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Since the event parameter so you know what is allowed in the competition. maximize available space.Cut and paste items to organize materials more effectively on a page.Write notes in margins or with pictures.Color code information to help you locate or emphasize key items.Use front and back of the page.Place the page in a protective sleeve or laminate it so it won't get wet or damaged.DOING THE COMPETITIONG energy and the page.Place the page in a protective sleeve or laminate it so it won't get wet or damaged.DOING THE COMPETITIONG energy and the page in a protective sleeve or laminate it so it won't get wet or damaged.DOING THE competition to help you locate or emphasize key items. questionsAsk the event supervisor if the test can be separated for packet-type tests. Be respectful of the event supervisors. Remember they have volunteered their time to provide a competition for you. If there is a question about the rules, show the supervisor that section of rules to make your point. Answer SheetBe sure to put your team name, team number, and individual team member names.Print information so it can be easily read and understood.Place answers in the appropriate place on the answers to essay questions are organized and easy to read.Team work skillsUse time effectively! Assign tasks and trust your partner's skills.Keep on task and be sure to finish each part of the assigned questions.Try to use the last few minutes to check each other's work if you have split up tasks.Answering questions.Carefully read all questions.Carefully read all questions to determine exactly what is being asked.Take a moment to determine if your answer makes sense.Be certain that you have completely answered each question. Pay attention to details in the questions and in your answers. Measurements and Calculations Be sure to analyze the instrument. Select the most appropriate type of instrument for the type of measurement requested. Read the increment carefully. Be sure to remember any special considerations such as a meniscus. Use the same instrument for multiple measurements to improve precision. Give your answer in the proper units and be sure to remember any special considerations such as a meniscus. Use the same instrument for multiple measurements to improve precision. Give your answer in the proper units and be sure to remember any special considerations are set up and carried out properly. Work in a neat organized fashion showing all work where partial credit is possible. Be sure your answer makes sense. Remember that calculations may be used for breaking ties. GOOD LUCK! Have fun and do your best. Division: Div B – Middle School NC Essential Standards Alignment: Science as Inquiry Event Rules: See the rotations may be used for breaking ties. National Rules Manual Event Score Sheet: None National Event Page: Here Required Materials: Participants must bring goggles and writing utensils. Experiments will not require any other safety equipment. Division B teams may bring one timepiece, one linear measuring device, and one stand-alone non-programmable non-graphing calculator. Regionals: All teams need the following supplies to perform an experiment that will be announced on Feb 5: protractor, measuring tape, paper, rubber bands, binder clips. Clarifications: None Description: This event is run however the event supervisor deems necessary for the task(s) they have prepared. Teams may be give a full experiment or any combination of written test or stations. Teams will be presented with a semi-guided task or questions at each station. Materials: Splash goggles, something to write with Scoring: High score wins. Points are earned for the quality and accuracy of responses. Ties will be broken with preselected questions. Common Mistakes: - A statement of problem should never have a yes or no answer! - Be careful not to confuse the different variable types (controlled, dependent, independent variable in a different experiment but you are keeping it the same throughout your experiment. Recommendations: - The more detail you give in your answer the better your score will be. For example, if asked to write a purpose question for a given scenario that had to do with types of napkins and different liquids: "Which napkin is most absorbent?" received 1 out of 4 points. Examples of 4 point answers are "What is the effect of the brand of napkin on it's absorbency, determined by measuring how far (cm) water will diffuse up?" and "How does the volume of liquid absorbed by a napkin affect the amount of water retained as indicated by mass?" Experimental Design is a Division C event, held every year since 1995. In this event, competitors design, execute, and write a description of an experiment based on the topic and materials provided. Overview During the Experimental Design event, participants are given 50 minutes to use a set of given materials and a provided scientific topic to design, execute, and report the findings of a scientific topic to design. different sections. Teams' write-ups are graded based on a rubric included in the official Rules Manual. Division C, the maximum score is 160 points. Participants are required to bring Type C eye protection and writing utensils to the event. Teams may also bring one linear measuring device (meter stick) and one timepiece (stopwatch). In addition, Division B teams may bring one scientific calculator, while Division S and C While Experimental Design is run as both a Division B and Division C teams are allowed one calculator, while Division B teams may bring one scientific calculator, while Division B teams may bring one