

Cassini/Huygens Rules of the Road

(Accepted by the Cassini PSG Executive Session on October 24, 2002)

- “Rules of the Road” offers guidelines for multi-investigation studies only and it applies equally and fairly to all Cassini/Huygens Teams.
- Cassini/Huygens Teams are headed by a PSG member (PI, TL, or IDS). Team members are: team lead, official CoIs, NASA/ESA selected Facility Team Members, and their direct associates. Each associate is “authenticated” by the team lead.
- Each Cassini/Huygens Team has overall responsibility for its investigation, including the initial analysis, interpretation, and publication of their data. Results from single investigations should be published first as much as possible.
- All Cassini/Huygens Teams are expected to make available their processed data for Cassini/Huygens team use for multi-investigation studies within a reasonable time (up to 6 months).
- The combined data sets are made available to all interested Cassini/Huygens Scientists to identify possible scientifically interesting events.
- The combined data sets may not be published or released without the specific authorization of all contributing Cassini/Huygens Teams.
- When data from a Cassini/Huygens Team are used in a multi-investigation study:
 - The team lead must be immediately informed of their use.
 - The team must be invited at an early time to participate in the study.
 - The team must be invited to participate in any resulting publication or presentation.
 - First authorship should be fairly divided between the participating teams.
 - Disputes should be resolved at the lowest possible level.
- The Cassini/Huygens Science Team needs to create a positive atmosphere that strongly discourages misconduct and maximizes science return from the mission.
- It is the responsibility of all Cassini/Huygens Teams to make sure that all team members and associates are aware of the Rules of the Road and that they abide by them.
- These principles were unanimously accepted by the Cassini PSG Executive Session on October 24, 2002.