

New York Sci Oly, NYC-South: Mac Maxfield-Tournament Coordinator; Michael Vanchieri-Site Coordinator.

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The NYC-South Regionals will be on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Grover Cleveland HS.

1. **SNOW DATE Sunday, February 8** - If Jan.31 is impossible, Regionals will be on Sunday, February 8 at Grover Cleveland HS. I propose that the Sunday tournament start 1 hour later and have a delayed virtual award ceremony so that teams leave after the events and cleanup. Event supervisors would be asked to stay until score counseling is complete and event rooms are returned to classroom readiness.
2. **COACHES' WORKSHOP** - Plan to meet on Zoom at 4pm Tuesday, Jan. 6, or at 6pm Thursday, Jan. 8.
3. **NO ENGINEERING CAD** event - We will run the 23 official NYS SO events, but not the Engineering CAD event.
4. **EVENT SCHEDULE** – Review and share the [Regional Event Schedule 2026](#) and note the following features:
 - a. The first event starts at 7:15. Check-in starts at 6:30.
 - b. Event conflicts:
 - i. Anatomy - Dynamic Planet
 - ii. Astronomy - Code Busters
 - iii. Chem Lab - Disease Detective
 - iv. Designer Genes - Rocks & Minerals
 - v. Entomology - Materials Science
 - vi. Forensics - Experimental Design
 - vii. Remote Sensing - WIDI
5. **CIRCUITS LAB** - The written test for ALL TEAMS starts at 7:15, and the hands-on portion is self-scheduled.
6. **MACHINES** - The written test for ALL TEAMS starts at 7:45, and the hands-on portion is self-scheduled.
 - a. Tests last 50 minutes with 5 minutes between tests.
7. **IMPOUND OF CHEMISTRY KITS** - The Chemistry Events Lab Equipment, used in **Chem Lab, Forensics, and Materials Science**, may include all items on the List and may NOT INCLUDE any other items. Teams must bring their kits to impound at the beginning of their impound time.
8. **SCHEDULED EVENTS** - Each school has an assigned time block to take most tests and must send all of their teams to a scheduled event at the same time. For example, if your team numbers are 19, 20, and 21, then they are in time block B and should all attend the events when they are assigned for time block B. Team numbers (and time blocks) will be assigned in January when we have a complete list of participating teams.
9. **SELF-SCHEDULED EVENTS** - You will be able to select times for your teams to compete in Boomilever, Bungee Drop, Circuit Lab (hands-on), Electric Vehicle, Helicopter, Hovercraft, Machines (hands-on), and Robot Tour. Timeslots will be available in mid-January. In most cases, all your teams must pick the same timeslot. The exceptions are Boomilever and Helicopter.

Coach & Volunteer Roles before and during Regionals - We, the coaches and volunteers, run the Regional Tournament. Assuring that participating students have a satisfying and positive experience in fair competitions is our responsibility. Each school must provide **2 adults per team** to run events **plus a teacher** to supervise the homeroom.

- **EVENT SUPERVISORS** - Each event should have 2 Event Supervisors, ES's, taking responsibility for the pre-work, set up, event conduct, scoring & ranking, and site cleanup. ES's may be teachers, SciOly alumni, or parents of team members. ES's should know the event Rules, how the event is run, and how they will script each session.
- **EVENT PROCTORS** - Each event should have 2-4 proctors to assist with event impound, set up, conduct, scoring and ranking, and cleanup. Proctors may be teachers, SciOly alumni, or parents of team members.
- **HOMEROOM TEACHER** - Each homeroom must have a teacher present to assure the good conduct of the school's members and respond effectively to issues and inquiries.
- **HEAD COACH** - The Head Coach is responsible for team registration, staffing, and NYS tournament forms. At Regionals, the Head Coach is responsible for the school members from check-in to cleanup and departure, as well as accommodation and emergency responses required by the school's members.

Next Steps - Please do not delay learning the [2026 Official Rules](#) and [event descriptions](#), completing the [NY State SciOly Registration](#), and signing up for [Event Supervision](#) sheet to indicate your supervision/proctoring preferences.

Feel free to contact me at macmaxfield@newyorkscioly.org with suggestions, questions, or information to share.