scientific calculator of any type. slightly different. The Division C rubric adds three sections called Experimental Control, Significant Figures, and Abstract that are not present in Division B. In addition, the scoring in some sections, such as Variables, differs between Division B. In addition, the scoring in some sections called Experimental Control, Significant Figures, and Abstract that are not present in Division B. In addition, the scoring in some sections, such as Variables, differs between Division B. In addition, the scoring in some sections called Experimental Control, Significant Figures, and Abstract that are not present in Division B. In addition, the scoring in some sections, such as Variables, differs between Division B. multipliers. For example, if a team does not clean up their materials at the end of 50 minutes, their overall score is multiplier, and failing to conduct an experiment (i.e., fabricating data) results in a 0.25 multiplier. 2021 Changes for Virtual Tournaments In order to complete this event virtually, several changes to the event have been made. Typically, the event now consists of doing the Lab Write Up, and completing several statistics questions, such as accuracy vs precision, doing a chi-squared test, or interpreting graphs. An example task will give the competitors a list of materials and a goal. The teams of doing the Lab Write Up, and completing several statistics questions, such as accuracy vs precision, doing a chi-squared test, or interpreting graphs. will then be tasked with designing a theoretical experiment (hypothesis, prediction, variables, etc.), up to the point of actually doing the experiment and make observations. Part two will be passed out 20 minutes into the experiment, and teams will fill out a reporting packet (Division B Packet, Division B Packet). Statement of Problem The statement of problem is a question posed that will be explored in an This section was removed from competition for the 2019 season, but it was added once again for the 2020 season. Hypothesis is used in scientific research is as a tentative, testable, and falsifiable statement that explains some observed phenomenon in nature. explanatory hypothesis. However, a hypothesis can also be a statement is followed by a specific, measurable prediction that can be made if the hypothesis is valid. Thus, in science, the hypothesis is thought of as an explanation or generalization on trial. A prediction in science is a prophecy, a specific and measurable event that is likely to happen in the future as the result of an experiment if the hypothesis is valid. Teaching the Hypothesis Incorrectly Many teachers and even many textbooks teach the hypothesis in a way that makes it no different from a prediction. They teach students to write "If - then" statements for their hypotheses. This approach results in the incorrect form: If I do X, then Y will happen. Some teachers and textbooks add "...because..." at the end of the "If..., then..." statement. The "because" statement is often close to the hypothesis that is being tested, but it still does not carefully delineate the hypothesis from the prediction. Indeed, even professional scientists can make mistakes. The "because" part of the hypothesis is often referred to as the "Rationale." In short, to receive full points for this section, the (the IV), then the DV will (the rationale). Ex. If I drop a ball from different heights (1, 2, 3 meters), then the rebound heights (in centimeters) for the higher drop heights will be greater than the lower drop heights because of Isaac hypothesis should be written like this: If I change ____(what changes and in which direction) because ____ Newton's 3rd law (For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction). This law applies to this experiment because when the drop height is greater, there is more force in the action of the parts of this section. complete and explained thoroughly. Sometimes, a rationale may sound complete in a competitor's head, but in reality, it is not fully explained on paper, and the competitor would lose points on the basis of silly mistakes. Additionally, avoid using words such as "I," "Me," "My team," and "We" (this applies to the entire write-up); try to keep it as objective as possible. Variables Participant must define three different types of variables. In addition, one constant must be identified. Tips: Make sure to operationally define (i.e., give units for) all of your variables. Also make them clear and concise to make sure you get all of the points in a point-heavy part like this. Independent variable (IV) The independent variable is the empirically defined (in general for future variable must be listed excluding the control level. Ex. the drop height (1, 2, 3 meters) Dependent variable is what is affected by the independent variable. The dependent variable is what is being measured in the experiment. There should only be one DV, which should be listed with units. The dependent variable must be operationally and empirically defined. The DV does not include levels as that is what will be determined through running the experiment. Ex. rebound height (in centimeters) Controlled Variables (CV) and Constants Controlled variables are factors which could affect the dependent variable but are kept constant throughout the experiment. Multiple controlled variables should be listed, but only two must be listed to receive full credit for this section. Ex. size of ball, material of ball, material of dropping surface, method of releasing ball (dropping, throwing, etc.) Constants, unlike controlled variables, cannot be changed by the person or group