

NJ Science Olympiad  
Middlesex County College State Finals Tournament  
Tuesday, March 16, 2010  
(Snow Date, Thursday, March 18, 2010)  
Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ

Greetings: State Coaches

Congratulations to you and your teams on your superior success at our regional tournaments. Welcome to our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual State Finals tournament. Please carefully review the information below regarding the State Finals tournament.

Registration: Teams

Registration will run from 7:30 AM – 9:20 AM with separate locations for B and C teams in the gym of the Physical Education Building. At registration you will pick up your team packet, which will include NJSO pens, programs listing event room locations and a campus map. We will also provide a trash bag to be used to keep your homeroom tidy.

You **MUST** submit **2 copies** of your team list, signed and dated by you and your school principal, at registration. **Without it, your team will be denied registration and unable to compete.** The team list form was included with your letter of invitation to the State tournament and can also be downloaded at the NJSO website.

Each of your 18-team members (not alternates) must have their hands stamped by us at registration. This stamp must be displayed to each event official. **Without it they will be denied access to the event, unable to compete, and scored as a No Show.** Each team member will be hand-stamped only at registration; there will be no re-stamping. Please make your students aware of this.

A link to the campus map is below. Event room and homeroom assignments **will be available at registration on the day of the competition.** To help get your students somewhat acquainted with the campus, the buildings being utilized are: Physical Education Center, College Center, Main Hall, L’Hommedieu Hall, Technical Services Center, Johnson Education Center, Edison Hall, South Hall 1 and South Hall 2.

Campus Map: <http://www.middlesexcc.edu/aboutmcc/control.cfm/ID/2772>

Schedule: [http://www.njscienceolympiad.org/content/tournaments/2010/tournament\\_state.html](http://www.njscienceolympiad.org/content/tournaments/2010/tournament_state.html)

Events are scheduled from 9:30 AM - 2:20 PM. Please review the event schedule located at the link below to check when your team is scheduled for each event. The schedule may not be altered. Teams must impound pre-constructed devices **as indicated on the tournament schedule.** Please refer to the New Jersey Science Olympiad website for the event schedule.

The Awards Assembly will begin at 3:15 PM and should conclude at approximately 4:15 PM. If you and your team are unable to remain for the Awards Assembly, please make arrangements for someone to stay to collect any awards your students may win.

#### Conduct:

Below are the *Science Olympiad Code of Ethics* and *Spirit of the Competition* clauses taken from [www.njscienceolympiad.org](http://www.njscienceolympiad.org). Please review these with your students, co--coaches, and parent volunteers. Failure to display this level of sportsmanship may result in event or full tournament team disqualification.

#### **Science Olympiad Code of Ethics and Spirit of the Competition**

The goal of Science Olympiad is to give one's best effort while displaying honesty, integrity and sportsmanship. Students, coaches, supervisors, parents and guests are expected to display courtesy and respect toward Science Olympiad officials, other teams and guests of Science Olympiad. Failure to show honesty and/or courtesy by a participant, coach or guest of the team may result in the disqualification of the team from the event, the entire tournament or future tournaments. Our collective example will promote the spirit of the cooperation among all participants

#### Frequently Asked Questions - Answered:

1. Food services for coaches and students will be available in the College Center building. A trash bag will be provided for your team's homeroom if students choose to bring their own bagged lunches and snacks.
2. Each team will be assigned a homeroom. NJSO and Middlesex County College expect that these rooms will be left in the same condition as that in which they were found. For liability purposes, a responsible adult affiliated with your school should constantly supervise each homeroom. No students should be unsupervised while in homerooms.
3. Spectator events are indicated with an asterisk on the tournament schedule. Spectators at those events may not communicate with the officials or interrupt an event in any way. Doing so will result in disqualification for their team from the event or from the entire tournament.
4. For events behind closed doors, only team members competing in the event and NJSO officials are permitted in the room.