

Washington Science Olympiad

2024-25 Registration Info

2024-25 Changes (updated 9/16/2024, update marked red)

The WSO registration is at <https://scilympiad.com/wa>, which will be open on Sept 3rd, 2024 (5PM). See registration guideline and general policy below. Tournament dates and locations are posted on the same site. Here are a few update for the 2024-25 season:

- WSO requires schools to register with their geographic region. We encourage teams to register as soon as possible as spots may be limited. If full, please contact the state director by email so we can update Scilympiad. After the registration deadline (by 1/15/2025), if team count exceeds capacity of any particular regional site, the State director will work with teams to accommodate some schools at other regional sites, based on team registration date and fairness for state qualification.
- For regional tournaments, we require participating schools to provide at least two volunteers who can help or lead an event at regional. If a school has N teams, then we expect N+1 volunteers available. **This is a new policy for WSO (See Appendix for a general guide of supervisor duties). We will be flexible for schools with less than three years of experience, and for teams during transition. This policy is intended to grow our volunteer base, not discouraging team participation.**
- Team registration is not complete until full payments are made to WSO and all identified volunteers fill out the form (<https://forms.gle/cv3wvrMFB4FcXYfj6>).
- Returning team fee will be \$300/team (not per school).
- New schools may register with a \$100 discount for the first team. If multiple teams register, the additional teams will need to pay the \$300/team fee w/o discount.
- *To introduce Science Olympiad to small or rural schools, WSO is providing discounts to new schools (one team only) who can only compete in less than half of the regular events or the trial events. **This is specific to SW and Eastern Regional tournaments.** Please contact the state director if you like to participate in such a manner.*
- **WSO Unified schedule** includes a few WA unique events: **Sustainable Energy** (replacing Wind Power) and **Quantum Quandary** (replacing Bungee Drops). **We will host several trial events at the State tournament: Botany, Fermi Questions, Cybersecurity** for Div-C, **Game Agent** (thinking AI Agent for GameOn) for Div-B.

Here are the regular WSO Policies that still apply:

- Schools must first register with their geographic region (Eastern, NW, SW). If unsure, please contact the State Director (statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com).
- No more than 6 teams from a school may register initially. Please contact the State Director for the possibility of registering more teams.
- After 12/1/24, the board will decide whether additional teams can compete based on tournament registration.
- We will work with teams in January 2025 in case reassignment of team's regional affiliation is needed to accommodate all teams.
- In order to finalize your school/team registration, WSO must receive either payment (via PayPal on Scilympiad) or snail mail check. If **using Purchase Order (PO)** from your school or district. Notes:
 - WSO needs a copy of the actual PO which can be sent electronically to State Director email or snail mail. Providing only a PO # will not be accepted as there is important billing information included on the PO;
 - The invoice/PO functions on Scilympiad can be used to instigate payment. Please check with your district for additional requirements to issue PO.
 - **Once a team number is assigned, your team's registration is official.**
- **No more than 2 teams from a school may advance to the state tournament.**
- **See WSO Team Conduct Policy below for WSO expectations for team behavior.**

WA Registration is required for Invitational. Note that for teams to participate in Invitational competitions in WA or elsewhere, teams need to be fully registered with WA State prior to the competition. There will be a separate registration fee for each invitational.

Registration for new teams will be closed on 1/1/2025. The registration deadline (including full payment) is 1/15/25. After that date, all coaches of record (on Scilympiad) will be provided information with next steps. Any team withdrawals after 1/15 or after the team participation in Invitationals will not receive a refund.

Coach email distribution lists. To reach all potential coaches, prior years' registration lists are used. If a coach is no longer coaching and wishes to be removed from the list, contact the State Director. Please forward messages to new coaches and provide the State Director with contact info if possible, and help spread the words for Science Olympiad in WA!

Registration Guide

Log onto the Scilympiad web site (<https://scilympiad.com/wa>). If you've registered in the system previously, log on with your user name/password and set up your registration/s for the regional tournament. New schools/coaches will need to set up a new login registration, then register for the appropriate tournament (geographic region & B or C division). You can sign up as a coach today (note we usually only track only three head coaches per school). Note: B division is middle school/junior high school; C division is high school. See national Science Olympiad website for general info about team composition and policies: <https://soinc.org>.

You can access much of the generic info on Scilympiad without creating an account, but only when you create an account can you register your school/teams. The team registration will be open on Sept 3rd, 2024, after which you can register directly from the coach dashboard, click on "Update/Add Teams" to register each team. No more than 6 teams from a school may be registered initially, with possibility to add more when late registration starts 12/2/24 on a space-available basis.

Here is an [introduction on school registration using Scilympiad](#). Only the first 10 minutes are relevant. The rest of the webinar will be useful for Satellite competition.

NOTE: State Director will assign team number and may adjust regional designation before finalizing teams for the regional tournament.

WSO Team Conduct Policy

Reminder that all schools/teams are required to abide by the WSO Team Conduct Policy - please review this policy at https://washingtontscienceolympiad.com/policies/WSO_Team_Conduct_Policy.docx

Coaches, make sure your students, assistant coaches, parents, and any guests/persons associated with your school have read the policy and are apprised of the ramifications for violating the policy.

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Appendix I. Event Supervisor Guide

Each year we rely on hundreds of volunteers and alumni to make sure our regional and state tournaments are both challenging and fun for our competitors. For 2024-25, we want to improve on the event preparation even more, and we welcome all qualified volunteers to help write tests or proctor an event (email the state director!). As an event supervisor, you may not be writing the test yourself, but you are expected to be present in coaches' orientation or supervisor training sessions prior to the tournament. Here are some additional requirements and guidelines:

For 2025, all [volunteers](#) and Event Supervisors at the local, state and national level must complete this 10-minute online [Volunteer Training](#). All supervisors should be familiar with the [Code of Ethics and General Rules](#) and [Scoring Policies](#). National SO provided the following guideline for Event supervisor roles (slightly modified):

1. Responsible for conducting the event according to the Current Science Olympiad Rules exactly as printed in the current Manual. Do not assume that they are the same as last year. Read them carefully.
2. Be certain to avoid duplication of specimens or questions that you may have used at previous tournaments to avoid favoritism.
3. Communicate with Co-Supervisors to determine respective roles.
4. Bring or obtain all material and questions necessary to conduct the event and coordinate with the Co-Supervisor.
5. Encourage and challenge students in a professional and friendly manner.
6. Bring judging assistants or make certain that you have communicated in writing with the tournament site coordinator your needs for officials.
7. Answer student's questions. Don't give answers or other hints would give any team an unfair advantage.
8. Complete the scoring sheet and winners card and return them to Science Olympiad Headquarters with all student papers and calculations used to figure final scores. Leave a set of questions and an answer key with your scores. Please plan to remain at headquarters after your scores have been turned in to answer questions of staff entering scores and the arbitration team. Every effort must be made to eliminate ties.

Co-event supervisor is expected to follow the same guidelines, especially #1-5. If you have any questions, contact the state director in the email above.