

April 4, 2024

Greetings to all Coaches and Teams Competing at the 2024 Maryland Science Olympiad Tournament:

Congratulations to you and your team for qualifying to compete at the State tournament! Your hard work throughout the year has gotten you to this point and you should celebrate your success. We are busy putting together an exciting tournament day for all competitors at Johns Hopkins University's Homewood Campus. If you've attended before, some of this will be familiar to you but some will be new. If this is your first State Final it is all new. Either way, please be sure to read all of the material. Our leadership team will be available to respond to questions and help ensure you have a terrific experience true to the spirit of Science Olympiad.

All Forms And Documents are accessible at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LLMC5WKz_AXV6GhQT-0C76jAzom2Rnj7?usp=drive_link

They are also posted on Scilympiad under Resources -> Tournament Documents

Roster and Waiver Submission:

Coaches are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to upload scanned copies of your team roster and JHU waivers (see below) for your team on Scilympiad **NO LATER THAN 11:59 pm** on Wednesday, April 10th, so we can expedite the morning check-in process on tournament day, April 13th. Teams that do not upload by this time **MUST** bring signed, physical copies to check-in on Saturday morning. Remember: without the roster and waivers, **YOUR TEAM CANNOT COMPETE**.

Blank roster forms are found at the documents link above.

File upload may be done by a registered coach on Scilympiad (<https://scilympiad.com/md>) under "Coaches -> Head Coach Dashboard -> Upload Documents"

Coaches should also bring any physical copies to team registration on Saturday.

Rosters:

Coaches are required to submit a roster of competing students for each team (attached).

Per standard SO policy, each team is allowed up to 15 "core" team members, who will be given wristbands. Up to 5 additional members may be added as "alternates", these students are eligible to compete in Trial Events on tournament day.

The recommended Roster form is to achieve this through

JHU Waivers:

All participants on campus for the event will be required to return the following forms to JHU. This includes all participating students, coaches, official school chaperones, and volunteers.

- **Required - JHU Acknowledgement of Risk and Liability Waiver Form - MSO State Tournament (attached)**. One per person. All minors must have their form signed by a parent or legal guardian. Please ensure your school name is included on the form. **Students will not be allowed to compete without a form on file!**
 - We will also need waivers from any coaches or chaperones onsite directly

supporting your team in a formal capacity.

- **Optional - JHU Video and Photography Release Form - MSO State Tournament (attached).** One per person. Anyone without a form on file will be given an identifying wristband to indicate no photos are allowed.

If uploading files to Scilympiad, please try to do so as one batch file instead of one file for each student. Please also include your school name in the file name. Ex. "ABC Middle School Waivers"

Event Schedule:

Event schedule is posted in the resources folder above, note that we are still finalizing room numbers and homerooms, we will have those to you ASAP.

ALL Event Tests are Paper Tests:

All events will be completed using paper test where applicable, and Scilympiad will **NOT** be used at the State Tournament. Students will only (optionally) use computers where specifically stated as "allowed resources" by specific events (ex. Astronomy, Robot Tour).

Awards Ceremony:

The Awards Ceremony will take place in-person starting at 5:15pm in the Goldfarb Gym. Teams should clean-up and pack up all materials in their homeroom before attending the ceremony as homerooms need to be cleared by 6pm.

Location:

The tournament will take place at the Johns Hopkins University Homewood campus located at 3400 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21218. Tournament events will be held throughout the campus.

Street Parking: Street parking is available on N. Charles Street, University Parkway, and the Remington neighborhood (Remington Avenue, 31st Street, and other streets in this area).

Garage Parking: Park in the South Garage or the San Martin Garage.

Please note there is another major event on campus and garage parking may be limited.

The primary visitor parking area is the South Garage, which is underneath Mason Hall and accessed from Wyman Park Drive (between San Martin and Art Museum Drives). The exit gates accept paid entry tickets, exit vouchers, and credit cards. The Pay Station is located in the vestibule next to the Parking Office.

The San Martin Garage is on San Martin Drive across from the West Gate entrance to the University, and is a fully automated facility. Pay stations are available on the pedestrian bridge over San Martin Drive, and in the P5 level lobby near the Carnegie Institute building. Visitors may also pay via credit card at the exit gates.

