



# News and Announcements

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Please see below for several updates:

## Request for Feedback- Website Access

We are investigating using the following websites for Regional and State tournaments and need to verify students can access them, or ask that you begin the process of requesting they be whitelisted at your school so students will be able to access them. Please check these sites on your school's devices and let us know if they are accessible or blocked:

Site	Purpose
<a href="https://scilympiad.com/md">https://scilympiad.com/md</a>	Running Tests for Tournament Events
<a href="https://skyciv.com">https://skyciv.com</a>	Building structures (Digital Structures)
<a href="https://scratch.mit.edu/">https://scratch.mit.edu/</a>	Programming games (Game On, Div. B)
<a href="https://www.tinkercad.com/">https://www.tinkercad.com/</a>	CAD program (Write It CAD It)
<a href="https://www.sketchup.com/">https://www.sketchup.com/</a>	CAD program (Write It CAD It)
<a href="https://drive.google.com">https://drive.google.com</a>	Folder for uploading documents

## Clarification- Allowable Resources in Events

Since our competition this season will allow teammates to work and take tests events while not physically together, Science Olympiad modified the rules regarding the allowable resources per event in the official rulebook as follows (both Div. B and C), p, 3 under "COVID-19 Pandemic Rules Modifications", item 1:

"If not already allowed, each individual participant can have a personal set of reference materials (e.g. binders, single sheets of paper), calculator, or other academic resource as specified in the specific event rule for use during the competition...Personal sets of resource materials must meet all the criteria established in the specific event rule"

In past years, a team of 2 would share resources. Under this modification, each participating student is allowed the maximum resources as defined by the event. For example, Anatomy and Physiology rules state "Each team may bring one 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper". For 2020-21 remote tournaments, each STUDENT is allowed one sheet of paper.

## Scilympiad Website URL

When accessing the MD Scilympiad site, be sure to add "https" to the URL, otherwise some browsers/devices prevent access. The proper URL is:

<https://scilympiad.com/md>

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## **Scilympiad Practice Tournament- 11/7/20**

Our National partners are running a country-wide Scilympiad Practice for teams on 11/7/20 from 2-6:30p EST. There is no cost to participate and schools are not required to write or administer tests (though you may support the event if desired).

Registration is limited to first 150 teams per division, maximum 3 teams for school. This is expected to fill up quickly, so register quickly at the link below if you are interested:

<https://scilympiad.com/sopractice>

## **Upcoming Seminars of Interest**

The following seminars are being run by National partners and may be of interest to coaches and event supervisors:

Virtual Mentoring for Science Olympiad- 10/28/20, 5:00p EST

Scilympiad Test Writing Seminar- 11/11/20, 5:00p EST

You can sign up for these and other seminars at <https://www.soinc.org/join/workshops>

## **Registration Deadline Reminder- 12/18/20**

Please remember the deadline for registration of all schools and teams is Dec 18, 2020. If you plan to have multiple teams compete this year, they must all be registered by this deadline.

If you are not sure whether you will have more than one team, it would help us plan for the season if you register for at least your primary team as soon as possible and, if needed, add 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams later but before the deadline.

## **MD Invitational Dates**

A couple of dates to add to your calendars for MD based invitational tournaments for those interested. More details will come as we receive them:

UMD Invitational (Div. C) – 1/30/21

JHU Invitational (Div. B) – opening ceremony 2/6/21\*\*

\*\**edited for online posting*

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## **Yale Young Global Scholars Opportunity (Div. C Teams)**

High school coaches, please pass along to your students:

Science Olympiad is inviting high school students to apply to the 2021 Yale Young Global Scholars program, a 2-week summer academic enrichment and leadership program including students from over 130 countries. Details at the link below, scholarships are available, early action deadline is 11/10/20.

<https://globalscholars.yale.edu/scienceolympiad>

Our sincere thanks as always. Our next scheduled update will be for 11/1. Please let us know about the website access, and let us know if you have any questions.

*This and all past “news and announcement” posts can be found at <https://scilympiad.com/md> under Resources -> Tournament Documents*