

# New Jersey



## General Information Q & A Session

# Getting Involved

- Register with New Jersey Science Olympiad
  - Includes fees for regional and state tournaments
  - [www.njscienceolympiad.org](http://www.njscienceolympiad.org)
- Register with National Science Olympiad
  - Pays for coaches manuals that contain 2008 rules
  - [www.soinc.org](http://www.soinc.org)

# Team selection

- General interest
- Auditions and/or entrance exams
- Team consists of 15 members with 2-3 alternates
  - Alternates may only compete in the Trial events

# Preparing for events

- Prepare for all events
- **READ THE RULES!!!!**
- Lab events
  - Practice, practice, practice
- Building events
  - Multiple prototypes & practice
- Content-based events
  - Know your content
  - Divide and conquer

# Scheduling

- Team assigned a team number upon registration with NJSO
- Team may only compete during their designated team number sessions.
- Impound = Device must be brought to competition room prior to set time
- Walk in = Prior to a set time, teams must go and sign up with event official for competition time.

# Days before competition

- Gather and organize materials (goggles, reference materials, etc.)
  - Plastic bins, backpacks, bags, etc. for some lab based events
  - Give every child a pair of goggles
  - Pack an box/bag of extras
- Complete Team List

# Regionals

- Team participate in 1 of 3 regional tournaments
  - Princeton Regional – January 8
  - Camden CC Regional – January 12
  - NJIT Regional – January 17
- 15 events and 1 trial per division
- ~ top 50% of teams advance to state competition

# Day of Competition

- Check in, hand in team list and get hand stamps
- Impound devices
- Sign up for walk-in time slots
- Settle in to team's homeroom
- Enjoy the day!

# State Tournament

- March 11 – Middlesex County College, Edison , NJ
- 23 events and 2 trial events per division
- Top school(s) advance to National SO Tournament
  - May 30 & 31 – George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

# National Invitational

- Saturday, January 26
- George Washington University
- All 23 events will run
- Registration information to come...
- <http://scienceolympiad.gwu.edu/invitational.html>