

Elementary Science Olympiad - General Rules

(any changes are in bold print)

1. The Science Olympiad will begin PROMPTLY at 8:30 AM. Students must arrive for each event at the time indicated on the event schedule or risk not being allowed to participate. Teams must participate in the time slot indicated on event schedule (unless on the "Team Event Board"). Switching time slots are only allowed on "Team Event Boards" at the discretion of the Event Supervisor.
2. Individual school teams consist of up to 18 students from grades 4-6. A maximum of eight (8) sixth grade students is allowed (students from a feeder middle school may participate). Third-grade students in a 3-4 combination class may participate as 4th graders. Up to two teams per school may participate. Each team participates equally with regard to individual and overall awards. Sixth grade participants may participate in both the Elementary and Regional Science Olympiad events.
3. Invited teams (teams from outside Stanislaus County) may participate in the event one time. Invited teams are encouraged to coordinate an Elementary Science Olympiad event in their area. Two teams from an invited school are allowed, but only one team (designated by the coach) will receive individual event awards. Overall team awards will be given to Stanislaus County teams only.
4. Each participating team must provide a minimum of one event supervisor and one assistant to coordinate and facilitate an event at the Olympiad.
5. One adult chaperone per five students must accompany students at this event. Chaperones can be a science teacher/coach and/or assistant (can be a parent).
6. Winners will receive 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place medals for each event. Where an event has more than one participant from each school, each winner will receive a medal. Adding total points in each event will provide a cumulative school score. The lowest overall team scores will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies.
7. There are seventeen events in which to participate each year. A team may participate in one or all events available (see schedule of events).
8. With the exception of team participants, event supervisors, and assistants, no one will be allowed at a closed event. Spectator events are listed in the event schedule.
9. **TEAM COACHES AND PARENTS ARE NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE COMPETITION OR COACH CONTESTANTS DURING AN EVENT.** Interference in an event may cause the team to be disqualified in that event. In the event of a dispute regarding an event, a participant or coach may approach the event supervisor for discussion. If the dispute is not resolved, the coach must complete an appeal form and submit it to the arbitrator for a determination.
10. The final team scores will be available to each team coach at completion of the awards ceremony. Coaches will then have twenty (20) minutes to appeal their team scores. Event Supervisor judgment calls are not subject to review. Individual event tests will not be reviewed and will not be returned under any circumstances.
11. Cost to participate is \$100.00 (Stanislaus County Teams).