Trade Up from Zero

Participant rules and acknowledgement

Read both pages before acknowledging. Organizers must complete the event details on page 2 before collecting final signoffs. This form records participation and understanding; school permission requirements still apply.

1 Start from zero

Start with $0 and no item. Complete a helpful, age-appropriate act for someone you know. Explain the challenge first. They may freely offer a small item they own. A gift is never owed.

2 Keep one honest chain

Trade your current item for the next item. No purchases, borrowed items, added personal items, cash, gift cards, loans or paid work. No extra gifts after the starter item.

3 Make voluntary trades

Both people must own the items they exchange and freely agree. Describe item condition honestly. No pressure, fake trades, inflated values or deals between contestants to improve scores. Disclose trades with relatives to judges.

4 Stay safe

Follow school rules and obtain guardian permission. Trade with known, trusted people. No stranger meetups, door-to-door approaches, shipping, online payments or class disruption. Stop if you feel uncomfortable.

5 Use eligible items

No weapons, alcohol, nicotine, medication, animals, stolen goods, unsafe food, accounts or personal data. Ask organizers before accepting an item you are unsure about.

6 Record every step

Log the date, helpful act or item given, item received, condition and evidence reference. Record the starter item too. Photos should show items only. Keep logs private and use the announced submission method.

7 Donate the final item

You agree to donate your eligible final item to Hands of Hope using the approved handoff process. Keep it available for inspection. The faculty sponsor will coordinate an appropriate use or partner destination.

8 Understand judging

The winner has the highest verified fair resale value of an eligible final item at the deadline. Judges consider condition, comparable completed sales when available, or a documented conservative estimate. Asking prices and participant estimates are not final values.

9 Ties and rule questions

Ties use the more complete verified log, then the stronger explanation of community benefit. If still tied, joint winners. Organizers will explain any eligibility issue and allow the contestant to respond. You may stop participating and tell organizers.

My participation acknowledgement

Complete after organizers announce the final event details

Organizer: challenge start

Organizer: deadline and time zone

Organizer: approved handoff location / process

Organizer: confirmed prize / recognition

Organizer: private log submission method

Participant name

School email

- [ ] I want to participate and have read both pages and the completed event details.
- [ ] I understand the $0 start, voluntary starter gift and one-chain rules.
- [ ] I agree to fair trades and the restrictions on extra items, cash and unsafe goods.
- [ ] I will follow school rules, obtain guardian permission and trade with trusted people.
- [ ] I will record every step honestly and keep other people's private details out of the log.
- [ ] I agree to donate my final eligible item to Hands of Hope through the approved process.
- [ ] I understand how judges will verify value and resolve ties. No prize is guaranteed to me.
- [ ] I know I can ask an organizer questions or stop participating.

Participant typed name / signature

Date

Guardian acknowledgement if the school requires it

Date

Organizer use: store completed forms in approved private club storage. Collect only information needed for participation. Do not post names, emails, logs or signed forms publicly.