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 explanations or interpretations of existing rules and are posted on the FAQ/Submit a Question page.
  - Rules Corrections are posted when there is an error in the Rules Manual.
- 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
- We will NOT run Engineering CAD but will run WIDI instead. The State tournament will also not run E CAD but WIDI instead.
- **Protein Modeling, Thermodynamics, and Water Quality** are hybrid in that students will build a device prior to the competition as well as take a written test. The written test and device testing will occur 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.
- The highest score will be dropped this year

Tournament Day

The Midstate Regional Tournament is on January 30, 2027 at Fayetteville-Manlius High School, Snow date February 6.

Check-in occurs between 7:00 am - 8:00 am outside the auditorium in House 1, the main school entrance. Headquarters is located in rm 1161 (House 1, first 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 2027

Event	Location	Check in 7:00 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
A & P			B	C	A			
Astronomy			B	C	A			
Boomilever				SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Botany						A	B	C
Chem Lab			B	C	A			
Circuit Lab						B	C	A
Codebusters			B	C	A			
Designer Genes			C	A	B			
Disease Detectives			A	B	C			
Dynamic Planet						A	B	C
Electric Vehicle		IMPOUND		SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Experimental Design			A	B	C			
Forensics						A	B	C
Hovercraft		IMPOUND		SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Mission Possible		IMPOUND		SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Ping Pong Parachute				SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Protein Modeling*		IMPOUND		SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE
Remote Sensing			C	A	B			
Rocks						C	A	B
Thermodynamics		IMPOUND				B	C	A
Water Quality						C	A	B
WIDI			C	A	B			
Wright Stuff				SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE	SELF SCHEDULE

Letters A, B, C, represent rotations

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 rm 1161

Teams may order food in from local restaurants. Wegmans in Dewitt, Pavone’s Pizza in Manlius and Tops in Manlius and Fayetteville are a couple of suggestions.

Awards Ceremony

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

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. Please sign up soon.

Information we will be sending before January 31

- Self Schedule will open on January 7th at 5:00pm, 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 school
- Proctoring duties
- Drop Off and parking

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 3 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

Invitational at FM December 12

Thank you for attending!