



Arizona Science Olympiad General Policies

Arizona Science Olympiad follows the National policies. Below are specific policies in effect for registered teams of Arizona Science Olympiad.

I. Registered Teams

- A. You must be a **registered school** to compete at any tournament, including Invitationals.
- B. As approved by Nationals, a maximum of five (5) returning **9th grade students** (the student competed as an 8th grader) is permitted on a Division B team. Ninth Graders need Director approval prior to competition. Head Coaches shall submit requests for approval upon school/team registration.
- C. Registered teams shall have a **maximum of 15 students**. Five (5) additional alternates are allowed if Trial Events are offered.
- D. The **number of teams** from one school that may participate in Regional and State competitions is two (Varsity and JV) and one of those teams will not be included in the overall score, i.e., only one trophy per school.
- E. Division C teams may register **Team Captains/Club Officers** to receive official communication and help manage the team, however only Head Coaches may sign off on any official paperwork and file appeals.

II. Qualification

- A. Teams must **qualify at Regionals** to compete at the State Tournament.
- B. Regionals shall comprise of the Southern Regional and North-Central Regional.
 1. Southern Regional will consist of teams from the following counties: Pinal, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Santa Cruz, and Cochise.
 2. North-Central will consist of teams from the following counties: Mohave, Coconino, Navajo, Apache, Yavapai, Las Paz, Yuma, Maricopa,

and Gila.

C. Advancement of teams to the State Tournament will be based on a specific quantity from each region and then proportionally by the number of teams in the region.

1. The criteria are specified below.
 - a. The total number of teams going to State will be dependent upon constraints (typically building events).
 - b. 6 from each Region + [(the number of remaining slots * number of schools in the Region)/total teams registered]]
2. The following example illustrates the concept.

Total teams going to State = 25

Total teams registered = 40

Southern Region has 21 teams.

North-Central Region has 19 teams.

6 teams from each region leaves 18 slots remaining.

Southern Region: 6 teams + (13 remaining slots * 21 teams)/40 teams = 6 + 7 = 13 teams

North Central: 6 teams + (13 remaining slots * 19 teams)/40 teams = 6 + 6 = 12 teams

D. **JV teams** are eligible to qualify to advance to the State Tournament.

III. Conduct

A. The Arizona Science Olympiad “**Code of Conduct**” will be strictly adhered to in the spirit with which the tournament is to be engaged in. Any team is subject to immediate disqualification if the “Code of Conduct” is not followed.

B. Arizona Science Olympiad adopts the **National cell phone policy**.

C. We ask that **Photo Releases** be signed for all participants, including coaches.

D. We follow the National Media Policy. Please direct any questions regarding this policy to the State Director.

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E. If a team member or persons associated with a team (parents, siblings, etc.) commit(s) an **act of vandalism**, the team member or, based on severity, the whole team is subject to disqualification from the competition. Points, ribbons, and medals will not be awarded accordingly. An individual who commits an act of vandalism may be barred from future competitions. Each sponsoring school must agree to pay the cost of repairing damage from any act of vandalism. A school must pay this restitution before it can register a team for the Science Olympiad in a subsequent year. Vandalism means a deliberate action that results in damage to property. This includes, but is not limited to, graffiti, damage to facility property, and damage to the personal property of competitors, judges, and spectators.

IV. Appeals & Scoring

A. Unless explicitly stated, appeals at Invitationals are not accepted. Score inquiries will be accepted.

B. All **appeals** at Regional and State Tournaments must be documented on Arbitration forms and turned in to tournament headquarters within 1 hour after the completion of the event. If circumstances prevent filing within this time limit, the appeals committee may, at their discretion, accept a late appeal.

C. At the end of the Science Olympiad Regional and State Tournament Awards Ceremony, a copy of the **final scores** will be made available to each team's head coach. Places are tentative and may change if any scoring inconsistencies are brought to the attention of the state director, arbitrators, and verified within one hour after the ceremony is completed. If changes occur, the appropriate medals and trophies will be awarded. Teams will not be asked to return awards. In the rare case of a problem, call the State Tournament Director (head coach only).

D. Once the results are final, the State Director will submit the names of qualifying teams to the State and National Tournament Coordinator, respectively.