Accessible Parking Options: There are accessible parking spaces around Hodson Hall and Clark Hall, behind Shriver Hall, near the AMRs, and the Greenhouse Lot. If you need assistance planning accessible parking/travel or any other accommodations related to your participation, please contact Amanda Valledor at amanda.valledor@jhu.edu or 315-408-6265.

Bus Parking: **There is no bus parking on the Homewood campus.** Buses may load and unload in front of Mason Hall or in the MSE Library circle accessible from N. Charles Street. The buses will not be able to stay at those locations, but may station themselves at the Eastern campus (1101 E 33rd St, Baltimore, MD 21218) until they need to return to campus. Buses should not be left unattended at this location. Due to a large athletic event in the Rec Center, buses are not allowed to load or unload in the Athletic Center circle accessible via the North gate.

Drop Off Locations:

- **The Beach (Outside the Milton S. Eisenhower Library).** Enter this drop off location from the southbound lane of N. Charles Street at the “Johns Hopkins University” sign.
- **Outside Mason Hall.** Enter this drop off location from Wyman Park Drive. The street address is 3101 Wyman Park Dr, Baltimore, MD 21218.
- **Outside the Gym.** **Buses are not permitted to drop off students at this location.** This location is only for individual cars dropping off impounded devices at the gym in the morning (before 8am). Cars are not permitted to idle or park at this location at any time.

Team Registration:

Registration is located at the Glass Pavilion located in Levering Hall and will open at 7:00am. We will not be able to accommodate checking-in any teams before 7:00am. Space is limited at check-in and we ask that only the coach visit the Glass Pavilion to register the team and check-in.

Team Homerooms:

Team homerooms are **being finalized and will be spread across buildings around campus.** All homerooms will open at 7:00am. Teams are responsible for ensuring spaces are clean when they leave. We are asking teams to bag all trash from their rooms and leave it outside their homerooms before departing. We'll provide trash bags at check-in for teams, and we'll plan on having extras in Levering Hall if needed.

Campus WiFi:

Guests can use the JHGuestnet wireless network to access the internet. You will be prompted with an Acceptable Use policy for review before connection is approved. Note: connectivity varies across the campus and within certain buildings on campus

Where to Eat on Campus:

Food and beverages are **NOT** allowed to be consumed within campus classrooms (i.e. homerooms). The Glass Pavilion will have banquet style seating open to participants from 11:00am - 1:30pm for eating. Lounge seating open for eating is also available in common areas of buildings around campus: Mudd Atrium, Gilman Atrium, Hodson Hall common areas and in Levering Hall's main entrance.

Food Options:

On-campus: Hopkins Cafe (buffet style student cafeteria; to-go boxes available)

- Price: \$16 + tax per person; credit or debit cards accepted
- Serves brunch 10am - 2pm, dinner 5pm - 8pm. The Kosher Servery is closed on Saturday.
- If you would like to pre-order vouchers in advance for your group to eat all together, please follow the [Visiting Groups Mobile Ordering Instructions](#).

Off-campus: There are plenty of dining options available on and nearby St. Paul Street. Examples are provided below:

Price	Restaurant	Cuisine	Address
\$	THB Bagelry and Deli	Breakfast, Bagel Sandwiches	3208 St Paul St
\$	Potbelly	Sandwiches, Soup, Salad	3201 St Paul St Ste B
\$	Chipotle	Fast casual burritos	3201 St Paul St
\$	Ajumma	Korean Food	3121 St Paul St
\$	Kung Fu Tea	Boba Tea and Fried Chicken	3113 St Paul St
\$	Subway	Sandwiches	3233 St Paul St
\$	Orient Express	Chinese Food	3111 St Paul St
\$	&pizza	Personal Pizzas	3201 St Paul St
\$	Pure Green	Juice, Smoothies, Acai	3201 St Paul St Ste D
\$	Starbucks	Coffee	3201 St Paul St
\$	Kajiken	Japanese Ramen	7 E 33rd St
\$	Boz's Burger Bistro	Burgers	3101 St Paul St
\$\$	Tamber's Restaurant	Indian Food & Diner Classics	3327 St Paul St
\$\$	Honeygrow	Salads, Stir Fry Noodles	3212 St Paul St
\$\$	Sakoon Indian Fusion	Indian Food	3105 St Paul St B