# 2023 HEC Solar Cooker OFFICIAL RULES

OFFICIAL RULES HOME ENERGY CHALLENGE – SOLAR COOKER Edition (The "Challenge") By participating in the Challenge, you agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of the sponsor of the Challenge, Eversource ("Sponsor"), which are binding and final on matters relating to this Challenge. The Challenge is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

The Challenge takes place from June 29, 2023 at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time ("ET") to August 8, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. ET (the "Challenge Period"). During the Challenge Period, parents (each, an "Entrant") will be invited to complete a Task (as defined below) with their students to enter.

1. ELIGIBILITY. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A purchase will not increase your chances of winning. Void where prohibited. Open to legal U.S. residents residing in, the Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut communities listed below who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, and who are parents of students in grades K-12 at the time of entry. Employees of Sponsor and its parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, and their respective immediate families and household members are not eligible to enter or win.

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

ACTON **BROOKLINE EAST BOSTON ACUSHNET BUCKLAND EAST BRIDGEWATER ADAMS BURLINGTON** EAST LONGMEADOW AGAWAM CAMBRIDGE EASTHAMPTON ALLSTON CANTON **EASTON AMHERST** CARLISLE **ERVING ANDOVER** CARVER **FAIRHAVEN** ARLINGTON CHARLESTOWN **FOXBOROUGH ASHFIELD** CHELSEA **FRAMINGHAM ASHLAND CHESHIRE FRANKLIN ASSONET** CHESTER **FREETOWN** GILL ATTLEBORO CHESTERFIELD **AUBURNDALE** CHESTNUT HILL GRANBY **AVON CHICOPEE** GRANVILLE **BECKET** COLRAIN **GREENFIELD BEDFORD** CONWAY **HADLEY BELCHERTOWN CUMMINGTON HALIFAX BELLINGHAM** DALTON HANCOCK **DARTMOUTH** BERKLEY **HANOVER BERNARDSTON HANSON DEDHAM BLANDFORD DEERFIELD HATFIELD BOSTON** DIGHTON HINSDALE BRIDGEWATER DORCHESTER **HOLBROOK BRIGHTON DOVER HOLLISTON BROCKTON DUXBURY** HOLYOKE

**HOPKINTON NEWTON CENTER** SHERBORN **HUNTINGTON NEWTON HIGHLANDS SHUTESBURY HYDE PARK NEWTON LOWER FALLS** SOMERVILLE JAMAICA PLAIN **NEWTON UPPER FALLS** SOUTH HADLEY **KINGSTON NEWTONVILLE SOUTHAMPTON LAKEVILLE** NORFOLK SOUTHWICK **LANESBORO NORTH ANDOVER SPRINGFIELD LAWRENCE** NORTHAMPTON **STONEHAM LEE LENOX NORTHFIELD** STOUGHTON LEVERETT NORTON **SUDBURY NORWELL SUNDERLAND** LEXINGTON LEYDEN OTIS **TAUNTON** LINCOLN **PALMER TOLLAND** LONGMEADOW **PELHAM TYRINGHAM** LUDLOW **PEMBROKE** WABAN **MANSFIELD PERU** WALPOLE MARION **PITTSFIELD WALTHAM MARSHFIELD PLAINFIELD WAREHAM MATTAPAN PLYMOUTH** WASHINGTON WATERTOWN **MATTAPOISETT PLYMPTON MAYNARD RANDOLPH** WAYLAND **RAYNHAM WEST NEWTON MEDFIELD** 

**READVILLE** WEST ROXBURY **MEDWAY** WEST SPRINGFIELD **METHUEN** REHOBOTH

**MIDDLEBOROUGH RICHMOND** WESTFIELD

**MIDDLEFIELD ROCHESTER** WESTHAMPTON

**MILLIS ROSLINDALE** WESTON MILTON **ROXBURY** WESTPORT **MONSON RUSSELL** WESTWOOD MONTAGUE **SANDISFIELD** WHATELY **MONTGOMERY** SAVOY WILBRAHAM **NATICK** WINCHESTER SCITUATE (HUMAROCK) **SCITUATE NEEDHAM** WINDSOR **NEW ASHFORD SEEKONK** WOBURN

