



NORTH POCONO INVITATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD COMPETITION

Tournament Policies

School: _____ **Teams number(s):** _____

School District: _____

Room Coverage Policy

Please plan to bring enough adult chaperones to the North Pocono Invitational. There should be an adult chaperone in your assigned home base room all day. If a team room is found to not have an adult chaperone in it at any time during the day, the team (or teams) in that room will receive a 25 point penalty and may not be allowed to return in the future. You may use more than one person, but someone must be in the room from when you arrive to when you leave the room at the end of the day to insure no problems happen.

North Pocono will have some floating volunteers that can cover your room for brief periods throughout the day, but it is important that this is not for extended periods of time. If any supervisors are struggling to find coverage for their room while they are running an event, please let J Croom know at jcroom@npsd.org no later than 1 week before the invitational.

Any adults brought with your teams should be approved by your home school to be volunteering with your Science Olympiad Program and have appropriate state and local clearances.

Vandalism Policy

Schools participating in this invitational must submit a copy of this 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 invitational the follow 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.

Code of Conduct

Student participants are expected to compete in tournament events with an honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of that competition. The goal of competition is to give one's best effort while displaying honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Students, coaches, parents and guests are expected to display courtesy and respect toward Olympiad officials, other teams, and guests of the Olympiad.

Failure to show honesty and/or courtesy by a participant, coach, or guest of the team may result in the disqualification of the team from that event, the entire tournament or future tournaments.

Cheating Policy

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 competition.
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 complete, that team will be disqualified from the event and be awarded three points greater than the number of teams registered in the competition. In addition, the event team member(s) involved in the incident, may be ineligible to attend this competition in the future. Furthermore, the teams may be penalized points not to exceed the value of two last place rankings.

Picture / Video Policy

Tacking pictures or videos of other team's devices without their permission is considered cheating. This will be punished according to the cheating policy above. It is should be understood that the person taking the picture will have to demonstrate that they have properly deleted the picture from their device or have their device confiscated until it can be done.

I have read and understand the policies on room coverage, acceptable behavior, vandalism, cheating, and pictures / videos. The students on the team have been made aware of these policies and will accept the consequences set forth for their violation. I will accept the consequences of violation of theses policies as assessed by the invitational sponsors.

Principal's Signature _____

Date _____

Coach's Signature _____

Date _____