



Entry Checklist

Everything a complete entry needs — work through this before you submit



An entry is five items. Only complete entries are verified, scored and ranked. An entry found incomplete at intake is chased immediately and can be corrected up to the closing date — and not after. The form is open from October, and you may replace what you sent any time before the closing date — the last version received is the one that is verified.

Before you record

☐	Eligibility	Every team member is 18 or over on Friday 29 January 2027. Maximum team size four. Nobody appears on more than one entry this season.
☐	Registration	Part A of the Official Entrant Form (E3) is complete and you hold a confirmed place, not a waitlist position.
☐	Entry name	Approved at registration. Not a personal name, a school name or an existing team name — it appears in the published report.
☐	Gloves	One pair meeting the published glove standard (E5), or an equivalent approved in advance. Approvals are never retroactive and carry a date you record on your form.
☐	Reference card	Built from the template (E7): one page, all five meanings, movement and final position for each, learnable in sixty seconds. Your entry name on it and nothing else identifying — no personal name, no school, no logo, nothing in the background that says where you are.
☐	Self-test done	You have already tested and revised. Recording before self-testing wastes the take.

The five submission items

☐	1. Recording	A single unbroken take: slate, the full set ungloved, the glove display and dexterity check, then the full set gloved. About three minutes, four at the most. No talking, no captions, no added labels, no edits.
☐	2. Reference card	One page, as above. Graphic design is not assessed; whether a stranger can learn it in a minute is.
☐	3. Design rationale	500 words maximum. Must cover system logic, safety distinctions, camera and orientation choices, glove considerations, a comparison against at least two existing visual signal systems, and what self-testing changed. The comparison is the one people forget.
☐	4. Self-Test Log	Three or more testers who had never seen your system, logged as Tester 1, 2 and 3 with no names. Sixty seconds of card study, ten presentations in random order with each signal twice, every answer recorded including the wrong ones, confusion pairs reported, the rotation check run, and what you changed as a result.
☐	5. AI statement	The tool, what you used it for, the material recommendations it made, and what you accepted, rejected or changed. Required even where no generative AI was used — say so. Disclosed use is never itself a penalty; a failure to disclose is reviewed under Section 21.

Your video

☐	Unlisted	On YouTube. Not Public, not Private. Unlisted means it will not appear in search, on a channel or in recommendations, and cannot be found without the exact link.
☐	The link opens	Test it in a private browser window before you submit. A link that does not open is an incomplete entry.
☐	It stays put	Keep the video at the same URL, unchanged, through 31 May 2027. Keep your original file — finalists are asked for it.

The omissions that cost people entries

- The video is set to Public or Private rather than Unlisted — the single most common error.
- The rationale runs past 500 words, or skips the comparison against two existing systems.
- The Self-Test Log is missing the rotation check, or the confusion pairs are summarised rather than reported.
- A tester had already seen the system. Team members never count — everyone on the team has seen it.
- The reference card carries a name, a school or a logo alongside the entry name.
- The recording has talking, captions or a visible cut. It must be one unbroken take.
- The glove equivalency was requested after recording rather than before. Approval is always in advance.

Submitting

☐	Part B complete	The submission half of the Official Entrant Form (E3), including the single-take and no-narration confirmations.
☐	Everything together	Video link, reference card, rationale, Self-Test Log and AI statement. Five items, sent together.
☐	Before the deadline	End of day on Friday 29 January 2027. Entries are not accepted after it.

A complete entry is eligible for every award. \$5,000 is paid to entrants across eight awards, and the five signal awards are decided across every entry read by twelve or more people — so you do not have to reach the final to win one. Every completed entry also receives a certificate, its own recognition rate and confusion pairs, its name in the published findings, and an invitation to the online final.

Questions: info@SpaceGamesFederation.com · Rules, dated FAQ and submission at signalsofspace.org

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