

# Harvard College Science Olympiad Division C Invitational Tournament

### **About Us**

The Inaugural Harvard College Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018 on the historical campus of Harvard University in Cambridge, MA. Our Division C event will feature 30 teams competing in all 23 events. Competition events will run from approximately 7:00am to 3:00pm with the closing ceremony finishing by 6:00pm.

### Registration

Registration will open on Monday, September 25th, 2017 at 9:00am EDT. The registration fee is \$150 per team. Due to our 30-team capacity, schools may register only one team; if a second team is registered, it will be put on the waitlist. Coaches will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of submitting the registration form.

Completion of the registration form does not guarantee participation in the tournament. Teams' participation in the tournament is reserved only after (1) the online registration form is submitted, and (2) the registration fee is received by Harvard Science Olympiad by November 1st, 2017. Teams whose payment is not received by the deadline will forfeit their participation to a team on the waitlist. Please contact us at sciolyharvard@gmail.com with any questions.

## Eligibility

- Teams must be registered with their state Science Olympiad organization prior to competing in the Harvard Science Olympiad Invitational
- Teams must conform to the <u>Division C membership rules found here</u> and all competing students must conform to the eligibility rules found here
- All students must sign (1) a liability waiver, (2) a health form, (3) a media release form, prior to competing in the Harvard Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament. Forms will be provided to coaches after registration is confirmed.

## **Competition Day**

- Teams must abide by the Official Code of Ethics and General Rules specified here
- The Harvard Invitational Tournament will be scored based on the <u>Official Scoring Guidelines specified</u> here
- Unless otherwise stated, the Harvard Invitational Tournament will adhere to all rules stated in the national rule book and national event clarifications posted here. In cases which the printed national rule book specifies different rules or content for different competition levels, the Harvard Invitational Tournament will follow the rules specified for the regional tournament level
- Each team must be accompanied to the Harvard Invitational tournament by one coach, and one chaperone (two unique adults). Every team will be given access to a homeroom in Harvard Yard where the chaperone must reside for the duration of the tournament



### **FAQs**

**Who can register?** Teams must be registered with their state Science Olympiad organization prior to competing in the Harvard Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament, and must conform to the Science Olympiad Division C membership rules found here.

When can I register? Registration will open in September. For now, sign up for updates using the button up above and we will let you know when a registration date is announced.

Why is the registration fee \$150? Our event is hosted in Harvard Yard which is the center of the oldest part of Harvard University's campus. The registration fee ensures that venue costs don't inhibit us from properly executing on the other aspects of the invitational.

**How big can my team be?** We allow teams of up to 15 high school students, no more than 7 of whom can be seniors. Every team also MUST have at least one dedicated coach AND one additional chaperone.

How will parking on campus work? As our event takes place on a Sunday, street parking in the City of Cambridge will be free of charge. Additional parking space will be made available for volunteers pending availability.

When will you release room assignments, event schedule, team list, etc.? Once all teams are registered, we will be able to provide room assignments and other information. At latest, this will be three weeks before the event. We will send an email to team coaches when this information is finalized.

**Can Division B teams compete?** Unfortunately, we are hosting a Division C Invitational Tournament, so Division B teams may not compete.

### Sponsor our event

Your (and your company's) generosity makes our invitational run! With over 500 students and their families attending, there will be ample opportunities to engage with a broader audience. Contact us at sciolyharvard@gmail.com with any sponsorship inquiries.

### Volunteer at our event

We are putting out a call for volunteers to help staff our invitational event. Jobs range from registration and administrative to technical scoring and grading of events. If you are interested, please send us an email at sciolyharvard@gmail.com. A form will be posted closer to the event to officially sign up to be a volunteer. (https://goo.gl/forms/biVO6LPMp2YMpuLu1)