**NEW BEDFORD** WORTHINGTON SHARON **NEWTON SHELBURNE** WRENTHAM

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

ACWORTH **GILMANTON** NEWPORT **ALBANY GILSUM** NEWTON

**ALEXANDRIA GOFFSTOWN** NORTH HAMPTON

**GORHAM** ALLENSTOWN NORTHFIELD

ALSTEAD **GOSHEN** NORTHUMBERLAND

**ALTON GRAFTON NORTHWOOD**  **AMHERST GRANTHAM** NOTTINGHAM **ANDOVER GREENFIELD ORANGE** ANTRIM **GREENLAND ORFORD ASHLAND GREENS GRANT** OSSIPEE **ATKINSON GREENVILLE PELHAM AUBURN GROTON PEMBROKE BARNSTEAD HAMPSTEAD PETERBOROUGH BARRINGTON HAMPTON** PIERMONT

BARTLETT HAMPTON FALLS PINKHAMS GRANT

**BATH** HANCOCK **PITTSBURG BEDFORD PITTSFIELD HANOVER BELMONT HARRISVILLE PLAINFIELD** BENNINGTON HARTS LOCATION **PLAISTOW BENTON HAVERHILL PLYMOUTH BERLIN HEBRON PORTSMOUTH BETHLEHEM HENNIKER RANDOLPH BOSCAWEN** HILL RAYMOND **BOW** HILLSBOROUGH **RICHMOND BRADFORD** HINSDALE RINDGE

**BRENTWOOD HOLDERNESS ROCHESTER BRIDGEWATER** HOLLIS **ROLLINSFORD BRISTOL** HOOKSETT **ROXBURY BROOKFIELD RUMNEY HOPKINTON** RYE **BROOKLINE HUDSON CAMBRIDGE JACKSON** SALEM **CAMPTON JAFFREY SALISBURY CANAAN JEFFERSON** SANBORTON CANDIA KEENE SANDOWN **CANTERBURY** KENSINGTON **SANDWICH** CARROLL **LACONIA** SEABROOK **CENTER HARBOR** LANCASTER **SHARON CHARLESTOWN LANDAFF** SHELBURNE

CHESTERFIELD LEMPSTER SPRINGFIELD

CHICHESTER LINCOLN STARK

LANGDON

LEE

CLAREMONT LISBON STEWARTSTOWN

SOMERSWORTH

**SOUTH HAMPTON** 

**CLARKSVILLE LITCHFIELD STODDARD COLEBROOK** LITTLETON STRAFFORD **STRATFORD** COLUMBIA LONDONDERRY **CONCORD** LOUDON **STRATHAM CONWAY** LYMAN **SUCCESS** CORNISH LYME SUGAR HILL **CROYDON** LYNDEBOROUGH **SULLIVAN** 

**CHATHAM** 

CHESTER

DALTON **MADBURY SUNAPEE DANBURY MADISON SURRY DANVILLE MANCHESTER SUTTON DEERFIELD** MARLBOROUGH **SWANZEY DEERING MARLOW TAMWORTH DERRY** MARTINS LOCATION **TEMPLE DORCHESTER MASON THORNTON DOVER MEREDITH** TILTON **DUBLIN MERRIMACK TROY** 

DUMMER MIDDLETON TUFTONBORO

DUNBARTON MILAN UNITY

**DURHAM MILFORD** WAKEFIELD EAST KINGSTON MILLSFIELD WARNER **EASTON** MILTON WARREN **EATON MONROE** WASHINGTON **EFFINGHAM** MONT VERNON WATERVILLE **ELLSWORTH MOULTONBOROUGH** WEARE **ENFIELD NASHUA** WEBSTER **EPPING** NELSON WENTWORTH

EPSOM NEW BOSTON WENTWORTHS LOCATION

ERROL NEW CASTLE WESTMORELAND

FARMINGTON NEW DURHAM WHITEFIELD
FITZWILLIAM NEW HAMPTON WILMOT
FRANCESTOWN NEW IPSWICH WILTON
FRANCONIA NEW LONDON WINCHESTER
FRANKLIN NEWBURY WINDHAM

FREEDOM NEWFIELDS WINDSOR
FREMONT NEWINGTON WOLFEBORO
GILFORD NEWMARKET WOODSTOCK

## **CONNECTICUT**

**ANDOVER GRISWOLD PROSPECT ANSONIA GUILFORD PUTNAM ASHFORD** HADDAM REDDING **AVON HAMPTON RIDGEFIELD BARKHAMSTED HARTFORD ROCKY HILL BEACON FALLS HARTLAND ROXBURY BERLIN HARWINTON** SALEM **BETHANY** HEBRON **SALISBURY BETHEL KENT SCOTLAND BETHLEHEM KILLINGLY SEYMOUR BLOOMFIELD KILLINGWORTH SHARON** 