conducting the experiment; CVs can be changed, but are kept the same for the duration of the experiment; CVs can be changed by the person or group conducting the experiment. However, the speed of the sunlight cannot be controlled, and is therefore a constant. Ex. Earth's gravitational acceleration (9.8 m/s2) Experimental Control (Standard of comparison) (Div. C Only) The standard of comparison (SOC) is the "normal trial", or the one that hasn't been changed at all (there is only one). It serves as a neutral comparison for the other trials. A rationale for the SOC should be included. Ex. The SOC for this experiment would be the 1 meter IV level. This SOC was chosen because it is the level closest to zero. Since the hypothesis and would be useful for analyzing the experiment afterwards. Tips: Changing the IV to zero or using the highest or lowest possible numeric value of the materials used in the experiment. All materials used in the experiment should be listed (provided materials that are not used should not be included; doing so may cause points to be deducted). The materials list should be as specific as possible; the quantities). The materials used in the original experiment (including the exact quantities). The material of the independent variable should be listed once with the levels after it in parenthesis. Some competitions want measuring devices to be listed, while others may take off points for it. The event supervisor should distinguish what they want. Ex. 3 Penn racquetballs, 3 meter sticks Tips: Make sure all materials that are used are listed. Sometimes accidents happen and competitors lose points on what may be the simplest section ever. If time is leftover after finishing an experiment, all competitors should check that all materials are listed. Starting in 2019, teams may not use any materials are listed. calculators and rulers. Procedure and Set-Up Diagrams The procedure is a list of the steps in the experiment and includes labeled diagrams are not provided. The procedure is included in write-ups so that other scientists reproducing the experiment know exactly how it was done the first time. The steps should be listed clearly as well as very specifically and include at least three trials for experiment. 2. Drop one ball at a height of 1 meter with the lowest point of the ball above 1 meter. 3. Record the initial rebound height and any observations. 4. Repeat steps 2-3 twice more. 5. Drop the second ball at a height of 2 meters with the lowest point of the ball above 3 meters. 9. Record the initial rebound height and any new observations. 10. Clean up your workspace. Tips: Steps such as, "Repeat steps X to Y", can be used to save time. The first step should be "Clean up your workspace." Also, remember to clearly explain things so that anyone could read and replicate the experiment. Sometimes this is hard, like if the objective to explain how to fold a paper airplane, but still, this is an important section. Qualitative Observations There are two types of observations that must be made to receive full credit: observations about the procedure and observations about the results. (Prior to 2020, teams were also required to give observations not related to the DV.) Additionally, observations about the procedure are about noticing flaws in the experiment that went unnoticed before it was performed. These can include flaws in measurement technique, flaws in building/maintaining an experimental unit, and flaws in performing the actual experimental unit, and flaws in performing the actual experimental unit, and flaws in performing the actual experimental unit and flaws in building/maintaining an experimental unit and flaws in performing the actual experimental unit and flaws in building/maintaining an experimental unit and flaws in building/maintaining and experimental unit and flaws in building/maint observations are usually written in a table like the one below. Sometimes such a table is supplied in the report packet; other times, participants may create one themselves. The table is divided into two rows (Procedure and Results), and three columns (Before, During, and After). In all, 5 observations must be written in the table; the Before Results cell is not used because it is impossible to observe anything about the results before results are collected. (Typically, this cell is grayed out or an X is placed in it.) Ex. Before During After Procedure The floor appeared to be made out of a type of tile/linoleum that had bumps under it. These bumps could have caused the ball to bounce at an angle, reducing its overall rebound height. Every time a competitor was preparing to drop a ball, their hands wobbled the slightest bit, maybe influencing the DV the slightest bit. Competitors noticed that it was hardest to measure exactly where the ball rebounded to in the 3 meter trials (lots of force => harder to see) since the ball was constantly in motion Results When competitors measured the rebound height, they often had to estimate because it was sometimes hard to tell the exact height of the rebound to about 5/8 of its original drop height. Tips: DO NOT confuse these with errors. It is easy to combine qualitative observations and errors, and that will take points off of the experiment. Quantitative Data - Data Table One way to organize the data is to make two tables. For the first, make a table of four rows and four columns. The first column should consist of, from top to bottom, a blank box, IV 1, IV 2, and IV 3. The second column should be labeled "Trial 1", and following boxes filled accordingly to the data. The next two columns follow the same layout as the Trial 1 