



Exploring the World of Science

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Rule Enforcement:

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 the enforcement of rules at Invitational, Regional, and State Tournaments:

1) **General:**

- a) There are three types of Science Olympiad Tournaments in New York State: Invitational, Regional, and State Tournaments. Generally, rule enforcement is more lenient at early Invitational Tournaments, where the emphasis is on allowing students to participate and assess their own readiness, and becomes stricter at later tournaments, where rigorous adherence to the rules is expected.
- b) At Invitational tournaments, significant opportunity may be given to student event participants to correct rule violations. However, NYSSO does not directly oversee Invitational Tournaments. Consult with the Invitational Site Coordinator for details concerning their enforcement of event rules.
- c) At Regional and State Tournaments, rules are strictly enforced, with one exception: construction violations (see below).
- d) At all tournaments, electrical outlets are off limits unless they can be supplied to all teams.

2) **Regional Tournament Rule Enforcement:**

- a) At Regional Tournaments, Event Supervisors **may** allow teams to use a portion of their event time to fix construction violations discovered during inspection. Teams must remain in the event area and use only tools brought with them. Teams may not use power tools or other tools that the Event Supervisor deems unsafe.
- b) Event Supervisors **may** announce at the start of event how many minutes of the event time teams may use to fix construction violations.

3) **State Tournament Rule Enforcement:**

- a) By the time of the State Tournament, teams should know the rules and clearly understand the expectations set by Science Olympiad.

- b) The availability of the State Tournament event site will be announced prior to the tournament. This announcement will generally be contained in the NYSSO State Tournament Invitation Letter. Teams, or those associated with a Team, may not be present on or use the State Tournament event site facilities outside of the announced and specified timeframe. A penalty may be assessed for noncompliance.

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 4, 2021	<u><i>/s/ John J. Beauregard</i></u> John J. Beauregard, Secretary NYSSO Board of Directors
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