

Washington Science Olympiad (WSO) 2020-21 Registration starts September 1, 2020

Our 2020-21 online registration process 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.

11/6/20 Update for Coaches & Participants:

Following the 8/18 update, the WSO state board completed an initial Satellite 4-day tournament schedule/division. We were in the process of posting that info/providing coaches with our intended format. On October 10, several board member coaches attended a MiniSO invitational out of California. Feedback prompted the board to reconsider its approach and recently completed the WSO virtual tournament schedule - a hybrid between Satellite and MiniSO. The schedule and accompanying info/documentation of modifications to national events are now posted to:

<https://washingtonscienceolympiad.com/coaches.html>

Teams can compete in WSO tournaments no matter what stage their school or district is in.

With the virtual tournament, we can run one statewide regional tournament with each event on a specific day/time which allows us to create one test per event (rather than each region creating their own tests) and one process for administering and scoring (rather than each region developing its own processes).

Regional tournament dates are February 27 and March 6. The state tournament dates are April 17 and 24.

Even though teams will register for the same regional tournament (e.g., teams won't be signing up by region), geographic region will be used for scoring/ranking purposes to award medals/trophies to each region and identify teams advancing to the state tournament by region).

With the remote format and no specific need to cap the number of teams that can advance to state, the board has identified that half of each region's registered teams will advance to state. This will allow schools/teams of smaller regions to participate in the state tournament that normally would not have been able to go to state.

Regular WSO policies that still apply:

- No more than 6 teams from a school may register initially. After the early registration period ends 12/1/20, the board will decide whether additional teams can compete based on overall registration. Same for schools wishing to register 3rd or more teams at discounted rate starting 12/2/20. Contact State Director (statedirector@washingscienceolympiad.com) for possibility.
- No more than 2 teams from a school may advance to the state tournament.

The registration deadline is 1/15/21. After that date, all coaches of record (on Scilympiad) will be provided information with next steps.

Coaches registered 2019-20 have been emailed the registration process, registration discounts, and request to forward the msg to new coach/es. Here is the substance of that msg (with 11/6/20 update) that would apply to any/all schools/teams/coaches wishing to register for the 2020-21 Science Olympiad season. If you have any questions, please let the State Director know.

WSO Registration Begins 9/1/20!

Due to possible COVID restrictions, national Science Olympiad has identified different tournament options for 2020-21 – depending on each state’s status. See <https://www.soinc.org/play/tournaments> for a description of each tournament option. Click on the flowchart link to see what guided the WSO Board of Directors to initially select the Satellite option for all of Washington’s regional tournaments. Based on coach feedback, recently the state board adopted a hybrid virtual tournament that allows all teams to compete despite their school or district COVID stage. Subsequently, the posted schedule will be used for the WSO regional and state tournaments.

To register via our online registration system starting 9/1/20, please log onto the Team Management System web site (<https://scilympiad.com/wa>). If you already registered in the system previously, log on with prior user name/password and set up your registration/s for the statewide regional tournament. New schools/coaches will need to set up a new logon registration, then register for the tournament. **NOTE: New schools to WSO (or returning schools that have not competed in the last 5 years) may qualify for a registration waiver - please contact [State Director](#) for details.**

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 12/2/20 on a space-available basis.

If this msg reaches coaches who have passed on the baton to a new team coach, please forward this msg as appropriate and/or contact State Director with change of coach info.

2019-20 Registered Teams Discounts for 2020-21

Schools/teams registered for the 2019-20 season that was cut short by COVID are eligible for 2020-21 registration discounts that you will see on the Scilympiad web site. ANY registered team that was NOT able to compete due to COVID will have a 2020-21 registration waiver - this is identified in the Scilympiad site as a \$250 registration discount - be sure to finalize your registration by completing the payment screen showing \$0 due based on the discount. ANY 2019-20 registered team that DID compete is eligible for a \$100 registration discount. Note that WSO will track eligible schools/teams and notify coaches if they inappropriately registered via waiver/discount. Coaches should contact the State Director for specific registration direction if any question.

Additional school teams (e.g., more than what was registered last year) will register at the full fee (\$250/team ... with late registration discount after 12/1/20 for 3 or more teams on a space-available basis). For schools/teams needing to pay a fee, you can either email or snail mail your school/district PO or pay by check or credit card via Pay Pal on the Scilympiad web site.

Once your PO or payment is received, a registration confirmation will be sent.

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

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.

Especially with the Satellite option, tournament personnel will be watching for breaches of conduct and more effort may fall to coaches to ensure everyone associated with the school abides by the policy.

Thanks for any help you can provide in letting me know what works (or doesn't work) in using the Scilympiad web site for WSO registration. I look forward to welcoming you back for the 2020-21 season.

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