

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

School Liaison & Chaperone Requirements:

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 school liaison and chaperone requirements at Invitational, Regional, and State Tournaments:

- 1) NYSSO requires that a teacher or school staff member employed at the school be the point of contact for the school's Science Olympiad program.
- 2) If the team coach is a school employee, then the requirement for a school liaison is met. Flexibility is required for teams of home-schooled students, however a single primary point of contact is still required.
- 3) The team coach and/or school liaison must be able to receive e-mails sent on behalf of NYSSO. The team coach and/or school liaison is also responsible for registering the team.
- 4) NYSSO requires at least two teachers, school staff members, or adults over the age of 18 years (who are not team members) to be chaperones at all tournaments.

All team coaches are to discuss this policy with all assistant coaches and adult chaperones. 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.