

New York State Science Olympiad, Inc. 984 Leeds Drive North Bellmore, New York 11710-1027 www.newyorkscioly.org

Eye Protection:

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 eye protection at Invitational, Regional, and State Tournaments:

- 1) Where provided in the event rules, either implicitly or explicitly, student event participants are required to wear eye protection.
- 2) NYSSO, or its Event Supervisors or agents, does not provide eye protection. Student event participants are responsible for providing their own protective eyewear.
- 3) If their assigned times permit, student event participants without the required eye protection must be given a chance to obtain required eye protection.
- 4) Unless the event rules state otherwise, student event participants <u>must not</u> be allowed to participate in an event without the required eye protection. There are <u>no</u> exceptions to this rule.
- 5) All Invitational Site Coordinators, Regional Site Coordinators, Event Supervisors, coaches, student event participants, etc. must review the eye protection policies set forth by the Science Olympiad, Inc. on the following website:

https://www.soinc.org/join/policies

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.