bullet points instead of single paragraphs with many sentences.

5. Avoid putting too much information on the backboard. At least 35% of your backboard should be white space.