

School \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_



## SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Science Olympiad is devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. As such, the program has always required that teams be school-based, with all team members attending the same school.

### School Affiliation

Teams participating in the Virginia Science Olympiad must be recognized as a school-sponsored organization by the principal (or equivalent) of the school. Signing this form and registering a team acknowledges this relationship.

### Head Coach Authorization

The principal authorizes a head coach to act on behalf of the school team(s). The coach is a representative of the school and is responsible for ensuring that the team follows all school-established policies and procedures for student supervision, liability and safety.

The head coach of the team(s) serves as the VASO primary point of contact. The coach will register the team(s), manage them and supervise their competition, and ensure that VASO policies are met. VASO highly recommends that coaches work with, **or are themselves**, a school employee who will serve as a school liaison. This school employee liaison can ensure compliance with school policies and support team administration, including organizing school paperwork necessary for travel to tournaments, procuring team supplies and meeting space, and assisting in team selection.

*I have read and understand the VASO School Sponsorship Policy. By signing, I agree that the following is the authorized coach for the school.*

**Principal** Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Head Coach** Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_