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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:

Regional Site Coordinators
Invitational Site Coordinators
Team Coaches
Event Supervisors

Re: *New York State Science Olympiad*
Notifications for the Upcoming Tournament Season

To the Friends and Members of the New York State Science Olympiad:

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying a restful summer break. I write to notify you of some developments and changes that will affect the New York State Science Olympiad in the upcoming 2025 Tournament Season.

For a general overview, please visit our website regarding the upcoming 2025 Tournament Season:

<https://newyorkscioly.org/>

In concrete terms, below are some changes that may affect you in the upcoming Tournament Season:

1) **NYSSO Team Registration:**

Team Registration will open for all NYSSO Teams, on **Sunday, September 1, 2024**. The Team Registration Fee will be **\$275.00 per Team**. Please visit our website to register your Team(s):

<https://newyorkscioly.org/registration/>

Your School District's Business Office can also obtain the [NYSSO Form W-9](#) from the this link or the link to the Registration page.

Registration Forms and Registration Fees are to be sent to:

***New York State Science Olympiad, Inc.
4649 Whetstone Road
Manlius, New York 13104-2516***

Kindly inform your School District's Business Office to direct all Registration Forms and Registration Fees to the above address. Registration Forms and Registration Fees should be sent to the above address, NOT the address listed on the Form W-9.

Questions regarding Team Registrations should be directed to nyssoregistration@newyorkscioly.org.

2) D Teams:

For the upcoming Tournament Season, D Teams will only be permitted to participate at Invitational Tournaments. This is in keeping with the Board's policy, which can be found here:

[Maximum Number of Teams at a Regional Tournament Policy](#)

The Registration Fee will be \$100.00 for a D Team. Questions regarding Team Registrations should be directed to nyssoregistration@newyorkscioly.org.

3) Mid-Atlantic Coaches Clinic:

If you are interested in attending a Coaches Clinic, please consider the [Mid-Atlantic Coaches Clinic](#) hosted by Pennsylvania Science Olympiad. This virtual clinic will be held at the end of October 2024. Event Sessions will be recorded and followed-up by live Q&A Sessions. The Clinic's format will allow Team Coaches to attend sessions for all 23 Events. The cost for this Clinic is \$50.00. I strongly encourage you to consider attending, as at least 6 National Event Supervisors will be conducting the sessions.

Should you be interested, please contact Pennsylvania State Director Greg Byrd directly: gbyrd@pascioly.org.

4) Invitational Tournaments:

If your Team(s) is interested in participating in an Invitational Tournament within New York State, please contact the Tournament's respective Invitational Site Coordinator directly. Please be aware that your Team(s) must first have Registered with NYSSO and paid the Registration Fee to NYSSO before being permitted to compete in an Invitational Tournament. While these Invitational Tournaments are related to NYSSO, they are independent Tournaments. For informational and planning purposes, a list of New York State Invitational Tournaments can be found here:

<https://newyorkscioly.org/invitationals/>

If you are interested in hosting an Invitational Tournament or Scrimmage for the upcoming Tournament Season, please contact me by September 30, 2023.

My e-mail address: jbeauregard@newyorkscioly.org.

5) Regional & State Tournament Director:

Board President Katherine Toy has been appointed to fill the post of Regional & State Tournament Director, Division C. I have been appointed to fill the post on an interim basis of Regional & State Tournament Director, Division B. For the majority of you, we will be your primary point of contact regarding all aspects of the Regional and State Tournaments that happen throughout New York State. Among the many things that we will handle are the Regional Site Coordinator Meetings, Regional Site Coordinator requests, etc.

Our e-mail addresses: ktoy@newyorkscioly.org and jbeauregard@newyorkscioly.org.

6) Regional Site Coordinators:

***The Board and I also wish to offer a
VERY special thank you to all returning Regional Site Coordinators.
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7) Regional Site Coordinator Meetings:

We will again be hosting two Regional Site Coordinator Meetings:

Division C	Wednesday, October 9, 2024	6:00pm-8:00pm	via Zoom
Division B	Wednesday, October 16, 2024	6:00pm-8:00pm	via Zoom

The Regional & State Tournament Directors for both Divisions will be in contact with all Regional Site Coordinators regarding attendance.

8) State Tournament Qualifying Teams:

At the Board of Directors Meeting in June, the Board affirmed its past decision to ensure that each Regional Tournament will qualify a minimum of 2 Teams to attend the State Tournament. Remember, State Tournament Invitations are determined by the number of PAID Registrations as of December 31.

9) 2025 State Tournaments:

The 2025 State Tournament dates and venues have been booked:

[Division C](#) March 21-22, 2025 at Le Moyne College, Syracuse, New York

[Division B](#) April 4-5, 2025 at East Syracuse-Minoa C.H.S., East Syracuse, NY

Please visit the links above. Specific details regarding the Tournaments will be posted throughout the Tournament Season.

10) Recruitment & Registration Director and Capital Development Director:

Board Treasurer Maha Hrbac has been appointed to fill the post of Recruitment & Registration Director. She will be not only be the point of contact for Schools looking to start new Teams, but also for current Teams with questions about the Registration process. If you know of Schools looking to participate or Schools that no longer participate, kindly let us know.

Maha Hrbac has also be appointed to fill the post of Capital Development Director. She will be the point of contact for Regional Site Coordinators and Invitational Site Coordinators wishing to undertake fundraising activities.

Her e-mail address: mhrbac@newyorkscioly.org.

11) State Director:

I have been re-appointed as the State Director for New York State. I have also been re-appointed as the Chief Operations Officer for New York State Science Olympiad, Inc. I will be responsible for liaising with Science Olympiad, Inc. and for ensuring that the Board of Directors is more responsive to communications than it has been in the past. I will also be responsible for handling questions regarding State policies or general questions you may have. I will also, if need be, direct your questions or communications to the appropriate Director. My e-mail address: jbeauregard@newyorkscioly.org.

12) Scoring & Event Sign-up Programs:

At its Annual Meeting in June, the Board has reaffirmed that it would not recommend the use of paid scoring and event sign-up programs. Regional Site Coordinators may use whichever programs they wish for scoring and event sign-up programs, provided that these programs are not paid scoring and event sign-up programs. **Also, please be aware that for whichever program is used at a Regional Tournament, a student's electronic personal data MUST NOT be collected.**

Please consult the State Director regarding any questions that may arise with scoring programs: jbeauregard@newyorkscioly.org.

My apologies for the length of this letter, but I wanted to keep you all informed of what was taking place. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you of the upcoming months. I also wish you and your Team(s) the best of luck for the upcoming 2025 Tournament Season.

If it is not too much of an imposition, may I request that each Regional Site Coordinator forward this letter to the Team Coaches and Event Supervisors in their Region?

As always, should you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely Yours,

/s/ John J. Beauregard

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