

NEBRASKA SCIENCE OLYMPIAD 2018

CELEBRATING OUR 31st TOURNAMENT! FIRST COACHES MEMO: September, 2017

**Date of Nebraska Science Olympiad Tournament: Saturday, April 21, 2018**

Location: East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

*Tentative Schedule of Events*: *Registration 7:20 a.m.-8:00 a.m.*

 *Opening Ceremony 8:00 a.m.-8:20 a.m.*

 *Impound 8:20 a.m.-8:50 a.m.*

 *Competition: 8:55 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*

 *Awards Ceremony 5:00 p.m. (approximately)*

**NEW RULE INFO**: The rules will be delivered electronically this year. You will need to open a free account at [http://store.soinc.org](http://store.soinc.org/) to access the rules. Registration with the national and state are still required for access to tournaments. Rules will be available beginning September 5.

**National Science Olympiad and Nebraska Membership Fees:**

Teams must be national members to receive the new rules and participate in regional and state tournaments. The national fee is $60.00. Nebraska Science Olympiad will have a membership fee of $25.00. The total fee is $85.00 for the first team. If a school wishes to enter two teams at a regional tournament, they will need to register a second team with the state for the cost of the national membership fee, $60.00. You will need to send a separate registration form for each team.

**How to register:**

Please send your registration and fee to:

 Nebraska Academy of Sciences

 c/o Cecelia Dorn

 302 Morrill Hall

 14th & U Streets

 Lincoln, 68588-0339

Please **DO NOT** send your state tournament fee with your registration. The amount of the state tournament fee will be announced at a later date and will be collected at morning registration at the state tournament. You will need to send a registration form for each team.

2017 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD EVENTS

DIVISION B DIVISION C

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| Anatomy & Physiology | Meteorology |  | Anatomy & Physiology | Herpetology |
| Battery Buggy |  | Microbe Mission |  | Astronomy |  | Hovercraft |
| Crime Busters  |  | Mystery Architecture |  | Chem Lab |  | Material Science |
| Disease Detectives |  | Optics |  | Disease Detectives |  | Microbe Mission |
| Dynamic Planet |  | Potions & Poisons |  | Dynamic Planet |  | Mission Possible |
| Ecology |  | Road Scholar |  | Ecology  |  | Mousetrap Vehicle |
| Experimental Design | Rocks & Minerals |  | Experimental Design |  | Optics |
| Fast Facts |  | Roller Coaster |  | Fermi Questions |  | Remote Sensing |
| Herpetology |  | Solar System |  | Forensics |  | Rocks & Minerals |
| Hovercraft |  | Towers |  | Game On |  | Thermodynamics |
| Keep the Heat |  | Wright Stuff |  | Helicopters |  | Towers |
|  |  | Write It-Do It |  |  |  | Write It-Do It |

**Points and Awards at the Nebraska State Tournament**: 1st thru 6th place medals will be awarded for each event. 1st thru 6th place trophies will be awarded to the Division B and C school teams. Point totals will be calculated as follows:

1st place = 11 points down to 10 places = 2 points. A participation point will be given for 11th place and higher to encourage training, involvement, and preparation. Trial Events are not part of the team scores but medals will be awarded. Medals will be awarded to the top six (6) teams or the top half of the competitors (e.g., 8 teams competing, 4 places are awarded).

**Competition Team Composition at the Nebraska State Tournament**: Each school may enter up to 15 students from the same school per division for their competition team. Students must be supervised by a teacher/coach. No teacher/coach may supervise more than one team. A maximum of five (5) 9th graders are allowed on Division B teams. Division C teams may have a maximum of seven (7) seniors. Competitors must be students of the membership school. Middle schools may invite five (5) of their last year’s eighth grade students to be part of a team.

**Alternates**: Alternate competitors may only compete in trial events. Trial events will be announced later. Rules for the trial events will be posted in the state web site at <https://nebraskaacademyofsciences.wildapricot.org/ScienceOlympiad>.

**Nebraska State Tournament Fee**: The state tournament fee will be announced at a later date and teams will bring their fees to registration the morning of April 21. Checks must be made payable to the **NEBRASKA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**.

**Nebraska State Competition**: A team/school may have only one entry in each event. Teams may enter as many or as few events as they wish. An individual student may be entered in a maximum of four (4) competition events (this limit does not include trial events).

**Nebraska State Registration Deadline: April 18, 2018**

Online registration for the state tournament will begin in March, 2018, and end on April 18th. Any roster changes after April 18 will be handled by completing drop/add/change forms during registration from 7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. on April 21st at tournament headquarters. Coaches of registered teams will receive information about the tournament and registration via email.

**Regional and Invitational Tournaments**: The following dates are subject to change and participation may be limited by the hosts. Be sure to check the Science Olympiad web site at <https://nebraskaacademyofsciences.wildapricot.org/ScienceOlympiad>

 for further information and updates.

 Hastings Patriot Invite: ESU#9: Friday, February 16, 2018

 Kristen Slechta: kristen.slechta@esu9.us

 Flyer details: <https://www.smore.com/kxv9k>

 Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo: Saturday, February 24, 2018

 Julie Anderson: outreach@omahazoo.com

 Basic information will be posted September 15 on the Zoo web site:

 Tournament team registration will open January 1, 2018

 Event registration will open in February- Date TBA

 Bellevue Middle School Invite: TBA

 Norma Thompson: norma.thompson@bpsne.net

 Kearney: ESU#10: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

 Dianah Steinbrink: dianah.steinbrink@esu10.org

 Ogallala: ESU#16: Monday, March 26, 2018

 Tyler Cronin: tcronin@esusixteen.org

**Regional Tournament Fees**: To be determined by each tournament

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 Nebraska Science Olympiad email address: nescienceolympiad@gmail.com

**For Science Olympiad Updates visit:**

National Site: [www.soinc.org](http://www.soinc.org): Teams will find study information, rules clarifications, and updates at this site.

**Nebraska Science Olympiad is sponsored by:**

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