

LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD INVITATIONAL  
CLARK HIGH SCHOOL, LAS VEGAS, NV  
POLICY FORM

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHEATING**

An individual who cheats during the competition will be penalized by disqualification of the team from that event. Disqualification results in a score that is three points greater than the number of teams registered for the event.

If cheating occurs in more than one event, by a team, the team may be disqualified from the entire competition.

If a team or team member, or anyone associated with the team, deliberately takes an action that deliberately impairs the ability of other teams to fairly compete, that team will be disqualified from the event and be awarded three points greater than the number of registered teams for the event. In addition, the event team member(s) involved in the incident, may be ineligible for any future competitions. This includes any events that they have yet to compete in during that day's competition, or future invitational competitions held.

*I have read and understand the Las Vegas Science Invitational policy on acceptable behavior regarding cheating, and I have discussed this with the team members. As a team we will accept the consequences of violation of this policy as assessed by the Las Vegas Invitational officials.*

**CONSTRUCTED DEVICES**

This policy applies to events that require a device to be constructed and brought to Science Olympiad. The student primarily responsible for the design and construction of the device (lead student) must be present and operate the device when it is operated for scoring.

All students must follow the Building Policy as outlined on the Science Olympiad website. (SOinc.org)

Event supervisor(s) may extensively ask questions to the students as to the design and construction of the device. Questioning may include the overall design and construction as well as the component parts, how they operate and function in the device. Other students on the team may also be questioned. If the students cannot answer the questions correctly, then the event supervisor(s) has grounds to believe that students did not design and/or construct the device. The team will be disqualified from the event and scored accordingly.

*I have read and understand the Las Vegas Science Invitational Building policy, and I have discussed this with the team members. As a team we will accept the consequences of violation of this policy as assessed by the Las Vegas Invitational officials. I further certify that ALL devices used for this competition are designed and constructed solely by the participants of each event.*

**INTERFERENCE**

Penalty points may be assessed for a student, coach chaperone or parent entering an area where events are set up for the competition or are being held, without proper authorization to do so, five(5) penalty points may be assessed. Only those students actually competing (wearing the wristband) in an event and those supervisors or assistants assigned to conduct the event may enter areas where events are held. All other persons are to remain out of the competition rooms at all times. The only exception is for build events there may be a viewing area for spectators.

Penalty points may be assessed for a student, coach, teacher, chaperon or parent interference with or the disrupting of an event, ten (10) penalty points may be assessed.

*Note this policy applies to any person in attendance at the Las Vegas Invitational Science Olympiad Competition.*

## **VANDALISM**

Vandalism means a deliberate action that results in damage to property. This includes, but is not limited to, graffiti, damage to facility property or damage to the personal property of competitors, judges and spectators.

If a team member(s) or persons associated with the team commit(s) an act of vandalism, the team will be disqualified from the competition and receive no points. No member of that team will be awarded a medal in any event. An individual who commits an act of vandalism may be barred from future competitions.

Each sponsoring school must agree to pay the cost of repairing damage from any act of vandalism. A school must pay this restitution before it can register the team for Science Olympiad the subsequent year.

*I have read and understand the Las Vegas Invitational policy on acceptable behavior including the prohibition of vandalism and discourtesy, and I have discussed this with the team members, and will accept the consequences of violation of the policy as assessed by the Las Vegas Invitational officials.*

## **GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS**

Students participants are expected to compete in tournament events with an honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of competition. The goal of competition is to give one's best effort while displaying honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship. Everyone is expected to display courtesy and respect. Teams are expected to make an honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of Science Olympiad. Failure by a participant, coach, or guest to abide by these codes, accepted safety procedures, or rules below, may result in an assessment of penalty points or, in rare cases, disqualification by the tournament director from the event, the tournament, or future tournaments.

**STUDENTS PLEDGE**

I pledge to put forth my best effort in the Science Olympiad tournament and to uphold the principals of honest competition. In my events, I will compete with integrity, respect, and sportsmanship towards my fellow competitors. I will display courtesy toward Event Supervisors and Tournament Personnel. My actions will exemplify the proud spirit of my school, team, and state.

**COACH'S PLEDGE**

On behalf of the coaches and assistants at this tournament, I pledge to encourage honesty and respect toward, tournament personnel, our fellow coaches, and other team members. We want our efforts to bring honor to our community and school.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>TEAM COMPETITORS SIGNATURES</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
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