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### **Invitational Tournaments:**

Various Invitational Tournaments are held throughout New York State for both Division B and Division C. 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 Invitational Tournaments:

- 1) Some schools and colleges within New York State run practice tournaments, related to, though independent from, NYSSO, called "Invitational Tournaments," "Scrimmages," etc.
- 2) Invitational Tournaments are optional tournaments that Teams may choose to attend to either give Teams more practice in Tournament Events or for Teams to gain more practical Tournament experience.
- 3) In order to participate in a New York State sanctioned Invitational Tournament:
  - a) All in-state Teams must have submitted the NYSSO Registration Form and Registration Fee for **each** Team in order to be eligible to participate in a NYSSO sanctioned Invitational Tournament.
  - b) All out-of-state Teams must have submitted their respective State's Registration Form and Registration fee for **each** Team in order to be eligible to participate in a NYSSO sanctioned Invitational Tournament.
- 4) Invitational Tournaments typically require their own separate Registration Form and Registration Fees. Further, each Invitational Tournament typically determines its own criteria for Team participation, Division eligibility, Program scheduling, and Event selection.
- 5) For safety and compliance, all Invitational Tournaments conducted within New York State, running a Science Olympiad Tournament, must seek and secure valid insurance through NYSSO. NYSSO reserves the right to refuse not only insurance coverage for, but also official recognition from an Invitational Tournament failing to meet its safety and Tournament standards.
- 6) For all New York State Invitational Site Coordinators, effective September 4, 2021:
  - a) All Invitational Tournaments sponsored, hosted, and/or conducted by Elementary Schools, Middle Schools, and High Schools, Invitational Site Coordinators are to:
    - i) Contact the State Director as soon as possible to discuss NYSSO's Tournament requirements; and

- ii) Remit to NYSSO payment in the amount of \$100.00 per Invitational Tournament per Division in order to secure insurance coverage and for administrative costs.
  
- b) All Invitational Tournaments sponsored, hosted, and/or conducted by Colleges and Universities, Invitational Site Coordinators are to:
  - i) Contact the State Director as soon as possible to discuss NYSSO's Tournament requirements; and
  - ii) Remit to NYSSO payment in the amount of \$250.00 per Invitational Tournament per Division in order to secure insurance coverage and for administrative costs.

*Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be directed to the President and the Treasurer of NYSSO's Board of Directors, as well as the respective Invitational Site Coordinators.*

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