



## Instant Challenge at Global Finals 2025

**Congratulations** to you and your team on your accomplishments this year. We look forward to meeting and working with you at Global Finals 2025! It has been our honor and privilege to serve as your International Challenge Masters for Instant Challenge. Our goal is to assist your team in having a great experience in Kansas City. To help you prepare for your experience, we'd like to share some information about Instant Challenge at Global Finals. **There is a LOT of information in this letter, so please read it carefully.**

Instant Challenge will take place in the Kansas City Marriott Downtown (200 W 12th Street). Instant Challenge will be scheduled separately from Team Challenge. Please note that Instant Challenge rooms, including Check-In and Holding Areas, are closed to spectators. When it is your Instant Challenge scheduled time, only your team members and one Team Manager are allowed in these rooms. **Spectators are highly encouraged to wait in a location away from the Marriott (either in the Kansas City Convention Center, or another agreed-upon location) while the team completes the Instant Challenge, as there is limited space in the 1st floor lobby.**

Instant Challenge Check-In will be located on the 2nd floor of the Marriott. You will enter the West Tower of the Marriott with the entrance off 12th Street, NOT the East Tower with the entrance on Wyandotte. From the first floor lobby in the West Tower, follow signs to the escalator to take you up to IC Check-In. Elevators are available for people who need assistance. **Do not bring any electronic devices or timekeeping devices up to the second floor.**

**IMPORTANT: Do not enter any Instant Challenge room unless you are guided through the door by an Appraiser! If you enter an Instant Challenge room without an Appraiser, you risk being disqualified from the tournament. Outside of your scheduled Instant Challenge time, you must not enter the Instant Challenge site, including the Check-In and Holding Areas, between May 19 and the Closing Celebration on May 25. If you do not follow these requirements, you risk being disqualified from the tournament.**

Your team should plan to arrive at IC Check-In approximately 40 minutes prior to your team's scheduled Instant Challenge. Parents and other team supporters will not be allowed onto the 2nd floor. They must wait downstairs in the Marriott Lobby, at the Kansas City Convention Center, or at another agreed upon location.

The Instant Challenge Check-In Appraiser will check DI credentials for each team member and Team Manager and review the Instant Challenge Prep Checklist with your team. Be sure to bring a hard copy of your Instant Challenge Prep Checklist in case of internet issues. As part of the Instant Challenge Prep Checklist, the Instant Challenge Check-In Appraiser will check that you will honor the Instant Challenge Promise, that you do not know anything about the Instant Challenge, and that all participating team members are present.

The Instant Challenge Check-In Appraiser will also ask your team whether one Team Manager will accompany your team into the Instant Challenge room. If your Team Manager will not be going into the Instant Challenge room with you, after you check in to Instant Challenge, they must return downstairs and wait in the Marriott lobby until your team is finished. Assistant Team Managers under the age of 18 must NOT accompany the team into Instant Challenge.

Prior to being brought into the Instant Challenge room, your team must also decide how many team members will participate. At least two team members must participate in the Instant Challenge. Destination Imagination encourages all team members to participate.

An Appraiser will bring your team to the Holding Area approximately 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Instant Challenge. At this time, you will read the Instant Challenge Promise out loud. The Instant Challenge Appraisers will check that all team members who will participate in the Instant Challenge are present, that your team will honor the Instant Challenge promise, and that you will not take any prohibited items into the Instant Challenge room.

Please remember that your team or Team Manager must not bring any devices, including but not limited to cameras, cell phones, iPads and tablets, computers, or timing devices, including wrist watches, into Instant Challenge. Once the Instant Challenge begins, any participating team member may ask any question, including how much time remains in that part of the Challenge. If such devices are brought to the Marriott, your team should leave them with a person accompanying your team prior to going up to the 2nd floor.

At your team's scheduled Instant Challenge time, an Instant Challenge Appraiser will guide your team members and up to one accompanying Team Manager into your Instant Challenge room. The Instant Challenge room will be a meeting room or ballroom with a space large enough to allow plenty of room for the Challenge. Your time in the Challenge should take no longer than 15 minutes.

After completing your Instant Challenge, feel free to meet up with your supporters on the 1st floor or another agreed-upon location. Remember not to discuss the Instant Challenge where anyone else can hear.

We hope you have a wonderful Instant Challenge experience!

**Ben White (Pennsylvania), Kelly Bailo (Michigan), and Steve Bruner (Washington)**  
**International Challenge Masters**  
**Instant Challenge**