

Midstate Region Science Olympiad Coaches Meeting

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We share the same email address. While Beth's name is in the address bar, if the email is coming from Meredith, you'll see her name signed at the bottom

We will share our phone numbers for texting on the day of the tournament.

Registration

1. You **must register** for the Regional tournament **in order to participate** in any competition including in-State or out-of-State invitational tournaments.
2. Registration includes:
 - a. [A form you complete online](#) (found at newyorkscioly.org) - you will receive an email acknowledging receipt of this form, but you are not registered until you pay
 - b. Payment of **\$275 per team**
 - i. **Payment must be a check**; purchase orders are not accepted
 - ii. Your Business office will need the Science Olympiad W9 [form](#) (which is found at the bottom of the page)
 - iii. You can check your registration status [here](#) (at the bottom of the page)
3. The registration [deadline of 12/31](#) determines the # of teams we can send to the State competition.

Forming your team

Each team is composed of a maximum of 15 students. And of those 15 students, only 7 can be seniors.

If you have more interested students, you will need to form (and pay for) a second team.

Teams may have alternates who may need to step up on competition day if a team member is unable to attend. However, alternates cannot compete in any of the 23 events if the regular 15 are in attendance.

Alternates can assist with timing tasks in some events. Let us know if you have alternates interested in helping out.

Coach's responsibilities before competition day

- Have all of your team members download the [rules manual](#) and carefully READ the rules for their events.
- Assign your team members to their events based on the [schedule](#).
- Regularly check for changes to the event rules on the national website
 - [Rules Clarifications](#) are replies to commonly asked questions.
 - [Rules Corrections](#) are posted when a response changes the meaning or corrects a rule
- Review important Science Olympiad policies with your students and adult volunteers (see slide below)

Policies you should review with your team

Read all of the General Rules on page 2 of the Rules Manual where it states:

“The goal of competition is to give one’s best effort while displaying...courtesy and respect...and [making] an honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of the problems”

Other important [policies](#) to review:

- Interference
- Device construction & Parent participation
- Respect for host facility
- Wristbands

Event Updates for our Regional Competition

- No Trial Events at Regional or State Competitions
- **Circuit Lab, Machines, and Water Quality** will have the written test and device testing during the same block.
- Changes to this information will be posted on the Midstate [website](#).
- [Link](#) to the National website - another spot for rules clarification.
- We will NOT run Engineering CAD but will run WIDI instead. The State tournament will also not run E CAD but WIDI instead.

Coaches' Clinic

If you would like advice on how to help students prepare for their events, consider registering for the:

Mid-Atlantic Coaches Clinic hosted by Pennsylvania Science Olympiad. This [virtual clinic](#) will be held at the from October 21-30 2025. Event Sessions will be recorded and followed-up by live Q&A Sessions. The cost for this Clinic is \$50.00.

Tournament Day

The Midstate Regional Tournament is on January 31, 2025 at Le Moyne College
Snow date February 7.

Check-in occurs between 7:00 am - 8:00 am in Grewen Hall outside the
Auditorium on the 3rd floor

These forms are **required** for teams to compete - bring them to the check-in
desk. If your school requires a different medical form, that is acceptable.

Students are required to wear a wristband in order to compete.

Midstate Regional Tournament Schedule 2026

Event	Location	Check-in & Impound 7:30-8:00am	Block 1 8:00-8:50	Block 2 9:00-9:50	Block 3 10:00-10:50	Block 4 11:00-11:50	Block 5 12:00-12:50	Block 6 1:00-1:50
	TBD							
A & P	SC 224					A	B	C
Astronomy	SC 224		B	C	A			
Boomilever	SCA Mezzanine			SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Bungee Drop	SCA mezzanine	IMPOUND		SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Chem Lab	SC 331		C	A	B			
Circuit Lab ***	SC 134			SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Codebusters	SCA 101					B	C	A
Designer Genes	SC 231		B	C	A			
Disease Detectives	SC 431		A	B	C			
Dynamic Planet	SCA 101		C	A	B			
Electric Vehicle	Rec Center	IMPOUND		SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Entomology	SC 229		C	A	B			
Experimental Design	SCA 100		A	B	C			
Forensics	SC 246		B	C	A			
Helicopter	Rec Center			SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Hovercraft		IMPOUND		SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Machines ***	SC 122			SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Materials Science	SC 325					A	B	C
Remote Sensing	SC 229					A	B	C
Robot Tour	James Common	IMPOUND		SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Rocks & Minerals	SC 421					C	A	B
Water Quality	SC 435					C	A	B
WIDI	SC 127/129		C	A	B			

Letters A, B, C, represent rotations

*** For Machines and Circuit Lab, schools with more than 1 team MUST self schedule both teams for the same block

* Trial event - winners will receive medals, but scores will not be counted in overall ranking at Regional Competition

Event Day Reminders

There must be 1 adult in team room at all times. This can be a coach, parent or volunteer, but cannot be a student regardless of their age.

All adults are strongly advised to never be alone with a single student (see the [NYS Never Alone Policy](#))

Team rooms and Event rooms must be left as they were found - take a picture before you move anything so you can return it to its original location.

Document any potential damage and **tell us immediately.**

Food!

A light lunch will be provided for event supervisors and proctors in Grewen Auditorium

The Le Moyne cafeteria will be open - more on the cost and hours at a later date.

Teams may order food in from other local restaurants.

Awards Ceremony

It is our goal to start the awards ceremony in the rec center as close to 4pm as possible.

Medals will be awarded for places 1-10

Trophies will be awarded for districts 1-6

Small School trophy will be awarded

Coaches' Event Signup

Exams are already written - none of our coaches need to compose any part of the exams.

Each team is asked to supply one coach to be an Event supervisor or proctor. Both roles will be scoring the exam.

If your school is sending 2 teams, please have 2 coaches sign up for a role.

Here is the [link](#) to request the events you feel comfortable supervising.

Information we will be sending before January 31

- Self Schedule will open on January 8th, a practice version will be posted in December.
- Team rotation letter - all teams from a single school will be assigned to the same rotation
- Home base room numbers
- Event Locations
- Maps of the campus
- Specifics on cafeteria options
- Proctoring duties
- Drop Off and parking

We'd like your feedback and input

Regarding last year's Career Fair during the break before the ceremony.

1. Did kids attend? Did they like it?
2. Do you have other ideas for that time? Would you prefer nothing during that time?

We also must raise funds to host this competition

3. Do you have suggestions for companies that might be interested in sponsoring us in addition to last year's sponsors: SRC, TACNY, and Indium.
4. If you think of any or have specific contact info, please email us as soon as possible.

And here's another opportunity for you to participate :)

We have a Steering Committee that helps us with many tasks both before and during the tournament. We have 5 seasoned coaches who will share their wealth of experience with us. But we would love to have a few new faces on the committee so that the Science Olympiad experience can continue even after we all retire.

There is no pay attached to this and we will ask you to give us a few hours here and there. But your insight into this competition will be greatly enhanced and we might even buy you a doughnut!

If you're interested, please send us an email soon.

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Questions?

If you have any questions after the meeting, please feel free to reach out to us at midstatedivc@newyorkscioly.org

Thank you for attending!