New York Sci Oly, NYC-South: *Mac Maxfield-Tournament Coordinator.*

Newsletter 1 (October 15, 2026)

The NYC-South Regionals will be on Saturday, January 30, 2027, at

Brooklyn Technical HS,

29 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217.

1. **ACCESS to Brooklyn Tech** - Although street parking is scarce, MTA access is great. Event supervisors will have access to the building on Friday, January 29 after 3:30. Large vehicles bringing gear should off-load on DeKalb Avenue and use the school entrance on South Elliot near DeKalb. Cars can off-load on South Elliot Street and Fort Greene Place
2. **SNOW DATE Sunday, February 7** - If Regionals on January 30 is canceled, an abbreviated version will be held on Sunday, February 7 at Brooklyn Tech. We will start 1 hour later and have teams leave after the competition and cleanup. We will ask Event Supervisors to stay until score counseling is complete, and host a virtual awards ceremony in a day or so.
3. **COACHES' WORKSHOP** - Plan to meet on Zoom at 4pm Tuesday, Jan. 5, or at 6pm Thursday, Jan. 7. We will have a zoom workshop for new coaches in early November.
4. **EVENT SCHEDULE** – Review and share the Event Schedule NYC-South div. C 2027 and note the following features:
    a. The first event starts at 7:30. Check-in starts at 6:15.
    b. Event conflicts:
        i. Anatomy - Forensics - Remote Sensing
        ii. Astronomy - Designer Genes
        iii. Botany - Chem Lab - WIDI
        iv. Code Busters - Dynamic Planet
        v. Disease Detective - Rocks & Minerals
        vi. Experimental Design - Water Quality
    c. **EVENT SCHEDULE CHANGES** - We will run the official events with the following exceptions:
        i. **WIDI** will be a scored event at Regionals
        ii. **Mission Possible** will be run as a trial event
        iii. **Engineering CAD** will not be run at Regionals
        iv. **Circuits Lab** will have two times: a written test for ALL TEAMS at 8:00, and a self-scheduled hands-on portion.
        v. **Thermodynamics** will have two times: a written test for ALL TEAMS starts at 7:30, and a self-scheduled hands-on portion.
        vi. **Chemistry Events Lab Equipment** kits used in **Chem Lab and Forensics**, must be impounded and returned to impound if your team has a break between the chem events. Each team must have a kit which may include all items on the Chem Lab Equipment List and may NOT INCLUDE any other items.

5. **TIME BLOCKS FOR 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.
6. **SELF-SCHEDULED EVENTS -** You will be able to select times for your teams to compete in Boomilever, Circuit Lab (hands-on), Electric Vehicle, Hovercraft, Ping Pong Parachute, Mission Possible, Protein Modeling, Thermodynamics, and Wright Stuff. Timeslots will be available in mid-January. In most cases, all your teams must pick the same timeslot. The exceptions are Boomilever and Wright Stuff.

OUR ROLES AT REGIONALS - We, the coaches and volunteers, run the Regional Tournament. Assuring that all participating students have a satisfying and positive experience in fair competitions is our responsibility. Each school must provide **a teacher and an adult for each team** to run events **plus an adult** to supervise the homeroom. Most coaches and volunteers will be engaged in running and scoring events for most of the day.

- **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 should learn the event Rules, decide how to run the event, acquire needed supplies, and prepare a script for each session. ES's may be teachers or SciOly alumni provided a teacher is present at 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 or SciOly alumni.
- **HOMEROOM SUPERVISOR** - Each homeroom must have an adult present who can assure the good conduct of the school's members, communicate with the Head Coach, and respond effectively to issues and inquiries. The Homeroom may be supervised by parents as well as teachers.
- **HEAD COACH** - The Head Coach is responsible for the well-being and conduct of all of the school's students, teachers, and volunteers from check-in to cleanup and departure. During the tournament, the Head Coach is responsible for prompt communication with HQ and any emergency responses required by the school's members. Before the tournament, the Head Coach is responsible for team registration, staffing, self-scheduling, submission of forms, and arrangement for accommodations requested by team members.

Next Steps - Please do not delay learning the 2027Event Rules and Event Descriptions , and completing theNYS SciOly Registration. Feel free to contact me with questions and suggestions at nycsouthdivc@newyorkscioly.org

Best wishes,
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