SHELTON

**LEBANON** 

**LEDYARD** 

BOLTON

**BRANFORD** 

**BRIDGEWATER** LISBON SHERMAN **BRISTOL LITCHFIELD SIMSBURY BROOKFIELD** LYME **SOMERS** BROOKLYN MADISON **SOUTH WINDSOR BURLINGTON MANCHESTER SOUTHBURY** CANAAN MANSFIELD SOUTHINGTON **CANTERBURY MARLBOROUGH SPRAGUE** CANTON **MERIDEN STAFFORD CHAPLIN MIDDLEBURY STAMFORD CHESHIRE MIDDLEFIELD STERLING** CHESTER **MIDDLETOWN STONINGTON** CLINTON **MONROE SUFFIELD** COLCHESTER MONTVILLE **THOMASTON** COLEBROOK **MORRIS THOMPSON COLUMBIA NAUGATUCK TOLLAND CORNWALL NEW BRITAIN TORRINGTON** COVENTRY **NEW CANAAN** UNION CROMWELL **NEW FAIRFIELD VERNON DANBURY NEW HARTFORD** VOLUNTOWN **DARIEN NEW LONDON** WALLINGFORD **DEEP RIVER NEW MILFORD** WARREN **DEBRY** NEWINGTON WASHINGTON **NEWTOWN WATERBURY DURHAM EAST GRANBY** WATERFORD NORFOLK EAST HADDAM NORTH CANAAN WATERTOWN **EAST HAMPTON NORTH STONINGTON WEST HARTFORD EAST HARTFORD** NORWALK WESTBROOK EAST LYME OLD LYME WESTON **EAST WINDSOR OLD SAYBROOK** WESTPORT **OXFORD EASTFORD** WETHERSFIELD

FRANKLIN PORTLAND WINDSOR GLASTONBURY PRESTON WINDSOR LOCKS

**PLAINFIELD** 

**PLAINVILLE** 

**PLYMOUTH** 

**POMFRET** 

GOSHEN WOLCOTT
GRANBY WOODBURY
GREENWICH WOODSTOCK

### 2. TO ENTER. There are two (2) ways to enter the Challenge.

<u>Challenge Task Entry:</u> The project invites students to explore the transformation of radiant energy (light) to thermal energy (heat), then provide results to the Sponsor (the "Task Entry"). All materials needed to

WILLINGTON

WINCHESTER

**WINDHAM** 

WILTON

**ELLINGTON** 

**FARMINGTON** 

**ENFIELD** 

**ESSEX** 

participate in the Home Energy Challenge – Solar Cooker Edition (except the food item) are included in the kit provided by the Sponsor.

A. Pre-Registration. Pre-Registration for the Challenge is required to receive the Task Kit, as defined below. Pre-Registration begins on June 29, 2023 at 12:01 a.m. ET and ends on July 28, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. ET ("Pre-Registration Period"). Entrants must pre-register no later than July 28, 2023 by completing a pre-registration form located at https://www.homeenergychallenge.com/#form ("Registration Form") or mailing a completed Pre-registration form (postmarked no later than July 28, 2023) to Home Energy Challenge – Solar Cooker Edition, ATTN: Scott Halstead, P.O. Box 313, Rowley MA 01969-9998. Once the Registration Form is completed, Entrants will receive a confirmation email with instructions for the Task and submission instructions.

B. Entry Submission. Upon receipt of the Pre-Registration, Sponsor will mail a Home Energy Challenge Kit ("Task Kit") within five (5) business days of the date of Pre-Registration that includes all of the materials necessary to complete the Task Entry (except the food item), while supplies last. The Entrant will use the materials in the Task Kit to complete the Task Entry as outlined in the instruction manual. All Task materials will be provided one (1) per family of four Entrants by Sponsor. The manual on how to complete the Task will be included in the Kit. Each Task Kit consists of:

- 12 x 12 x 2 pizza box
- 2 sheets black construction paper
- 1 skewer
- Aluminum foil (4 sheets)
- Transparency sheet (2)
- Thermometer (for up to 200 F)
- 10 Solar Beads and lanyard for bracelet

Upon completion of the Task Entry, Entrants can email or mail the final form as provided (the "Entry Form") to <a href="mailto:info@homeenergychallenge.com">info@homeenergychallenge.com</a>, including the following to receive one (1) Entry: picture of the Entrant executing one of the tasks, record of the experiment results, and answer questions provided. Task Entries and Entry Forms must be postmarked by August 8, 2023 and received by August 10, 2023 or submitted online no later than August 8, 2023at 11:59:59 p.m. ET.

