



Exploring the World of Science

Tournament Science Olympiad

Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Agreement

2024

Division B and Division C

This form is intended for tournament participants, parents, volunteers, proctors and guests.

Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability and Use of Media and Digital Content

Assumption of Risk

I, _____, understand and acknowledge that my child's and/or my participation and/or entrance to the event and related areas may involve serious risks, including but not limited to risk of personal injury, death or property damage and acknowledge that he/she is voluntarily participating in this activity and agree to assume any such risks for any injury, death or damage to or loss of personal property arising out of, or in connection with participation in the activity from whatever cause, including any other participants in the activity.

Release of Liability

In consideration of my child's and/or my participation in the activity, I, _____, waive all claims or causes of action against the Montana State University, Science Math Resource Center, and Science Olympiad, Inc. its auxiliary organizations, and the officers, directors, employees and agents of all of them arising out of his/her participation. In the case he /she is injured, you are authorized to have him/her treated. I realize emergency medical personnel will be called when deemed necessary.

Use of Media and Digital Content and Release of Liability

When participants, parents, coach, and/or school personnel provide pictures to event personnel of the Montana State Tournament, I, [UNDERSIGN], authorize the Montana State University, Science Math Resource Center, and Science Olympiad, Inc. to use and reproduce photograph/videotape my child for publicity and promotional purposes.

GENERAL RULES, CODE OF ETHICS AND SPIRIT OF THE PROBLEM

The goal of competition is to give one's best effort while displaying honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship. Everyone is expected to display courtesy and respect (see Science Olympiad Pledges below). Teams are expected to make an honest effort to

follow the rules and the spirit of the problem (not interpret the rules so they have an unfair advantage). Failure by a participant, coach, or guest to abide by these codes, accepted safety procedures, or rules below, may result in an assessment of penalty points or, in rare cases, disqualification by the tournament director from the event, the tournament, or future tournaments.

1. Actions and items (e.g., tools, notes, resources, supplies, electronics, etc.) are permitted, unless they are explicitly excluded in the rules, are unsafe, or violate the spirit of the problem.
2. While competing in an event, **participants** may not leave without the event supervisor's approval and must not receive any external assistance. **All electronic devices capable of external communication as well as calculator applications on multipurpose devices (e.g. laptop, phone, tablet) are not permitted unless expressly permitted in the event rule or by an event supervisor. Cell phones, if not permitted, must be turned off. At the discretion of the event supervisor, participants may be required to place their cell phones in a designated location.**
3. **Participants**, coaches and other adults are responsible for ensuring that any applicable school or Science Olympiad policy, law or regulation is not broken. All Science Olympiad content (e.g., policies, requirements, clarifications, FAQs, etc. on soinc.org) must be treated as if it were included in the printed rules.
4. All pre-built devices presented for judging must be constructed, impounded, and operated by one or more of the 15 current team members unless stated otherwise in the rules. If a device has been removed from the event area, appeals related to that device will not be considered.
5. Officials are encouraged to apply the least restrictive penalty for rules infractions (see examples in the [Scoring Guidelines](#)). Event supervisors must provide prompt notification of any penalty, disqualification or tier ranking.
6. State and regional tournament directors must notify teams of any site-dependent rule or other rule modification with as much notice as possible, ideally at least 30 days prior to the tournament.

I pledge to put forth my best effort in the Science Olympiad tournament and to uphold the principles of honest competition. In my events, I will compete with integrity, respect, and sportsmanship towards my fellow competitors. I will display courtesy towards Event Supervisors and Tournament Personnel. My actions will exemplify the proud spirit of my school, team, and state.

I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing information and I am fully aware of the effect of signing this agreement.

Student Name

Student signature (if over 18)

Date

Parent signature