Texas Science Olympiad Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can you please confirm if Friday events will be held at the Brazos County EXPO Center or the Brazos Center?
   • A: Friday events will be held at the Brazos County Expo Center, 5827 Leonard Road, Bryan, TX 77807
     [https://www.brazoscountyexpo.com] If you have questions regarding the facility, please direct them to the State Tournament office and NOT the facility.

Q: Can we switch to the opposite (odd/even) block times for an event?
   • A: No. Teams MUST compete in the designated time on the schedule. Facilities, supplies, etc. dictate a certain number for each time slot. If everyone switched, then there would not be enough supplies, space, stations, etc.

Q: Can we add a coach, parent, etc. to the email list from the State office?
   • A: No. It is the responsibility of the Primary Coach to disseminate the information provided from the State office -- if all 60 teams added, it would quickly become an unmanageable list.

Q: Do the same team members from Regionals have to attend State?
   • A: No. Your team may be compiled from a completely new set of team members if you choose. You will turn in a new team roster to the State upon arrival and check-in.

Q: May we change team numbers to the opposite (odd/even)?
   • A: No. There are a set number of even/odd teams based on space, supplies, etc. Team numbers are randomly generated after the last Regional tournament.

Q: When will the State tournament schedule be locked down?
   • A: It typically takes about 5-7 days of being posted to problem solve concerns, facilities, etc. Significant (i.e. times of events) changes made after April 5th will be announced to the teams via email.

Q: Do both members need to be present for Impound or only one?
   • A: Found on the last line of schedules "All pre-build devices presented for judging must be constructed, impounded, and operated by one or more of the 15 current team members unless stated otherwise in the rules. If a device has been removed from the event area, appeals related to that device will not be considered."

Q: Is it required that the principal sign the forms required where stated?
   • YES!
   • Per team composition rules: https://www.soinc.org/team-qualification-and-home-school-policy
   • Public School Students
     "Public school students may participate in Science Olympiad only as members of a team that is formed in the local public school that they attend. In the case of 9th graders, public school students may compete on the team from the middle school that they most recently attended. Public school students may not opt to participate on another school’s team."

Further down in the rules...

Registering and Qualifying Teams
"The state Science Olympiad organization is responsible for registering and qualifying all Science Olympiad teams. In the case of a public, private, charter, cyber or other alternative school Science Olympiad team, a roster signed by the principal of the school is considered proper validation. In the case of a Home School Team, a roster signed by the President of the home school association or the head of the independent home school is considered proper validation."