Mail-In Entry: To enter the Challenge without completing Pre-Registration and the Task Entry, on a 3" x 5" piece of paper, hand-print your name, complete address, daytime and evening telephone numbers (area code included), and date-of-birth, along with the name of your child and his/her current grade (for the 2022-2023 school year), and mail entry in a properly stamped #10 envelope to: The Home Energy Challenge – Solar Cooker Edition, Scott Halstead, P.O. Box 313, Rowley MA 01969-9998. Entries must be postmarked by August 8, 2023 and received by August 10, 2023 to be eligible. Limit one (1) entry per person, per email address for the duration of the Entry Period regardless of method of entry. Multiple entries received from any person or e-mail address after the first entry received from that person or email address will be void. All mail-in entries must be mailed in separately.

Each Entrant may only submit one Entry. Entries become the property of Sponsor and will not be returned to Entrants.

By submitting an Entry, Entrant represents and warrants that the Entry is original and that Entrant created and owns all rights to the Entry.

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS. Each Entry must comply with the following requirements:

A. Originality. Entries must be original and, other than the items found in the Task Kit, solely created by the Entrant. They must not contain any elements that were not created by Entrant, other than the items found in the Task Kit. Plagiarism or other use of any elements or materials that are not original may result in disqualification of the Entry, in Sponsor's sole discretion.

Entrant agrees to not use any Entry for any purpose other than participation in the Home Energy Challenge, without prior express consent of Sponsor in each instance.

- B. Content Restrictions. Entry must not contain (a) any photographs or other recordings of individuals other than the Entrant and his/her child, except with the permission of such individuals, (b) any commercial content or logos, (c) any personally identifiable information (other than as required pursuant to the Entry requirements), (d) any content that is lewd, obscene, disparaging, defamatory, obscene, or that otherwise contains inappropriate content or objectionable material as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. Entry must not infringe on the copyright, trademark, privacy, publicity, or other rights of any person or entity.
- C. Challenge Integrity. Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to (a) reject, disqualify, or modify any Entry without explanation, (b) verify any element of any Entry or related materials, and (c) disqualify any Entrant whose participation does not comply with Official Challenge Rules or may subject the Challenge, Motus Experiential, Sponsor, or Sponsor's advertisers, clients, or customers to controversy, negative publicity, scorn, and/or ridicule.
- 4. SELECTION OF WINNERS. One (1) winner per state will be selected from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut, no later than August 11, 2023. The Potential Winners will be selected randomly from all completed entries within the respective state. Sponsor will notify each Potential Winner that he/she has been selected via email and phone. Each Potential Winner will be required to execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility no later than three (3) business days after receiving such document from Sponsor. If a Potential Winner fails to return such document to Sponsor within the specified time period, prize notification is returned as undeliverable, or Potential Winner is not in compliance with these Official Rules, the Prize will be forfeited and, at Sponsor's discretion, an alternate Potential Winner may be selected. A Potential Winner is not an official winner ("Winner") until Sponsor receives Winner's Affidavit of Eligibility and notifies him/her that he/she is a Winner.
- 5. CRITERIA. Selection of Winners will be random selected per state. Sponsor will separate all entries by state and randomly select one winner per state of completed entries that followed all the directions provided.
- 6. PRIZES. Three (3) Prizes are available, one (1) Prize for each state (each, a "State Prize").

Each Prize consists of one (1) Apple<sup>®</sup> iPad, with an Approximate Retail Value ("ARV") of \$699.00

Prize is awarded "as is" with no warranty or guarantee, either express or implied, and is subject to availability and expiration dates. Details of the Prize may change, based on availability. Sponsor reserves the right to substitute the Prize or portions thereof if Prize cannot be awarded as described. Sponsor will determine all elements of Prize in its sole discretion. Sponsor disclaims all and any liability for the actual provision, quality, or nature of any third-party product or service related to the Prize. Sponsor is not liable for injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising from participation in this Challenge and use of the Prize. Winner must comply with any third-party terms and conditions applicable to the redemption and use of the Prize.

Winner may not substitute, assign, or transfer the Prize or redeem the Prize for cash. Winner is responsible for all applicable federal, state, and local taxes, as well as any other costs and expenses associated with the Prize. Winner forfeits any unused portions of the Prize. The awarding of any Prize is contingent on full compliance with these Official Rules. If a Winner is found to have violated the Official Rules or otherwise does not meet eligibility criteria, that Winner will forfeit the Prize and the Prize may be awarded to an alternate winner.

Sponsor will ship the Prize from the Sponsor, at a date and time to be specified by Sponsor.

