



2021-2022 San Diego Regional Science Olympiad Bulletin #1

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Hello Coaches,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Science Olympiad season. Below are some updates as you prepare your teams for this year's competition:

The rules manuals were released and they are available for free at <https://www.soinc.org/rules-2022>. Remember not to post these PDFs or send them as an attachment. National Science Olympiad requests that all players, coaches and officials download their own copies and to agree to their stipulations.

Registration will begin on Monday, September 13, 2021 and the cost per team is \$215, which includes the Regional (\$100), State (\$55), and National (\$60). San Diego Regional will separate SkyCiv license fee of \$45 from registration fees. SkyCiv license is required for the participation in the Digital Structures event. By separating SkyCiv license fee from the registration fees, teams have the flexibility to decide on their own on whether to participate in Digital Structures event or to forgo such opportunity due to financial constraints or any other reasons. Just like last year, Digital Structures will be medal only event for San Diego Regional tournament. Teams hoping to advance to State are recommended to pay for SkyCiv license fees in order to have sufficient time to prepare their teams for State Competition and possibly to National competition, hosted by Southern California Science Olympiad and Caltech.

San Diego Regional is preparing for 4 Tournament models:

1. In-Person Tournament at University of San Diego on Saturday, March, 2022. Date is subject to USD scheduling
2. Mini SO Tournament model is where students compete from their home, just like last year. On tournament day, written tests will be provided through the Scilympiad platform and the construction events will be demonstrated at your own home through video calls with the Event Supervisor. Mini SO tournament is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2022
3. Satellite Tournament Model is where teams compete at their own school under the supervision of their coaches. On tournament day, the written tests will be provided through the Scilympiad platform and the construction events will be demonstrated at your own school through video calls with the Event Supervisor. If Satellite model is to used then San Diego Regional will participate in the SoCal Joint-Regional Tournament scheduled on Saturday, Feb 26, 2022.
4. Hybrid-Satellite Tournament Model is where teams compete in the written event tests at their own school through the Scilympiad platform and all teams compete at the same location for

the building events. Written event tests are scheduled on Saturday, February 26, 2022 and build events will be held at University of San Diego on Saturday, March 2022 with date TBD.

Final decision on San Diego Regional Tournament Model will be made by January 7, 2022.

The 2022 SoCal Events and schedule are available at

<https://socalscioly.org/downloads/2022%20SoCal%20Schedule%20v0.pdf>

The schedule and event conflicts are based on the National Tournament schedule found at the end of the rules manual. If tournament is to take place at the University of San Diego, start time, transition time (between one testing block to the next) and end time may change due to scheduling and the sizeable campus.

Click on <https://socalscioly.org/downloads/2022%20SoCal%20Event%20Scoring%20Status.pdf>

to view how each model of tournament will affect if the event will be a medal only event or if it will count toward team total. We will finalize our decision on classifying discretionary events, medal only or count toward team total, once we receive feedback and concerns from coaches. We will not wait until January to finalize event classifications (medal or count toward team total); however, it will not be too immediate.

Challenges your teams face due to your school and/or district safety and health guidelines are important factors in our decision-making process. We will do our best to adjust accordingly as we finalize our tournament model for the 2022 competition and discretionary event classifications. Do your school allow offsite participation? How about on school site competition? Do you have access to your gym to practice events requiring big space? Do your teams have access to testing apparatus to test their Bridges? Timely and continual communications will help us finalize our tournament model and event classifications.

Awards Ceremony? TBD

Regards,

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