

Spaceport America Cup: IREC Registration Fees

To whom it may concern,

Purpose

The Experimental Sounding Rocket Association (ESRA), and the Spaceport America (SA) crew would like to explain and define the fee structure for the Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering Competition (IREC) at the SA Cup. There are three separate fees that make up the entire “IREC Registration Fee”- the Entry Deposit, Rocket Fee, and Rocketeer Fee.

A Brief History of the Fees

Starting in 2016, ESRA established a new fee structure to help create a fairer arrangement between smaller teams and larger teams, as well as between teams with less funding and teams with more funding. The primary difference from previous years was in splitting the registration into two types of payment, a per team deposit and team fee, and a per person fee. By splitting the cost this way, we ensure smaller teams, which are often underfunded, pay less than the much larger teams, who often have less financial restrictions.

Note to Colleges, Universities, and Organizations Sponsoring IREC Teams

ESRA would like any organization that is paying for, or reimbursing an IREC team for their registration fees, to please include the per person fees. In the past, some colleges and universities did not want to reimburse the teams for the per student fees. In some cases teams were not able to effectively operate, as they did not have enough team members present. ESRA assures you the individual student participation fees are necessary for a team to compete, and necessary for ESRA to pay for the event. ESRA is still, and always will be, a non-profit organization. We have always worked to keep the costs to teams as low as possible, while providing an amazing experience for the students, and the academic institutions they represent.

Fees for teams participating in the IREC at the SA Cup

For the SA Cup: IREC, ESRA and SA are hard at work planning a marvelous event for the students, sponsors, and spectators. Even if teams aren't ready to launch their rocket, there are still unparalleled opportunities to show off their projects, talk to recruiters from several aerospace companies, and promote their schools. There will be an engaging atmosphere with several events for the teams and public to enjoy, professional event spaces, world class emergency services, etc. ESRA and SA are proud to announce that with all the additional events and infrastructure improvements to the IREC event, the team fees are only \$200 more for a team consisting of 10 students as compared to 2016 – the last year of the legacy IREC. Participants in the SA Cup will pay \$700 per rocket team and \$50 per team member. The payments are defined as follows:

Entry Deposit: \$200

The Entry Deposit is necessary for ESRA to make down payments on facility rentals, equipment rentals, and purchasing of new equipment before the event. The Entry Deposit is due as soon as possible/practical after the team submits it's Entry Form. The Early Deposit is refundable, if a team decides to withdraw from competition, until Friday, April 14th.

Rocket Fee: \$500

The Rocket Fee pays for any costs that are not directly related to the number of people at the event. The Rocket Fee is due on Friday, April 14th. After the due date this fee will go up to \$700.

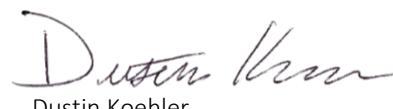
Rocketeer Fee: \$50

The Rocketeer Fee pays for all costs that are directly related to the number of people at the event. The Rocketeer Fee is due on Friday, April 14th. After the due date this fee will go up to \$70.

Sincerely,



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