box, but with Trials 2 and 3. Title the graph as seen fit for the data. Next to that table, draw a one column, four row condensed table (to the right). Name it "Average" (or AVG for short), and average the data for each IV. Put arrows from the second row of the first table to the second row of the condensed table, and so forth. Give a sample calculation for the average ((Trial 1+Trial 2+Trial 3)/3), located below the table or on one of the arrows. Remember to title both of your tables. Also be sure use significant figures if you are in C Division, (for Data, Graphs, and Statistics) and be sure to keep them consistent and logical. You do not want to have a number down to three decimals when your ruler can only accurately measure to one decimal. See Significant Figures. Ex. DV - Rebound Height Avg. Ex. DV - Rebound Height Avg. 1 m 81 cm 2 m 163.3 cm 3 m 222.3 cm Formula: [math]\displaystyle{ \textrm{Average} = \frac{243}{3} = 81 }[/math] Tips: Make sure the example calculation(s) and a condensed table are included. Those are worth many points and will not take much time. Also label your table properly. NEW FOR 2019: You must report the most relevant data from your experiment. Halfway Point (Part 2) By the new rules, you may only work on the sections up through this point for the first 20 minutes of competition. After 20 minutes of the papers will be passed out. This is to make people have more complete experiments. Use every nanosecond of the first 20 minutes to experiment. Graph A standard bar, line, or scatter-plot graph works almost universally at any competition level. Even so, always be sure to use the correct type for your data. Also, if your data starts off at a non-zero amount, you can draw a zigzag atop of the 0 mark to skip to your data. Ex. Tips: Label your axis (x+y), title the graph, use the DV as the x value, title the individual axis, connect the data for each IV. Also, sometimes, if data is severely skewed so that most of the data has high values, then you can use a "skew" marking, or a zigzag through the axis that you are skewing. Statistics and show work. The best idea is to put all statistics in a neat table. NEW FOR 2019: Statistics should be "age appropriate" by the new rubric. Example calculations must be included. This includes significant figures for Division C. Your table of data should be neat- a ruler helps a lot. Be sure to keep writing your units. Once your common statistics are done, make sure to do some more. Standard deviation is a very good statistic to include. The equation for calculating standard deviation is: [math]\displaystyle{ \sigma = \sqrt{avg((value - mean)^{2})}][/math]. For a better visual equation and an explanation of what standard deviation is (which you will need to know to explain the statistic), see Standard deviation. Actually doing trials is necessary, as a standard deviation of a sample size of 1 is clearly stupid. A key point that is easy to miss is the deviation has to be squared. If you don't, your result will always be 0, and though this may look pretty, it should be obvious that your data does not have a standard deviation of 0. As of 2015, both Division B and Division C will be expected to do more with the data, whereas before only C Division needed to. One essential aspect of the graph will be to create a regression, or line of best fit. Since both divisions are now permitted to bring any type of calculator, this would be a good time to invest in a nice TI-84 or similar graphing calculator because linear, logarithmic, and many other types of regression can be calculated with them. To calculate a linear regression on a TI calculator, start by putting your data in a list. Press STAT and go to the EDIT menu. Press 1 to edit your list. Then, exit and press STAT again. Go to the CALC menu to select the type of regression most suited for your X values in Xlist, and repeat for Y values in Xlist, and repeat for Y values in Xlist. the constants for your regression. Draw in the line on your graph and label it. If you cannot get a graphing calculator, the best fit line of dubious accuracy is made by drawing a straight line with a ruler that you think seems to go as close to all the points on the graph. which outliers are significant, and which are experimental errors. If you make these kinds of judgment calls, make sure to point it out and explain it in the Analysis section. Also, make sure you always have the same units through-out the experiment, if you are using milliseconds in the data table continue using milliseconds for everything else, DO NOT change to seconds or any other units. Division C competitors should remember to use significant figures in their statistics. Ex. DV - Rebound Height 1 m 2 m 3 m Mean 81 cm 163.3 cm 222.3 cm Median 78 cm 162 cm 220 cm Mode N/A N/A 220 cm Range 27 cm 11 cm 7 cm Outlier 96 cm N/A N/A Std. Deviation 10 cm 4.1 cm 3.1 cm Etc. Tips: Graph vour data. Make the graph neat, legible. Use a legend if need be, Label the axes (with units) and make a title for the graph (including units here as well is a good idea) NEW FOR 2019: Calculations are graded for accuracy. Analysis of Claim/Evidence/Reason (CER) You are now reguired to do a Claim/Evidence/Reason (CER) analysis. In this type of analysis, you first state a claim about your data, observations, or statistics. Then, you provide relevant, strong, supporting evidence must be included that the claim can be well backed up, but irrelevant evidence should not be included. Finally, you will state your reasoning for how your evidence made you come to your claim, and how it backs it up. In the analysis section of the lab write-up, you will need to