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### **Impound:**

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 impounding at Invitational, Regional, and State Tournaments:

- 1) "Impound" is the period of time, before the start of a tournament, when student event participants must submit their constructed devices and materials to Event Supervisors to be stored in secure locations. This will ensure that teams cannot modify their devices after the event has begun, thus promoting a fair tournament.
- 2) Event Supervisors are required to follow event rules regarding the impounding of devices. Invitational Site Coordinators, Regional Site Coordinators, and the State Director may, at their discretion, require the impounding of devices even though the rules state, or are silent on, that no impound is required.
- 3) The Event Supervisor may make a preliminary construction check of the device to determine whether it is in compliance with the construction requirements for the event. However, the formal construction compliance check will be conducted in the presence of the student event participants.
- 4) Any member(s) participating on the team may impound the device.
- 5) Once a device has been impounded, it may not be removed until the student event participants are told to do so by the Event Supervisor. Once teams arrive at the event area and check-in with the Event Supervisor, the Event Supervisor will notify the student event participants when they should remove their device from impound. The Event Supervisor will then conduct a formal construction check in the presence of the student event participants.
- 6) Absolutely no team members, coaches, spectators, parents, etc. may photograph, record, or use any media related device to record another team's device participating in an event.

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  
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*/s/ John J. Beauregard*

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