

# **The University of Texas at Austin Science Olympiad Invitational**

## **Polices and Principal Acknowledgement Form Fall 2016**

### **CHEATING:**

Incidents of cheating will be handled in the following manner:

1. An individual (coach, parent, or student) who cheats during the competition will be penalized by disqualification of the team from that event. Disqualification results in a score that is two points greater than the number of teams registered in the region.
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 compete, that team will be disqualified from the event and be awarded two points greater than the number of teams registered. In addition, the event team member(s) involved in the incident may be ineligible for any future Science Olympiad competitions. Furthermore, the teams may be penalized points not to exceed the value of two last place rankings.

### **CONSTRUCTED DEVICES:**

This policy applies to events that require a device to be constructed and brought to the University of Texas at Austin Invitational Science Olympiad tournament. The student primarily responsible for the design and construction of the device (lead student) must be present and operate the device when it is operated for scoring.

The event supervisor(s) may extensively question the lead student as to the design and construction of the device. Questioning may include the overall design and construction as well as the component parts, how they operate and function in the device. Other students on the team may also be questioned.

If the students cannot answer the questions correctly, then the event supervisor(s) has (have) grounds to believe the students did not design and/or construct the device. The team will be disqualified from the event and scored accordingly.

### **INTERFERENCE:**

Penalty points may be assessed for the following:

1. For a student, coach, teacher, chaperone or parent entering a building or area where events are set up for the competition or are being held without proper authorization to do so. *Five (5) penalty points may be assessed.* Only those students actually competing in an event and those teachers who may be assigned to assist in the conducting of an event may enter areas where events are held. All other persons are to remain out of the building or the area at all times.
2. For a student, coach, teacher, chaperone or parent interfering with or disrupting the conduct of an event. Ten (10) penalty points may be assessed. Note this policy applies to any person in attendance at the Invitational Science Olympiad Tournament.

## **VANDALISM:**

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. No member of that team will be awarded a medal in any event. An individual who commits an act of vandalism will 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 University of Texas at Austin Invitational Science Olympiad Tournament in a subsequent 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.

## **Principal's Acknowledgment**

My signature verifies that I have read and understand the University of Texas at Austin Invitational Science Olympiad policies on:

1. Unacceptable behavior regarding cheating;
2. Who may build and design devices used for the Invitational Science Olympiad Tournament;
3. Unacceptable behavior regarding interference of teachers, parents, other family members, coaches and chaperones with any facet of the Olympiad competition;
4. Unacceptable behavior including the prohibition of vandalism.

I certify that ALL devices used for this competition are designed and constructed solely by the participants of each event. In addition, I understand that each team is responsible for the behavior of all persons accompanying the team, and for making them aware of this policy.

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Printed Name of School Principal

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School

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Signature of School Principal

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Date

## **Coach and Student Pledges**

### **CONDUCT:**

Student participants are expected to compete in tournament events with an honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of the 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 will result in the disqualification of the team from that event, and possibly the entire tournament or future tournaments.

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD PLEDGES:

### Coach:

On behalf of the coaches, assistants and parents that are accompanying my team, I pledge to encourage honesty and respect for tournament personnel, our fellow coaches and other team members. We want our efforts to bring honor to our community and school.

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School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Number

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Printed Name of Coach

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Signature of Coach

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Date

### Students:

I pledge to put forth my best effort in the University of Texas at Austin Invitational 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.

### Signatures of Team Members:

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