state and defend a claim relating to statistics, outliers, and data trend for both Division B and Division B. Mowever is also applicable for (DIVISION C) Statistics- In the statistics sections of CER, there are several ideas you can observe. (Example- You can observe how there was not much variation in the data for one data set compared to another.) The reason why this section is called "Claim/Evidence/Reasoning" is that you need to make a claim, back it up with simple evidence, then explain how the evidence supports your claim. Outliers- If possible, try and "force" outliers into your data. Then, you can talk about them here and in other sections of the experimental analysis. Find data trend indicating some sort of correlation. Try and find this "trend" and use CER to explain it all. Tips: While doing this section, try and divide the work efficiently, however it is best to delegate this task to the person that did the "Statistic" potions of the test, as they will have the most gamma divide the work efficiently. information. Ex: For our first IV level (1 meter), our rebound heights were 78 cm, 96 cm (outlier), and 69 cm, averaging around 163.3 cm. for our last IV level (3 meters), our rebound heights were 220 cm (mode), 227 cm, and 220 cm (mode) averaging around 222.3 cm. Overall, it seems that this brand of racquetball (Penn) has about a 3:4 ratio of rebound height to drop height on a linoleum floor. This trend is clearly shown in the graph with a positive slope of about 3/4. Since a linoleum floor is mostly hard, the floor does not absorb much energy and sends the ball back with most of its energy, relating to sir Isaac Newton's 3rd Law of motion: for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. One might think that if Newton's third law was true, then the ball would rebound to the original drop height, but that is not the case. Many forces make the "equal and opposite reaction," such as gravity, friction/air resistance, and the floor, and in this case the equal and opposite reactions will most often send the ball to about 3/4 of its drop height. In the 1st IV level, there was an outlier. In the 2nd trial, the rebound height to be higher, which affected the average, which would've been 73.5, just under what the trend suggested. Otherwise, this IV level would be just what was expected. In the 2nd IV level, our results were all higher than what the trend showed (the trend being 3/4 of the drop height, in this case 150 cm). This may have been due to the fact that most people are shorter than 2 meters, and have a hard time measuring the exact rebound height, but the increased rebound height, but the dropper was able to get a brief approximation of what the rebound height was. It looked like the first and third trials both had a rebound height of 220 cm, so they were approximated. This IV level, with an average of about 223.3, fit the trend perfectly, only being about 1.7 cm under the 3:4 mark of 3 meters, 225 cm, and was just what was expected. To sum everything up, there was a trend of the ratio of rebound height to drop height being about 3:4, and all three IV levels fit it perfectly. Overall, the IV was directly proportional to the DV. Tips: Make sure you explain everything in an experiment could be relevant to the Analysis, so include everything. NEW FOR 2019: Interpretations are scored on accuracy as well as completeness. Possible errors that could have occurred. Participants then must explain how these errors could have affected the results of their experiment. Often, these errors can be found in a number of places, including experimental setup (i.e., how the experiment was planned), human errors in data collection (not being able to accurately collect data or needing to estimate), or human errors in data collection (not being able to accurately collect data or needing to estimate), and the experimental execution (inconsistencies in the way the experiment was carried out). Participants must also describe how these errors may have affected the data, whether they make the data less precise, skewed higher than normal, etc. While the errors listed here must be precisely identified and their effects must be described, unlike in Qualitative Observations where errors would be merely observed. (Also, not all qualitative observations are due to errors.) Errors are often be written in a table like the one below, which is sometimes provided on the report packet. Otherwise, participants can create their own table or write the section in paragraph format. Ex. Specific Error Identified Effect on Results Discussed Error 1 The floor the ball was dropped onto was an uneven linoleum that caused the ball to rebound at different angles. This is an experiment. Since the ball rebounded at different angles instead of always perfectly vertical, this could have affected its rebound height by making some of its vertical distance be lost as horizontal distance. This would decrease the overall rebound heights instead of giving a true value. Error 2 The experimenter who dropped the ball often had shaky arms. This is a human error, as the dropper made the mistake of not dropper made the ball at the same velocity and height. Because of this, the speed of the ball would increase and sometimes the drop height could cause a higher rebound while a lower drop height could cause a higher standard deviation) because a higher rebound. Conclusion DO NOT ever say that your hypothesis was right or wrong, only if it was SUPPORTED by the data or not. After one experiment, a hypothesis can either be supported or not supported or not supported by the data. Restate your hypothesis minus the explanation