



*Exploring the World of Science*

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### **Team Composition:**

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 team composition at Invitational, Regional, and State Tournaments:

#### 1) **General:**

- a) A Science Olympiad team consists of up to 15 competitors, representing a single school. Only the 15 registered student event participants may participate in the scored events on tournament days.
- b) Alternates **may** participate in any trial or pilot events offered at the tournaments.
- c) The school represented must be the school of primary enrollment for all team members. Primary enrollment at a school is determined by which school holds the student's records and matriculates that student. Students may only be primarily enrolled in a single school. This primary, single school must meet the New York State Education Department's general educational requirements.
- d) No more than 7 twelfth grade students are allowed to compete on a Division C team.
- e) No more than 5 ninth grade students are allowed to compete on a Division B team.
- f) Ninth graders may participate on either a Division B team **OR** a Division C team, but **MAY NOT** compete on both division teams during a tournament season. A student event participant must choose only one division in which to participate in for that tournament season. If a student event participant is caught participating in both a Division B and C tournament during the same season, the events of the second tournament in which that student participated in will result in disqualification for the team in that second tournament.

#### 2) **Home Schooled Students:**

- a) **Option 1: Participation through a Local Public School:** If the school district in which a home schooled student resides allows home schooled students to participate in public school activities, home schooled students may either: (1) choose to participate as a member of the Science Olympiad team at the local public school they would attend were they not home schooled, or (2) form a home school team as set forth in Option #2, below.

