

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD CODE OF CONDUCT

Student participants are expected to compete in tournament events with an honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of that competition. The goal of competition is to give one's best effort while displaying honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Students, coaches, parents and guests are expected to display courtesy and respect toward Olympiad officials, other teams, and guests of the Olympiad.

Failure to show honesty and/or courtesy by a participant, coach, or guest of the team may result in the disqualification of the team from that event, the entire tournament or future tournaments.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD PLEDGE

I pledge to put forth my best effort in the Science Olympiad and to uphold the principles of honest competition.

NEW YORK STATE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
REGIONAL OLYMPIAD

Team number _____ School Name _____

I have read and understand the National Science Olympiad Tournament Code Of Conduct and pledge printed on the reverse side of this page. I understand that failure to follow the Code of Conduct or rules established by the Tournament Director may result in penalty and/or disqualification.

STUDENT SIGNATURES

COACH SIGNATURES

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All signatures must be in script

Cheating

- (1) An individual who cheats during the competition will be penalized by disqualification of the team from that event. Disqualification results in a score that is three points greater than the number of teams registered in the region.
- (2) If cheating occurs by a team in more than one event, or in successive years, the team may be disqualified that year, or the following year, from the entire competition.
- (3) If an event team, or team member, or anyone associated with the team, deliberately takes an action that impairs the ability of other teams to fairly compete, that team will be disqualified from the event and awarded three points greater than the number of teams registered in the region. In addition, the event team member(s) involved in the incident may be ineligible for any future Science Olympiad competitions. Furthermore, the teams may be penalized points not to exceed the value of two last place rankings.

9/26/98

POLICY ON CONSTRUCTED DEVICES

This policy applies to events that require a device to be constructed and brought to the Science Olympiad. The student primarily responsible for the design and construction of the device (lead student) must present and operate the device when it is operated for scoring.

The event supervisor(s) may extensively question the lead student as to the design and construction of the device. Questioning may include the overall design and construction as well as the component parts, how they operate and function in the device. Other students on the team may also be questioned.

If the students cannot answer the questions correctly, then the event supervisor(s) has grounds to believe the students did not design and/or construct the device. The team will be disqualified from the event and scored accordingly.

6/23/2001

INTERFERENCE POLICY

Penalty points may be assessed for the following:

1. For a student, coach, teacher, chaperone or parent entering a building or area where events are set up for the competition or are being held, without proper authorization to do so, five (5) penalty points may be assessed.

Only those students actually competing in an event and those teachers who may be assigned to assist in the conducting of an event may enter areas where events are held. All other persons are to remain out of the building or the area at all times.

2. For a student, coach, teacher, chaperone or parent interfering with or disrupting the conduct of an event, ten (10) penalty points may be assessed.

Note this policy applies to any person in attendance at the Olympiad.

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NEW YORK STATE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD POLICY ON VANDALISM

Schools participating in the B and C Division Regional and State Olympiads must submit a copy of the Vandalism Policy signed by both the coach and principal of the school. The signed statement is to be submitted at the time of the on site registration.

If a team member or members or persons associated with a team commit(s) an act of vandalism, the team will be disqualified from the competition and will receive no points. No member of that team will be awarded a medal in any event. An individual who commits an act of vandalism may be barred from future competitions.

Each sponsoring school must agree to pay the cost of repairing damage from any act of vandalism. A school must pay this restitution before it can register a team for the Science Olympiad in a subsequent year.

Vandalism means a deliberate action that results in damage to property. This includes, but is not limited to, graffiti, damage to a facility property and damage to the personal property of competitors, judges and spectators.

I have read and understand the New York State Science Olympiad policy on acceptable behavior including the prohibition of vandalism and discourtesy, and I have discussed this with the team members, and will accept the consequences of violation of the policy as assessed by the New York State Science Olympiad officials.

School Name

Principal

Date

Coach

Date

POLICY ON THE USE OF CALCULATORS

Calculators, other than graphing or programmable calculators, are permitted in all events, except where specifically prohibited in the Coach's Manual.

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