before concluding in either way. Then, explain why you came to that conclusion with your data as support. Never extrapolate anything; stick to what you observed even if you think the results were wrong. You may attempt to explain why your data varied from your hypothesis, but the vast majority of the explanation should be data-based. Ex. If a ball is dropped from different heights, then the ball dropped at the greatest height will have a greater rebound height. The data supported this hypothesis, with 1 meter drop heights averaging about 222 cm. Also, the graph showed a positive trend that had greater rebound heights when the drop height was greater. From these clear reasons, the hypothesis was accepted. As of the 2020 season, you now need to complete a CER Analysis relating to your hypothesis in your conclusion. Tips: Make sure all statements are true and supported by the data. Applications and Recommendations for Further Experimentation/Use This section appears on the Division B rubric as "Recommendations for Further Experiment that would produce more accurate results. There should be three variations listed: one to improve a certain aspect of your experiment, one to approach the hypothesis in a different way, and one for a future experiment, one to approach the hypothesis in a different way. will turn out, and so it can also be written before data has been collected. Ex. For further experiment. First of all, since the measuring of the rebound height is hard to do, providing a way to measure more accurately should be provided. This would make the results more accurate and the data more reliable. To change the IV of this experiment, maybe instead of changing drop heights, the size of the ball could be the IV. This would provide a different experiment than this one and would probably be more useful in the real world. To change the DV, instead of measuring the rebound height, the measured thing could be how many times the ball bounces. This would provide an interesting trend and could apply to many things, such as sports. This experiment could be useful in the outside world in a few ways. First of all, it could be applied to basketball. If a ball is dribbled high, then it will bounce high and therefore be harder to control. If a ball is dribbled low, then it will rebound low, and it will be hard to move. This could be used to teach aspiring basketball players to dribble well. Also in the sport of basketball term referring to the distance a basketball travels after it has hit the backboard of a basketball hoop and missed the hoop. When a ball is hit hard against the backboard, more force is being applied, so more force is in the reaction, propelling the ball to greater distances. For example, if a basketball player knows s/he cannot make a shot, s/he can calculate what the perfect amount of force is to rebound off of the backboard and to another teammate's control. Finally, this experiment could be used in the tennis industry. Many tennis players have had balls fly over the court when hit with too much force to the ground. All tennis players have had balls fly over the court when hit with too much force to the ground. All tennis players have had balls fly over the court when hit with too much force to the ground. All tennis players have had balls fly over the court when hit with too much force to the ground. useful. Points may be deducted if you say something irrelevant. However, at the end of this event, if you have time, please take a second to write a "thank-you" note to the people running the event to show your appreciation. It is a common courtesy for some teams. Abstract (Div. C Only) The Abstract is a new section for Division C, added for the 2020 Season. One of the most important things to remember about this section is to make it very brief. It explains the purpose of the experiment, addresses the Statement of Problem and Hypothesis, and summarizes the process and findings. Even though it is essentially a summary of the entire experiment, try to keep it no longer than a paragraph (or 2, if you need it), as points will be deducted for very long Abstracts. This is not a class essay - do not feel like you need to "write more." The Full Write-up Statement of Problem How does the height (cm)? Hypothesis If I drop a ball from different heights (1, 2, 3 meters), then the rebound heights (in centimeters) for the higher drop heights will be greater than the lower drop height is greater, there is an equal and opposite reaction). This law applies to this experiment because when the drop height is greater, there is more force in the action of the ball falling to the floor, and thus the rebound height (the equal and opposite reaction) will be greater. Variables Independent Variable the drop height (1, 2, 3 meters) Dependent Variable rebound height (in centimeters) Controlled Variables size of ball, material of dropping surface, method of releasing ball (dropping, throwing, etc.) Standard of Comparison The SOC for this experiment would be the 1 meter IV level. This SOC was chosen because it is the level closest to zero. Since the hypothesis and would be useful for analyzing the experiment afterwards. Materials 3 Penn racquetballs, 3 meter sticks Procedure 1. Gather all necessary materials for experiment. 2. Drop one ball at a height of 1 meter. 3. Record the initial rebound height and any observations. 4. Repeat steps 2-3 twice more. 5. Drop the second ball at a height of 2 meters with the lowest point of the ball above 2 meters. 6. Record the initial rebound height and any new observations. 7. Repeat steps 5-6 twice more. 8. Drop the last ball at a height of 3 meters with the lowest point above 3 meters. 