



Del Norte High School Science Olympiad Coach Agreement

Teams are expected to compete in tournament events with honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of the competition. Team members are expected to be the builders of all the devices used in the events.

The goal of competition 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 the Science Olympiad. Failure to show honesty and/or courtesy by a participant, coach or guest of the team may result in disqualification of the team from the event, the entire tournament or future tournaments. Our collective example will promote the spirit of cooperation among all participants.

The DNHS Charter is "To broaden the knowledge of science and engineering of the students through cooperative competition among fellow schools from the support of students, teachers, parents and the 4S Ranch community".

The DNHS Objective is to "(a) Establish a long term tradition of excellence in science. (b) To compete at a national level by 2012".

1. Coaches are to support the charter and objective of the DNHS SO program.
2. Teams may not interpret the rules so that they have an unfair advantage over the rules or another team.
3. Unless otherwise stated, it is generally understood that if notes, resources, calculators, actions etc., are not excluded, then they are permitted unless they violate the spirit of the problem.
4. Once teams have entered the event area to compete, they may not a) leave until they are finished, b) nor return once they have left, c) nor communicate with outside resources, including people, places, etc. by any means. This effectively excludes the use of any computer, PDA, calculators, wireless devices, phones, etc. that have access to external communication or data retrieval during an event unless specifically permitted.
5. Safety is of the utmost importance. Event supervisors are obligated to prevent unsafe acts and devices. Safety decisions are not subject to appeal as long as they are applied equally to all teams. Contestants may not bring or use a) flammable liquids or flame sources of any type, such as matches, cigarette lighters, alcohol and acetone b) nor bring or use acids/bases of any concentration except for lemon juice, vinegar and other mildly acidic/alkaline naturally occurring substances.
6. Coaches, teachers, parents, and other adult supervisors are responsible for insuring that any applicable laws, regulations and school policies are not broken.
7. One or more of the 15 current team members must have constructed all pre-built devices presented for judging. Any of the current team members may impound/demonstrate/operate the device at the competition unless stated otherwise in the rules.
8. Any person designated by the coach can impound devices unless stated otherwise in the rules.
9. Be prepared for each training session.
10. Ask for help before it is needed, including other parents, other coaches and students.
11. Continue coaching until the school has been eliminated from competition.
12. Maintain and expand a "learning guide" for future years.
13. Disagreement with tournament decisions will be directed to the team's Head Coach.
14. Coaches will not anger Tournament officials and risk team or school disqualification.
15. Coaches will also encourage restraint of parents with Tournament decisions and outcome and prevent the risk of team or school disqualification.



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Science Olympiad Code of Ethics

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Coach's Pledge

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

- respecting the rules of Science Olympiad,
- encouraging excellence in preparation and investigation,
- supporting independence in design and production of all competition devices,
- respecting the decisions of event supervisors and judges.
- Our examples will promote the spirit of cooperation within and among all our participating teams.

Coach Signature

Date