

Ten Reasons Why You as a Student or Teacher Should Join the Science Olympiad

- 1) As a junior high teacher you can prepare your students for competing at the high school level. You will graduate students into high school with the experience to compete well in the high school division. Your junior high and high school can build a dynasty. Your students will appreciate the experience.
- 2) As student, you are not alone, you get to practice and compete with your friends or classmates. You and your best friend can compete together. The practice sessions also gives you more time to hang out together.
- 3) As a teacher, you do not have to organize science fairs. The Science Olympiad supplies the rules, the location, the judges, the scores and the medals and trophies. You and your students prepare and show up.
- 4) The Science Olympiad has a proven record of attracting young women into the STEM subjects. Over the years the Idaho Science Olympiad has alumni who are now engineers, cartographers, military offices, MDs and MD surgeons in academia, industry, military and government.
- 5) We have the widest variety of subjects and, unlike some competitions, appeal to more students in a team setting.
- 6) As more teams in your district compete, coaching and transportation can be shared among schools. This saves money and reduces effort.
- 7) High schoolers can add their Science Olympiad accomplishments on their college applications. From medals to student held office in the Science Olympiad club. Not everyone is good at sports, but the Science Olympiad can accommodate a wide variety of skills.
- 8) High Schoolers also have the ability to fulfill community service hours by mentoring younger students in the Science Olympiad subjects. Many events run in both B and C Divisions. This can also build your district's Science Olympiad Dynasty.
- 9) The many Science Olympiad events give students the opportunity to try out a subject that may lead to a future career. Nothing like trying out something before you commit too deeply.
- 10) Unlike some competitions, the Science Olympiad is not just paper, pencil, construction, or a stressful think-on-your-feet experience. We have events in all formats including mini-labs.