9. Record the initial rebound height and any new observations. 10. Clean up your work space. Qualitative Observations About the Procedure: Every time a competitor was preparing to drop a ball, his/her hands wobbled the slightest bit, maybe influencing the DV the slightest bit. Also, competitors noticed that it was hard to measure exactly where the ball rebounded to, especially in the 3 meter trials (lots of force => harder to see) since the ball was constantly in motion. About the results: During the experiment, when competitors measured the rebound height, they often had to estimate because it was sometimes hard to tell the exact height of the rebounded to about 5/8 of its original drop height. Other: When the ball rebounded after the initial rebound, the ball's path of bouncing wasn't exactly vertical, making the retrieving of the balls hit the floor at different heights, they made different heights, they made different sounds. The 3 meter balls. 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Deviation 10 cm 4.1 cm 3.1 cm Analysis For our first IV level (1 meter), our rebound heights were 160 cm, 171 cm, and 162 cm, averaging around 163.3 cm. for our last IV level (3 meters), our rebound heights were 220 cm (mode), 227 cm, and 220 cm (mode), 227 cm, and 220 cm (mode), averaging around 163.3 cm. for our last IV level (3 meters), our rebound height to drop height to graph with a positive slope of about 3/4. Since a linoleum floor is mostly hard, the floor does not absorb much energy and sends the ball would and opposite reaction. One might think that if Newton's third law was true, then the ball would rebound to the original drop height, but that is not the case. Many forces make the "equal and opposite reaction," such as gravity, friction/air resistance, and the floor, and in this case the equal and opposite reaction," such as gravity, friction/air resistance, and the floor, and in this case the equal and opposite reactions will most often send the ball to about 3/4 of its drop height. In the 1st IV level, there was an outlier. In the 2nd trial, the rebound height was 96 cm, which was significantly higher than average. Most likely, the height fluctuated a bit and caused the rebound height to be higher, which affected the average, which would've been 73.5, just under what the trend suggested. Otherwise, this IV level would be just what was expected. In the 2nd IV level, our results were all higher than what the trend showed (the trend being 3/4 of the drop height, in this case 150 cm). This may have been due to the fact that most people are shorter than 2 meters, and have a hard time measuring the exact rebound height. Although, even with the increased rebound height is a mode of 220 cm. Probability-wise, the chance of this is very rare, due to the high drop height and high rebound height, but the dropper was able to get a brief approximation of what the rebound height was. It looked like the first and third trials both had a rebound height of 220 cm, so they were approximated. This IV level, with an average of about 223.3, fit the trend perfectly, only being about 1.7 cm under the 3:4 mark of 3 meters, 225 cm, and was just what was expected. To sum everything up, there was a trend of the ratio of rebound height to drop height being about 3:4, and all three IV levels fit it perfectly. Overall, the IV was directly proportional to the DV. Possible Sources of Experimental Error This experiment had a few errors in it. First of all, one human error was that the rebound height wasn't measured so that it was spot-on; it was guesstimated. Since the balls were moving at high velocities, often through the speed, we couldn't make out the exact heights of the rebound. This is an experimental error because there wasn't an easy way to measure due to the lack of electronics to perfectly measure the height. This sometimes increased, sometimes, the speed of the ball often had shaky arms, so sometimes, the speed of the ball would increase and sometimes the dropper made the mistake of not dropper's hand was usually higher than usual, but would also decrease it rarely, if the dropper's hand was lower than normal. Conclusion If a ball is dropped from different heights, then the ball dropped at the greatest height will have a greater rebound height. The data supported this hypothesis, with 1 meter drop heights averaging about 163 cm, and 3 meters averaging about 222 cm. Also, the greatest height will have a greater rebound height. greater rebound heights when the drop height was greater. From these clear reasons, the hypothesis was accepted. Applications and Recommendations for Further Experimentation, a few things can be done to this experiment. First of all, since the measuring of the rebound height is hard to do, providing a way to measure more accurately should be provided. This would make the results more accurate and the data more reliable. To change the IV, This would provide a different experiment, maybe instead of changing drop heights, the size of the ball could be the IV. instead of measuring the rebound height, the measured thing could be how many times the ball bounces. This would provide an interesting trend and could apply to many times the ball bounces. This experiment could be useful in the outside world in a few ways. First of all, it could be applied to basketball dribbling in the sport of basketball. If a ball is dribbled high, then it will be used to teach aspiring basketball players to dribble well. Also in the sport of basketball, this experiment could be useful in another way. The term "rebound" is a basketball term referring to the