**Template for Online Consent**

This [survey, game, task] is part of a research study conducted by [PI’s name] at Carnegie Mellon University and is funded by [name of sponsor]

The purpose of the research is to [Explain the purpose of your research]

**Procedures**

[Provide a detailed description of any procedures expected to be performed by the participants. Insert the expected duration of participation in the study.]

**Participant Requirements**

Participation in this study is limited to individuals age 18 and older. [List any other requirements for inclusion of participants in the study]

**Risks**

The risks and discomfort associated with participation in this study are no greater than those ordinarily encountered in daily life or during other online activities. [Describe risks specifically related to the study such as boredom or fatigue. If the research activity involves the use of confidential or financial information, include a statement about internet security.]

**Benefits**

There may be no personal benefit from your participation in the study but the knowledge received may be of value to humanity. [If applicable, delete the foregoing and insert description of benefits of participation in the study]

**Compensation & Costs**

There is no compensation for participation in this study. [If applicable, delete the previous statement and list any compensation provided. Indicate if partial payment will be given if participant does not complete the study. ]

There will be no cost to you if you participate in this study. [If applicable, delete the previous statement and list any costs associated with participation in the study]

**Confidentiality**

[If applicable: The data captured for the research does not include any personally identifiable information about you. Your IP address will not be captured.]

[If identifiers will be collected indicate: By participating in this research, you understand and agree that Carnegie Mellon may be required to disclose your consent form, data and other personally identifiable information as required by law, regulation, subpoena or court order. Otherwise, your confidentiality will be maintained in the following manner:

Your data and consent form will be kept separate. Your consent form will be stored in a secure location on Carnegie Mellon property and will not be disclosed to third parties. Sharing of data with other researchers will only be done in such a manner that you will not be identified.

By participating, you understand and agree that the data and information gathered during this study may be used by Carnegie Mellon and published and/or disclosed by Carnegie Mellon to others outside of Carnegie Mellon. However, your name, address, contact information and other direct personal identifiers will not be mentioned in any such publication or dissemination of the research data and/or results by Carnegie Mellon. Note that per regulation all research data must be kept for a minimum of 3 years.]

[If the study is sponsored indicate that the sponsor may have access to research records.]

**Right to Ask Questions & Contact Information**

If you have any questions about this study, you should feel free to ask them by contacting the Principal Investigator now at [Insert the name and title of principal investigator, Department, address city, state, zip, phone number, e-mail address]. If you have questions later, desire additional information, or wish to withdraw your participation please contact the Principal Investigator by mail, phone or e-mail in accordance with the contact information listed above.

If you have questions pertaining to your rights as a research participant; or to report concerns to this study, you should contact the Office of Research integrity and Compliance at Carnegie Mellon University. Email: [irb-review@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:irb-review@andrew.cmu.edu) . Phone: 412-268-1901 or 412-268-5460.

**Conflict of Interest**

[In this section, please disclose any conflict of interests the researchers may have with this research study, including but not limited to, financial conflicts of interests. If there are no conflicts of interest, please delete this section.]

**Voluntary Participation**

Your participation in this research is voluntary. You may discontinue participation at any time during the research activity.

[Design the web page so that the following questions must be answered appropriately before the individual can proceed to the study task.]

I am age 18 or older.  Yes  No [if the answer is no, the individual cannot participate and should not be allowed to proceed to the next question.]

I have read and understand the information above.  Yes  No [if the answer is no, the individual cannot participate and should not be allowed to proceed to the next question.]

I want to participate in this research and continue with the [survey, game, activity].  Yes  No [if the answer is no, the individual cannot participate and should not be allowed to proceed to the next question.]