

INTERFERENCE POLICY TEAM PENALTIES

Penalty points may be assessed for the following:

1. **Closed Events:** For a student, coach, teacher, chaperone or parent entering a building or area where events are set up for the competition or are being held, without proper authorization to do so, five (5) penalty points may be assessed. Only those students competing in an event and those volunteers who may be assigned to assist in the conducting of an event may enter areas where events are held. All other persons are to remain out of the building or the area at all times.
2. For a student, coach, teacher, chaperone or parent interfering with or disrupting the conduct of an event, or **coaching at an event**, ten (10) penalty points may be assessed. Note this policy applies to any person in attendance at the Olympiad.

If the interference continues the TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EVENT!

CHEATING

1. An individual who cheats during the competition will be penalized by disqualification of the team from that event. Disqualification results in a score that is three points greater than the number of teams registered in the region.
2. If cheating occurs by a team in more than one event, or in successive years, the team may be disqualified that year, or the following year, from the entire competition.
3. If an event team, or team member, or anyone associated with the team, deliberately takes an action that impairs the ability of other teams to fairly compete, that team will be disqualified from the event and be awarded three points greater than the number of teams registered in the region. In addition, the event team member(s) involved in the incident, may be ineligible for any future Science Olympiad competitions. Furthermore, the teams may be penalized points not to exceed the value of two last place rankings.

VANDALISM

Schools participating in the B and C Division Regional and State Olympiads must submit a copy of the Vandalism Policy signed by both the coach and principal of the school. The signed statement is to be submitted at the time of the on-site registration.

If a team member or members or persons associated with a team commit(s) an act of vandalism, the team will be disqualified from the competition and will receive no points. No member of that team will be awarded a medal in any event. 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.