distance a basketball travels after it has hit the backboard of a basketball hoop and missed the hoop. When a ball is hit hard against the backboard, more force is in the reaction, propelling the ball greater distances. For example, if a basketball player knows s/he cannot make a shot, s/he can calculate what the perfect amount of force is to rebound off of the backboard and to another teammate's control. Finally, this experiment could be used in the tennis players have had balls fly over the court when hit with too much force to the ground. All tennis players have had balls fly over the court when hit with too much force to the ground. All tennis players have had balls fly over the court when hit with too much force to the ground. experiment. Common Strategies Knowing the scoring rubric is the key to success in Experimental Design. The Division B rubric and Division C rubric are a set of guidelines used for scoring experiments. When experimental Design. brainstorming possible experiments. Expect to get a handful of seemingly random items to test with, along with the possibility of a topic or prompt to design the experiment should not be too difficult. Focus on execution and write-up, not on preparation Spend no more than 5 minutes on this. Keep your experiment simple. Too many variables can mean a lot of writing. Consider an example experience from one regional tournament. 3 balls (different colors), 2 rubber bands, a foot of masking tape, a metric stick, and a mini catapult were given. Naturally, one would want to experiment with the fanciest item given (catapult, in this case), but there would be so many variables to consider. Instead, performing a dropping experiment on how a rubber band affects the time it takes for a ball to drop. This is much simpler and, in this scenario, an idea that definitely paid off. Teams that used the catapult had balls flying everywhere throughout the event, and team members had to run around searching for them; wasting time. On the other hand, teams that utilized the other equipment achieved third out of thirty teams. Moral of the story is, ignore the urge to fiddle around with the complex stuff. Keep it simple- experiments will be simpler to write and test, saving time. However, be sure to have enough trials. Having 3-5 trials for each variable ensures that data is sound and statistics have merit. This way if there is a possibility of strange data (one test being too high/low/fast/slow) there is the "experimental errors" section to comment on that. Only having 1-3 trials means there may not be enough data to show that a data point is strange, because there are not enough points to compare it to. Know who is doing each section before the competition. All 3 people don't need to be doing the lab; only 1 or 2 people should be experimenting. Don't spend the whole time doing the lab; only 1 or 2 people should be experiment. divvy up the work on this event. Find something that works, each group is different. If the experiment goes horribly wrong and all the data is skewed, focus on the report as much as possible. Make sure to write and explain every error which caused the experiment to go wrong. Having a bad experiment but a very good report can, in some cases, cancel out the fact that the experiment didn't work. Also, this section can be written before any data is actually collected, and just added to if there are glaring errors in data collection that you didn't predict. If you're not sure how the experiment is going to turn out, this is a good thing to write first, though any errors that are included in your qualitative observations should be commented on. Just like any other event, practice! Have a fellow teammate or coach gather materials and come up with a possible topic. Spend 50 minutes and come up with, test, and write up a lab report. Have the coach/teammate then grade the lab based on the rubric. This gives great insight into time usage and where improvements need to be made. Possible Division of Responsibility Writer (52 points) Manages Timing and Calculator Analyzer (22 points) Runs Experiment, F, K, L, Manages Materials and Cleanup *There is also N, O and P; although this may be considered the writer's responsibility, they already have a lot so try to split it up among members ** This is per the Div. C rubric, which is slightly different from Div. B's General Tips Keep the experiment reasonable. There's a limited amount of time, so keep the scope small enough for a 50 minute event. Come prepared, equipped with several different writing utensils, a ruler, a stopwatch and any type of calculator as long as it cannot access the Internet and does not have a camera. Study the rubric: just to be safe, always look over the rubric before the competition. It may be very useful for designing the experiment. Write neatly. If the judges can't read the experiment, they are not going to accept it. There will not be enough time for one person to write up everything perfectly, so writing neatly is crucial. Think outside of the box - don't do exactly what every other team is inclined to do. Build a unique and intelligent experiment, which will set you apart from other teams and offer a better chance at medaling. Be efficient: sometimes speed is extremely important due to the limited time of the event. Be precise, specially when labeling the list of materials. Nothing is "too specific" for this event! Keep it simple, stupid (KISS). Although not literally, never design an experiment that is too complicated, given the tight time limit. Links Science Olympiad Experimental Design page for Division B/C. 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