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Parent Participation:

In order to ensure fair, orderly, safe, and efficient tournaments, New York State Science Olympiad, Inc.'s ("NYSSO") Board of Directors (the "Board") maintains the following policy regarding parent participation at Regional and State Tournaments:

These guidelines are to help parents discern how to appropriately help their student without endangering their student's participation in the program.

What parents should not do:

1) Construct anything on the event devices. If the student event participants cannot do something safely by themselves, they must find another way to accomplish the same objective or change their design.
2) Test, assemble, or calibrate event devices at any time.
3) Enter the event area during the tournaments, interfere with an event in any way, or offer advice or coaching from the sidelines, even if acting as a team mentor for the event. Appropriate penalties will be assessed for interference.
4) Touch or take pictures of another team's device.
5) Contact the NYSSO organization directly with concerns or questions; these should **only** be addressed by your team's designated head coach.

Parents are asked to review this policy, particularly if they are mentoring students in construction events.

All team coaches are to discuss this policy with all student event participants, as well as with all other adults and all other non-student event participants. A signature from the designated head coach of each team acknowledging this policy, its consequences, and the responsibility to disseminate this information will be required at the time of the team's registration for the tournament.

Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be directed to the President of NYSSO's Board of Directors and the State Tournament Director.

Submitted, Reviewed, and Approved by NYSSO BOD Dated: Saturday, September 9, 2017	*/s/ John J. Beauregard* John J. Beauregard, Secretary NYSSO Board of Directors