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*Exploring the World of Science*

### **Science Olympiad Volunteer Code of Conduct**

The goal of the Science Olympiad program is to provide a positive learning experience for all participants. Toward that end, Science Olympiad Tournaments rely on hundreds of volunteers during each event, many who will be adults interacting with students under the age of 18. Science Olympiad volunteers should always:

1. Sign in with Science Olympiad Tournament Officials at registration.
2. Bring and be prepared to show identification.
3. Wear the State Volunteer T-Shirt during the entire tournament as identification.
4. Follow a "Never Alone" policy when working with students. Science Olympiad tournaments are by definition team activities, with most contact between adults and students in large group settings. It is in the best interest of volunteers to not be alone with a student. For example, there might be an occasion when a volunteer might be assigned to help supervise an event in a room and, either before or after the event, a student attempts to enter the room to ask a question when no one, other than that single volunteer, is in the room. In such a situation, the volunteer should step out into the hall to answer the student's question – so as to not be alone with the student out of the view of the public. The intent of a "Never Alone" policy is to actively take steps to avoid situations that could possibly be construed as inappropriate.
5. Work to ensure a safe experience for everyone, including yourself.
6. Consider your position as a Science Olympiad volunteer to be that of a role model:
  - a. Treat others with respect and courtesy.
  - b. Refrain from smoking, consuming alcohol or using profanity.
  - c. Do not engage in any inappropriate contact with student participants.
  - d. Provide for the general welfare, health and safety of all Science Olympiad participants.
7. Report to the Science Olympiad Tournament Director anything you observe, either in the physical environment or an individual's behavior, that you feel may potentially cause harm.

## General Rules, Code of Ethics and Spirit of the Problem

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 the problem (not interpret the rules so they have an unfair advantage). 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.

If possible, Science Olympiad volunteers should also become familiar with the General Rules, Code of Ethics, Science Olympiad Pledges and Spirit of the Problem posted on the Science Olympiad website and printed in the official Rules Manual. These statements cover safety, laws and stated Science Olympiad Policies and apply to all participants.

### Declaration of Intent

I have read and agree to abide by the guidelines detailed on both sides of this sheet:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Legal/Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Information (OPTIONAL)

Printed Name of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number for Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Emergency Contact to me: \_\_\_\_\_