



## iGEM 2020 Competition – High School Track

### DEPARTMENT HEAD CONSENT AGREEMENT

iGEM High School Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Primary PI: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Department Head Name: \_\_\_\_\_

College / University / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Head email / phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The iGEM Team identified above (“Team”) led by Team Primary PI identified above (“PI”) from Participant School(s) identified above desire to participate in the iGEM 2020 Competition (“Program”). In the event that the team plans to conduct some or all of their laboratory work at a high school, college, university, or other organization, and as a condition of allowing the Team to participate in the Program, iGEM requires that the Department Head responsible for the laboratory used by the Team (“Department Head”) agree to the terms of this Department Head Consent Agreement.

1. By allowing the Team to conduct work in the laboratory facilities, Department Head assumes responsibility for the safety of the Team within the laboratory. To ensure safety of Program participants, Department Head will provide supervision when Team is conducting work within the laboratory.

2. Department Head agrees to provide necessary safety training to members of the Team prior to using the laboratory facilities. Safety training includes, but is not limited to, proper disposal of laboratory reagents and materials, emergency procedures, and appropriate laboratory conduct.

3. Department Head understands the Team operates independently of iGEM and agrees not to hold iGEM or any of its agents responsible for any damages resulting from the use of the laboratory facilities by the Team. The Team, PI, Principal, and Department Head (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age for and on behalf of the Participant and the Parent/Guardian) assume the risk of participation in the Program and hereby releases iGEM and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all claims for any injury of any kind to the Participants, or other damages that may occur as a result of the Team’s participation in the Program, and agrees not to file any lawsuit or otherwise make any claim against iGEM and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents for any such injury or other damages. However, this release by the Team, PI, Principal and Department Head is not intended to release any claims against any individual person who intentionally causes injury to the Participants.

4. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Massachusetts, without regard to any conflicts of law rules or principles that would result in the application of the laws of another jurisdiction. Each party hereto, hereby consents to, and confers nonexclusive jurisdiction upon the Federal courts of the United States of America located in Boston, Massachusetts, and appropriate appellate courts therefrom, over any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

Department Head has read this document and understands that this Department Head Consent Agreement includes a waiver of the right to make damage claims that is intended to be legally binding. By signing below, Department Head agrees to this Department Head Consent Agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_