



March 11, 2020

Subject: State Tournament Cancelled

Dear Coaches and Event Supervisors,

Today, the National Science Olympiad Board along with the leadership at North Carolina State University has announced the cancellation of the 2020 Science Olympiad National Tournament due to the uncertainty surrounding the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the risk of transmission at large indoor gatherings, and multiple cancellations of state tournaments. As part of this announcement, they are also recommending the cancellation of upcoming State Tournaments.

Today, Governor Ducey declared a public health emergency and ASU announced all classes will be conducted on-line. Additionally, we have had coaches indicate that many students would not be in attendance due to COVID-19 concerns expressed by parents.

For all the reasons mentioned above the Arizona Science Olympiad Board is announcing the cancellation of the Arizona State Tournament scheduled on 21 March 2020. While we know this cancellation will be very disappointing to students, coaches, Event Supervisors, and parents after all the hard work that has been put into their season, we must put health and safety first. The 2021 year will be a "redo", where the 2020 Rules will be replayed for the 2021 season so students can retain and reuse their resources and devices.

We regret that the season has ended so abruptly, but we look forward to a new season in September with a Coaches Workshop, planned workshops for students, and with your help, more Invitationals.

On behalf of the Arizona Science Olympiad board; I would like to thank all our Event Supervisors who, year over year, make the commitment to support STEM in Arizona.

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