

# Washington Science Olympiad (WSO)

## 2023-24 Registration Info

### 8/16/23 Update

The WSO 2023-24 online registration is via <https://scilympiad.com/wa> - same program used since 2018. This program provides various payment options, more flexibility in contacting coaches/teams, and ability to coordinate tournament activities.

Note that this season's registration/tournament info is still being fleshed out and to **check back regularly for updates**. The latest info follows:

#### **General Info for Coaches & Participants:**

- National Science Olympiad will have the 2023-24 rules manuals available for free download Tuesday, Sept 5 – <https://soinc.org> – there should be a link at the top of that page.
- The WSO state board is still working out details for the 2023-24 season. Subsequently – and hopefully we will have more complete info (and posted to the WSO site & Scilympiad.com/wa) - WSO registration will open September 15, 2023. Coaches can register on Scilympiad at any time, but only be able to register teams starting 9/15/23.
- Returning team fee will be \$275/team based on national Science Olympiad raising their fee to states.
- New schools may register teams with a \$100 discount/team. This replaces the previous fee waiver as WSO was not able to secure grant that allowed us to offer the waiver this year.
- As WSO requires schools to register with their geographic region, this means teams can/should go ahead & register as soon as possible. This ensures you reserve a spot (and can withdraw as needed). If any issues with tournament indicating full, please contact [statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com](mailto:statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com) with details of tournament and number of teams unable to register – we'll update Scilympiad, as able, to possibly permit registration.
- See "Regular WSO Policies that Apply" below – these identify initial # of teams that can register and late registration/space-available basis info.
- The WSO Unified Schedule for 2024 has not been finalized (to be posted by end of October). Currently, only XY rotations are being considered; but may adopt XYZ schedule for tournaments needing to accommodate more teams.

- Coaches registered with Scilympiad 2022-23 will be emailed in August providing much of this info. Coaches who were not registered 2022-23 should (1) register on Scilympiad and (2) contact State Director ([statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com](mailto:statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com)) to provide new coach contact info ... as the 2022-23 Scilympiad site will be purged immediately following August email. There is no one email distribution list that will be maintained during 2023-24 registration; so needing to hear from new coaches if questions and can add to prior year distribution list.

### **Regional Tournament Dates/Locations:**

- Eastern B/C: Spokane Falls Community College – March 9, 2024 [FINAL]
- Northwest B: Northshore Middle School – March 9, 2024 [FINAL with possible XYZ rotation needed]
- Northwest C: Bothell HS and Raisbeck Aviation HS will each host tournaments on either February 24, 2024, or March 2, 2024 – dates/locations TBA.
- Southwest B/C: Date/location TBA

IF TBA tournaments are not finalized by 9/15/23 when Scilympiad registration begins, NOTE that tournament date for TBA tournaments on Scilympiad is 1/1/24 – this is JUST a place-keeper to allow teams to register prior to finalizing tournament date and location.

NOTE: The **WSO State Tournament** is scheduled at Central Washington University on April 13, 2024.

The **WSO Unified Schedule** – a schedule that differs from the national schedule posted in the rules manual – will be posted to WSO web site ASAP ... with requested coach feedback by October 21 in order to make changes/finalize schedule by end of October. The WSO state board has identified a few events that differ from nationals. Coaches, PLEASE do not fully engage your teams in events UNTIL the WSO Unified Schedule is posted.

### **Regular WSO Policies that Apply:**

- Schools must register with their **geographic region** (Eastern, NW, SW). If unsure of your geographic region, please contact State Director ([statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com](mailto:statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com)).
- **No more than 6 teams** from a school may register initially. After the early registration period ends 12/1/23, the board will decide whether additional

teams can compete based on tournament registration. Same for schools wishing to register three or more teams at discounted rate starting 12/2/23. Contact State Director for possibility of registering more teams. Note: Schools registering 3-6 teams during early registration are NOT eligible to receive the late registration discount (e.g., no refund possible).

- In order to **finalize your school/team registration**, WSO must receive either payment (via PayPal on Scilympiad) or snail mail check – OR – Purchase Order (PO) from your school or district. Notes: (1) WSO needs a “hard” 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; (2) The invoice/PO functions on Scilympiad may or may not work with your school/district to instigate payment. Please check with your school/district to see if they will make payment from the Scilympiad forms; (3) Once your team registration is finalized, a **team number** will be assigned. Only when the coach dashboard identifies you have a team number for each of your teams is your registration official.
- **New schools** (or returning schools that have not competed in 5 years) may use the \$100 discount to reduce each team’s registration fee.
- See **WSO Team Conduct Policy** below for WSO expectations for team behavior.
- **No more than 2 teams from a school may advance to the state tournament.**

The **registration deadline is 1/15/24**. After that date, all coaches of record (on Scilympiad) will be provided information with next steps. Any team withdrawals after 1/15 will not receive a refund (as fees have already been spent on tournament expenses).

**Coach email distribution lists.** The Scilympiad registration site only maintains an email distribution list of current-season registrations. In order to reach prior year coaches with registration info, previous years’ registration lists are used. If a coach is no longer coaching and wishes to be removed from the list, contact the State Director; as well as – if able – forwarding messages to new coaches and providing the State Director with contact info. We will try to update the list and keep msgs to a minimum so you do not receive unwanted email.

## **Register on Scilympiad Beginning 9/15/2023!**

Log onto the Scilympiad web site (<https://scilympiad.com/wa>). If you've registered in the system previously, log on with prior user name/password and set up your registration/s for the regional tournament. New schools/coaches will need to set up a new logon registration, then register for the appropriate tournament (geographic region & B or C division). Note: B division is middle school/junior high school; C division is high school. See national Science Olympiad web site 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. Once you register your school, 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 12/2/23 on a space-available basis.

Be sure to finalize team registration via payment or PO. Contact State Director if issues completing the payment screen. NOTE: State Director will assign team # for finalized teams – coaches will see on their dashboard. If you do not see a team # assignment, please contact State Director ([statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com](mailto:statedirector@washingtonscienceolympiad.com)) to confirm steps needed to finalize your school/team registration.

### **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://washingtonscienceolympiad.com/policies/WSO Team Conduct Policy.docx](https://washingtonscienceolympiad.com/policies/WSO%20Team%20Conduct%20Policy.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.**

I look forward to welcoming you to the 2023-24 season. Let me know if you have any questions.

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