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Assigning Regional Membership and Tournament Dates:

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 regional membership assignment and tournament dates:

1) Regional Membership Assignment:

- a) A registering school will be placed in the region whose Regional Tournament site is nearest to the school. If a school is located approximately equal distance from two sites, the designated head coach of the team will be contacted and asked which region is preferred. The Regional Site Coordinator will be consulted and notified of the school's placement.
- b) Once assigned to a region, the assignment is permanent.
- c) A school may request to be placed in an **adjacent** region. The request must be made in writing to the State Director at the time of the team's registration. The request must state the reason(s) the request is being made. If the team is assigned to the adjacent region, that team must remain in that region for three years.
- d) Due to weather, travel related problems, and/or any other emergencies, the designated head coach may apply to the State Director and may be allowed to go to another region at the State Director's discretion.

2) Regions without a Regional Site Coordinator and/or Regional Tournament Site:

- a) When a Region does not have a Regional Site Coordinator or Regional Tournament Site identified as of October 1st, that region's team registrations for that tournament year will not be accepted until that Region has an approved Regional Site Coordinator and/or Regional Tournament Site.
- b) If a Regional Site Coordinator and/or Regional Tournament site is not found, then teams **may** apply to the State Director to be moved to a new region with the approval of the requested region's Regional Site Coordinator.

3) **Regional Tournament Dates:**

- a) NYSSO establishes the time period during which Regional Site Coordinators should try to schedule their Regional Tournaments.
- b) Regional Site Coordinators should try to schedule their Regional Tournament no later three weeks before their respective State Tournament.

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

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