



*Exploring the World of Science*

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### **Team Composition:**

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 team composition at Invitational, Regional, and State Tournaments:

#### 1) **General:**

- a) A Science Olympiad team consists of up to 15 competitors, representing a single school. Only the 15 registered student event participants may participate in the scored events on tournament days.
- b) Alternates **may** participate in any trial or pilot events offered at the tournaments.
- c) The school represented must be the school of primary enrollment for all team members. Primary enrollment at a school is determined by which school holds the student's records and matriculates that student. Students may only be primarily enrolled in a single school. This primary, single school must meet the New York State Education Department's general educational requirements.
- d) No more than 7 twelfth grade students are allowed to compete on a C Division team.
- e) No more than 5 ninth grade students are allowed to compete on a B Division team.
- f) Ninth graders may participate on either a B Division team **OR** a Division C team, but **MAY NOT** compete on both division teams during a tournament season. A student event participant must choose only one division in which to participate in for that tournament season. If a student event participant is caught participating in both a B and C Division tournament during the same season, the events of the second tournament in which that student participated in will result in disqualification for the team in that second tournament.

#### 2) **Home-Schooled Students:**

- a) **Option 1: Participation through a Local Public School:** If the school district in which a home schooled student resides allows home schooled students to participate in public school activities, home schooled students may either: (1) choose to participate as a member of the Science Olympiad team at the local public school they would attend were they not home schooled, or (2) form a home school team as set forth in Option #2, below.
- b) **Option 2: Participation through a Home School Team:** NYSSO will recognize Home School Teams. Home-schooled students must participate in the same division as the division they would be in if they were in public school.

3) **Regional Team:**

- a) Only the 15 registered students may participate in the scored events on tournament days.
- b) For a Regional Tournament, an additional chaperone must be present for every additional 5 students.
- c) Team rooms must be chaperoned at all times.
- d) All fire codes and room capacities must be observed in all tournament rooms and this may possibly limit the number of students allowed in each room.

4) **State Team:**

- a) Only one team may represent a school at the State Tournament.
- b) Only the 15 registered students may participate in the scored events on tournament days.
- c) An additional chaperone is needed for every additional 5 students.
- d) Team rooms must be chaperoned at all times.
- e) All fire codes and room capacities must be observed in all tournaments rooms and this may possibly limit the number of students allowed in each room.

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 Director.*

Submitted, Reviewed, and Approved by NYSSO BOD Dated: Saturday, September 14, 2019	<i>John J. Beauregard</i> John J. Beauregard, Secretary NYSSO Board of Directors
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