7. PRIVACY AND PUBLICITY. Except where legally prohibited, by entering and providing the required entry information, Entrant consents to be photographed by or on behalf of the Sponsor and permits Sponsor, Motus Experiential, and their parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, and assigns, to use Entrant's name, likeness, photograph, city or town of residence, Entrant's child's name and likeness, Entry (regardless of method of entry), and any materials Entrant submits to Sponsor ("Entrant Materials") in all media, throughout the World, in perpetuity, and for any purpose (including advertising, publicity, and/or trade purposes), without notice to Entrant and without further compensation.

Entrants further agree that Sponsor and Motus Experiential may use their Entrant Materials and any other personally identifiable information collected or used in connection with the Challenge in accordance with the Eversource privacy policy. Entrants agree that Sponsor has the right to use the Entrant Materials in combination with such other material as Sponsor in its sole discretion shall determine, and that Entrants have no right of approval, claim to compensation or benefits claim, including without limitation, claims based upon invasion of privacy, defamation, or right of publicity arising out of any use of Entrant Materials.

- 8. USE OF ENTRIES. By submitting an Entry, Entrant grants to Sponsor, Motus Experiential, and to its licensees, successors and assigns, and any person or entity acting on its behalf, the irrevocable license to use, publish, display, exploit, modify, edit, transmit, distribute, and otherwise use an Entry (including, without limitation, the submitted written and visual materials and video and audio recordings) in all media, throughout the World, in perpetuity, and for any purpose (including advertising, publicity, and/or trade purposes), without notice to Entrant and without further compensation. By submitting an Entry, Entrant also represents and warrants that he/she has the right and authority to grant the license as described above.
- 9. RELEASE. Released Parties (as defined below) are not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, damaged, inaccurate, stolen, delayed, misdirected, undelivered, or garbled Registration Forms, Entries or emails for whatever cause or other errors whether human, mechanical, electronic, computer, network,

typographical, printing, address error, or otherwise relating to or in connection with the Challenge. Released Parties are also not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by Website users, tampering, hacking, or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Challenge. Released Parties are not responsible for injury or damage to participants' or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating in this Challenge or downloading materials from or use of the Website. Persons who tamper with or abuse any aspect of the Challenge or Website, who are in violation of these Official Rules, as solely determined by Sponsor, will be disqualified and all associated Entries will be void. Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to suspend, modify or terminate the Challenge at any time and for any reason, including, but not limited to, if any portion of the Challenge is, in Sponsor's sole opinion, compromised by virus, worms, bugs, non-authorized human intervention or other causes which, in the sole opinion of the Sponsor, corrupt or impair the administration, security, fairness or proper play, or submission of Entries, and, if terminated, Sponsor may select a Potential Winner from among all non-suspect, eligible Entries received in each state for such drawing prior to action taken or as otherwise deemed fair and appropriate by Sponsor.

By participating, Entrants agree that Sponsor, Motus Experiential, suppliers of the Prize, and their respective parents, affiliates, subsidiaries and advertising and promotion agencies and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents (collectively, "Released Parties") will have no liability whatsoever for, and shall be held harmless by Entrants against, any liability, for any injuries, losses or damages of any kind, including death, to persons, or property resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from acceptance, possession, misuse or use of the prize or participation in this Challenge. In the event of a dispute regarding Entries received from multiple users having the same email account, the authorized subscriber of the email account at the time of entry will be deemed to be the Entrant and must comply with these Official Rules. Authorized account subscriber is the natural person who is assigned the e-mail address by the internet service provider (ISP), online service provider, or other organization responsible for assigning e-mail addresses. Released Parties are not responsible for Task Kits lost in the mail due to inaccurate registration information.

Any and all claims, judgments and awards will be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with participating in this Challenge but in no event attorneys' fees and under no circumstances will any Entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby waives all rights to claim, punitive, incidental, and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased.

10. GOVERNING LAW/JURISDICTION. The Challenge and these Official Rules are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (as distinguished from the choice of law rules) and the United States of America applicable to contracts made and performed entirely in Massachusetts and where the relevant contacts are with such state. Except where prohibited, as a condition of participating in this Challenge, Entrants agree that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Challenge, the prizes awarded, or the determination of the Winner shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action. Entrants further agree that in any cause of action, the Released Parties entire liability will be limited to the cost of entering and participating in the Challenge, and in no event shall the Released Parties be liable for attorneys' fees and/or experts' fees and costs. By entering, Entrants waive the right to claim any damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct, or indirect damages and further waive all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

11. WINNER'S NAME. For the name of the Winner(s), send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Home Energy Challenge – Solar Cooker Edition, ATTN: Scott Halstead, P.O. Box 313, Rowley MA 01969-9998. Requests for Winner names must be received no later than 60 days from the Winner selection date described in paragraph 4.