

2019 TECH CHALLENGE EVENT RULES, PROCESS & PENALTIES

Scenery: Folding a Theatrical Backdrop

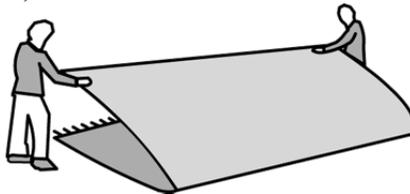
Entire Team of Four - Each team gets 2 attempts

***BACKDROPS** and other **SOFT GOODS** are essential to every production. When the goods are not hung on a **BATTEN** for show use, there are particular ways that the goods should be folded for safe storage and easy identification.

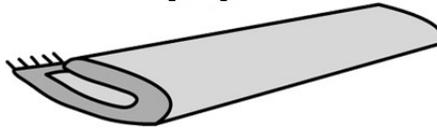
In this challenge, **your team of four** will be asked to successfully fold a theatrical backdrop for storage using the method outlined below. Each team can try this event twice. Maximum time allotted is 3 minutes.

VIDEO REFERENCE: -

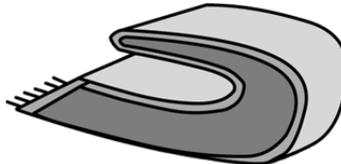
- Step 1. Place backdrop on a clean stage floor face painted side up. Make sure the drop is smooth and free of any wrinkles.
- Step 2. The next step requires four people. Together fold the **PIPE POCKET** (lower corners) to the **WEBBING** (upper corner).



- Step 3. Fold again from lower edge to the webbing (top) and smooth out any wrinkles.



- Step 4. Fold again in the same manner until the backdrop is approximately three feet wide. Again smooth out **any wrinkles or creases**.



- Step 5. Fold hemmed edges towards the center, leaving enough space for the final book fold (approx. 1' to 1'6").



- Step 6. Fold edges towards the center again, in the same manner until the backdrop can be folded into a square of two to three feet.



- Step 7. Fold the two halves of the drop back on themselves, creating a book-like shape with one open end.
- Step 8. Fold the entire Drop, at the center gap, onto itself making a square

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Suggested process:

1. Team leaves the start line.
2. Pull the drop out flat on the floor.
3. Determine the Center Line.
4. Make first fold to one end.
5. Continue folding till appropriate width.
6. Drop should be folded to the top (where the tie lines are). The label should be plainly visible.
7. Carry the folded drop and place it inside designated taped area on floor by judges.
8. Team returns to the finish line and one member says, **“Done!”**
9. Team must unfold and return drop to original position to avoid penalties.

Drop Folding Penalties

Bad, uneven folds *Timer will assess each fold as completed.	20 seconds <u>EACH FOLD</u>
Tie lines not visible/accessible at final placement.	20 seconds
Folded drop <u>touching</u> Gaff tape template area	20 seconds
Folded drop size <u>outside</u> Gaff tape template area	30 seconds
Not resetting drop for next attempt	30 seconds
Blatant disregard for any rules	2 MINUTES

STANDARD 7.0 CHARACTERIZE TYPES OF SOFT GOODS EMPLOYED BY THEATERS

- 7.1 Practice safety and personal protocols as they apply to soft goods
- 7.2 Appraise fundamental types of soft goods (e.g. legs, borders, scrim, drops, cyclorama, and traveler)
- 7.3 Apply appropriate handling, hanging, and folding techniques for drapes