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### **Scoring & Final Results:**

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 scoring and final results at Invitational, Regional, and State Tournaments:

#### 1) **Rankings and Results:**

- a) To calculate the total score for a team, the "ranks" for each event are added together. The lowest cumulative team score is the winner. If a tie occurs between teams with the same cumulative score, then the first tiebreaker will be the number of Gold Medals earned by the entire team, the second tiebreaker will be the number of Silver Medals, and the third tiebreaker will be the number of Bronze Medals, etc.
- b) "Rank" is, quite simply, the place the team earned in the event. For example: 1st place is a rank of 1; 16th place is a rank of 16. A rank in an event can be assigned for several reasons: for example, if there are 32 teams competing in the tournament.
- c) A "no show" team (one that does not compete in the event) will receive a rank in that event one greater than the number of teams participating (i.e.  $32+1 = 33$ ).
- d) A disqualification in an event changes a team's rank in that event to two greater than the number of teams participating (i.e.  $32+2 = 34$ ).
- e) At some Regional Tournaments, Regional Site Coordinators allow teams to drop/not participate in certain events of their choice. Generally, if a team elects to drop/not participate in an event, a Regional Site Coordinator requires that this must be announced prior to the beginning of the Regional Tournament. The method of scoring for those teams that elect to drop/not participate will be determined by the Regional Site Coordinator and announced prior to the Regional Tournament. Disqualifications (DQs) will **NOT** be dropped.
- f) At the State Tournament, every team registered is signed up for each event, regardless of whether they intend to send student event participants to compete in the event or not.
- g) The results of all Regional and State Tournament events and team rankings will become final when the last team is entered into the scoring system.
- h) Final team rankings are available to the team coach after the close of awards ceremony.

- i) Individual event tests WILL NOT and CAN NOT be reviewed by any team under any circumstances during and/or after any Regional Tournament or State Tournament.
- j) Individual event tests WILL NOT and CAN NOT be returned to any team under any circumstances during and/or after any Regional Tournament or State Tournament.

2) **Supervisors and Score Counseling:**

- a) Event Supervisors are required to remain on site up to one hour after their respective event ends.
- b) Event Supervisors are the only ones who can explain grading or scoring for an event, and therefore, any appeals must be made within one hour after the event ends.
- c) Event Supervisors should leave a phone number where they can be contacted in case of an emergency.

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.*

<p>Submitted, Reviewed, and Approved by NYSSO BOD Dated: Saturday, September 4, 2021</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>/s/ John J. Beauregard</i> _____ John J. Beauregard, Secretary NYSSO Board of Directors</p>
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