

NW Coaches, thank you for your enthusiasm in jumping back into in-person Science Olympiad tournaments. WSO is so happy to provide Washington schools/teams/students a chance to demonstrate their STEM knowledge and skills in a practical setting.

At the beginning of the 2022-23 season, WSO encountered challenges in securing B & C tournament sites for each of our three regions: Eastern, Northwest and Southwest. The Northwest (NW) region presented the most challenge in that long-standing tournament sites were unavailable due to faculty/tournament director (TD) retirements with no one else from the sites to assume TD roles. Thankfully, Redmond High School (B) and Raisbeck Aviation High School (C) have stepped forward to lend their facilities for NW tournaments, with oversight primarily from the NW regional board rather than school personnel.

No other tournament sites are identified for the NW region. With more NW teams registering than what each tournament site can accommodate, tournament registration will be based on order in which teams paid for their registration. This is nothing new for WSO – all registration info on the WSO web site and Scilympiad indicate that a team is only officially registered when WSO receives payment (or PO from school/district satisfies payment) and a team # is assigned.

Possibly confusing above is that Scilympiad issues an auto-response (which is generated by the site and NOT run by WSO) when schools/teams provide initial registration info. The msg indicates teams are “successfully” registered. I’ve been in contact with the web developer to request the auto-response is changed to reflect WSO need for PO/payment before teams are official (... with no change at this time). But, as the WSO site and WA Scilympiad site identify only paid teams are official, this shouldn’t be a surprise.

Toward ensuring that teams aren’t surprised by WSO indication they are not officially registered until PO/paid, I have sent msgs to coaches (some in bulk) when I receive copy of the Scilympiad registration “confirmation” to remind them of need for PO/payment to be officially registered.

What this means is that some NW teams registered with Scilympiad early in season & rec’d msg indicating “successful” registration but have not yet paid or provided PO. Subsequently, teams that registered later (and even waitlisted) but paid their registration will be put in the NW tournaments ahead of unpaid teams.

While I would prefer to use Scilympiad to provide an official list of teams that are in NW-B and NW-C tournaments, the only way to move registered/unpaid teams off is to delete their registrations – which I prefer not to do. Subsequently, Scilympiad still shows unpaid teams as IN the tournament/s. But with paid status modifying what Scilympiad indicates. I’ve posted an officially-registered B & C list (as of 12-4-22): [https://washingtonscienceolympiad.com/tournaments/2023\\_NW\\_B-C\\_Tournament\\_Rosters\\_12-4-22.xlsx](https://washingtonscienceolympiad.com/tournaments/2023_NW_B-C_Tournament_Rosters_12-4-22.xlsx)

The roster identifies officially-registered teams and their assigned WSO team #s (which confirms official registration status). WSO #s are assigned in order of receipt of payment; so it is easy to identify order in which teams paid. For teams that paid later (e.g., higher team #) – but were identified on Scilympiad as “successfully” registered, it was necessary for me to review several screens/resources to identify final roster. Subsequently, if teams received conflicting info in meantime, my apologies – differences between what Scilympiad (which is NOT run by WSO) provides and WSO policies.

**What does this mean for teams on Scilympiad showing as registered but have not paid?**

You are not officially registered and need to complete payment/PO in order to finalize your registration with a tournament. NW-B still has 2 slots open as of 12-5-22; NW-C is closed and you need to switch to SW or Eastern tournament by going to Update Profile from coach dashboard and selecting either SW or Eastern tournament. For NW-B teams that don't finalize before last two slots filled, you need to select an alternate tournament if you wish to compete in 2023.

For NW teams that don't make it into the NW-B or NW-C tournaments and you do not wish to compete in an alternate tournament, WSO provides full refund for payments made if withdrawal request is made by 1/15/23.

I apologize for length of this msg but wanted to be sure coaches that are not on the NW-B/C roster had complete information to make decision on how to proceed.

WSO wishes that all registered teams are able to compete in 2023. If there is anything I can do to ensure that happens, please let me know.

MSG to all coaches 12-15-22

To coaches who have registered on Scilympiad, I wanted to connect with you prior to Wtr break to ensure you have latest info since only two weeks remaining after New Year to finalize team registrations.

First, the WSO Unified Schedule has been changed following release of the “final” schedule in October. Changes were necessary in light of major tournament conflicts in which B/C events were scheduled in same time blocks which didn’t work with tournament schedules and securing Event Supervisors: B Division – Forestry & Green Generation moved to different blocks; C Division – Dynamic Planet moved to different blocks – see

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WgsrwFJfoqCwtR6g3QS7TpYczMWv9FDarqwhdMcHSJs/edit#gid=563957571> for latest version (1.3). While we don’t anticipate additional schedule changes, be sure to check back regularly for updates.

As well, <https://washingtontscienceolympiad.com/regform.pdf> has latest registration updates. Since Scilympiad is used for all WA regional tournaments, as well as for the state tournament, prior to 1/15/23 registration deadline when tournament rosters are forwarded to Tournament Directors (TD) who may/may-not use Scilympiad for tournament coordination, I prefer to only use the WSO web site for providing info to coaches ... along with email. Following 1/15/23 registration deadline, TD will send coaches info specific for their tournament. As it will take a few days after 1/15 deadline to get info to TDs and they may take a few days to send out msgs, I’ll ask TDs to send tournament info to coaches no later than 1/31/23.

Coaches, please advise all co-coaches, assistants, team captains, students, parents, and anyone associated with the team to regularly check above links (schedule & regform) for updates. Date of any changes will be clearly identified.

Tournaments Update:

On 12/6/22, I sent NW regional coaches an email with the following info (FYI to all):

NW regional tournaments had challenges in securing sites and, once final, more teams registered than openings for both B & C divisions resulted. Tournaments are: B – Redmond HS 3/4/23; C – Raisbeck Aviation HS 3/11/23. Due to WSO policy that paid teams are officially registered ahead of unpaid teams, (and that Scilympiad limitations do not allow for identifying official vs unpaid without deleting the unpaid teams – which I do not want to do at this time), see officially registered NW B & C team roster (as of 12/4/22): [https://washingtontscienceolympiad.com/tournaments/2023\\_NW\\_B-C\\_Tournament\\_Rosters\\_12-4-22.xlsx](https://washingtontscienceolympiad.com/tournaments/2023_NW_B-C_Tournament_Rosters_12-4-22.xlsx)

NW coaches with unpaid registrations were contacted last week & asked to switch registration to either SW or Eastern regional tournaments, which some have; some haven’t and some are still unpaid/not officially registered with any regional tournament.

At this time (12/15/22 – 1 month before registration deadline), here are tournament openings for all regionals:

Eastern B: 9; C: 8

NW B: 2; C: FULL

SW B: 13; C: full except TD indicated could accommodate a few more teams (registration on Scilympiad increased to 22 – first-come/first-served based on PAID status – which includes submission of PO).

I believe this catches all up on most current info. If you have questions, please let me know – I will be checking email semi-regularly over next 2 weeks; diving back in on 1/3/23.

I hope everyone has a relaxing break (or if not relaxing, then happy/fun)! See you in 2023.