



**VIRGINIA SCIENCE
OLYMPIAD
DIVISION A
COACHES MEETING**

09.09.2023

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD VISION

Our vision is to increase K-12 student and teacher participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

What is Division A?

A friendly teamwork competition designed for 3-5 grade students to experience science.

2023-TEAM REGISTRATION

Visit our website www.virginiaso.org/div-a-reg

Fill out the interest [form](#)

Request [Coach Portal Access](#) by creating an account

Access your Portal once your Coach account has been approved and

Provide your Tournament Day preference

Download your registration forms by clicking on Reg Paperwork, have them filled, and send it to divisiona@virginiaso.org

Print your invoice and make the payment

2023-TEAM REGISTRATION (Contd.)

Have the parents to register their students using the appropriate form [here](#)

Have Parent Volunteers sign up as tournament workers [here](#)

Assign building events (Coach scheduled events) to students once you receive your tournament date and team number.

NEW COACH FIRST STEPS

- Notify your school administrator that you are forming a team.
- Volunteer to help with committees
- Decide how you will select students for your team. **Will your team match the dynamics of your school's student population?**
- New Coaches contact Alan at alanborhauer@virginiaso.org with your questions.

2023-TEAM STRUCTURE

Teams may come from a Virginia public, chartered, private, or home-schooled setting.

All students must attend the same school as an enrolled student.

After school programs or clubs with students from different schools are not eligible to participate.

Schools have one head coach and one assistant to be the contact point for all correspondence.

Schools may have mentors work with students. These mentors do not have the same privileges as the coaches.

Schools can have up to three groups of fifteen students each.

2023-TEAM STRUCTURE (Contd.)

Third grade students can be a part of the fifteen member team. They can compete in any event.

Fourth and fifth grade students cannot compete in third grade only events.

Any student participating in Div. A cannot participate in Div. B in the same competition year.

2023 - SCHEDULING

- ❖ **Scheduled Events - based on team number**
 - ❖ **All students from the same school will take their tests at the same designated location based on team schedule**
 - ❖ **Students will not be allowed to retake their tests.**
- ❖ **Coach Scheduled Events**
 - ❖ **Slots will be made available for choosing only when requirements are met (Registration form, Fees, Volunteer requirements) and you have received your team number**
 - ❖ **Assign students based on slot availability.**

2023 - SCHEDULING (Contd.)

- ❖ Download the updated Rules Manual dated., Sep. 12th, 2023
- ❖ Crave the Wave is not an online event
- ❖ Additional time slot has been added for Coach scheduled and trial events.
- ❖ Due dates for the if needed tournament have been added to the Rules Manual

2023 - EXPECTATIONS

- ❖ Parents will not be allowed in the testing school and/or room
- ❖ We need names of the Coach and Assistant Coach. One must be available at all times by phone on competition day.
- ❖ Teams may have up to 2 Chaperones who will be responsible for dropping and picking up the students at/from the event spaces.
- ❖ Chaperones must stay in their own waiting area. A Coach/Asst. coach can be a chaperone.

CLARIFICATIONS

- ❖ Clarifications open on Sept. 9th and can be requested until Oct. 13th
- ❖ There are two ways to request clarification
- ❖ Go to the [Events page](#) of our website and click on [Request a clarification](#) to request one
- ❖ Click on individual events on the [Events page](#) and [Request a clarification](#) on the respective event's page
- ❖ The clarifications can be viewed on the respective event's page.

DATES

- Sep. 9th - Clarifications Open
- Sep. 23rd - New Coach Meeting, Tournament Date & Team Nos. Assigned to those who are fully registered
- Sep. 30th - Coach Scheduled events sign up opens
- Oct. 13th - Registrations & Clarifications End
- Oct. 28th - Tournament Prep meeting & Rosters Due
- Nov. 4th - Competition Day 1
- Nov. 11th - Competition Day 2
- Nov. 18th - Competition Day 3(if needed)

Decision to have if needed tournament day

- Oct. 14th - Coaches will be notified and will be allowed to change the date.
- Oct. 21st - Third tournament team nos. will be assigned based on requests to change and coach scheduled event sign ups will open
- Requests to change will not be honored after Oct. 21st

Awards

- At this moment it will be a virtual ceremony due to space constraints
- We are continuing to look for other options and will inform once we finalize.
- Nov. 4th and Nov. 11th are two different tournaments and hence Awards will be specific for each date

T Shirt

Competitors, coaches, mentors, parents - all are welcome to purchase this t-shirt to commemorate the Fall 2023 Division A season!



Information to follow.

Team Number Explained

Team Number 112

- Competition Date Nov 4
- Team 12

Team Number 212

- Competition Date Nov 11
- Team 12

THANK YOU!

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