



## Del Norte High School Science Olympiad Parent Agreement

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, parent, 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. This is a 100% volunteer program in behalf of the students of DNHS.
2. Parents are to support the charter and objective of DNHS SO program.
3. Teams may not interpret the rules so that they have an unfair advantage over the rules or another team.
4. Safety is of the utmost importance. Coaches and 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.
5. Coaches, teachers, parents, and other adult supervisors are responsible for insuring that any applicable laws, regulations and school policies are not broken.
6. 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.
7. Any person designated by the coach can impound devices unless stated otherwise in the rules.
8. Parents are to ensure students are prepared for each training session.
9. Parents may be asked to assist during training sessions, preparations, and/or Tournament functions.
10. Student will be continued to be coached and expected to attend appropriate practice sessions until the school has been eliminated from competition.
11. Ensure the student is maintaining and expanding a "learning guide" for future years.
12. Disagreement with tournament decisions will be directed to the team's Head Coach.
13. Parents will not anger Tournament officials and risk team or school disqualification.
14. The decision of the Head Coach is final. Discourteous parents may jeopardize a student's ability to be on the team for the current and future year(s).
15. Team selection will be objective based on various factors including: attendance, intermediate test results, comprehension, work assignments, event coverage, and previous experience and results. Depending on the makeup of the students and events, some qualified student may not end up on a team for a Tournament. Though this is difficult for everyone, team assignment is a difficult process that each school grapples with each year.
16. Parent's threatening or taking legal action against DNHS, its officials, SO program coaches, parents, students, volunteers and/or tournament officials based on the outcome of a decision not to their liking of any person directly or indirectly involved with the school, region, state or



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national officials before, during or after Tournaments will terminate the DNHS SO program immediately. Such action will immediately remove parent's child(ren) from the current and future teams. Additionally, it will be made publically know that such action has occurred and which parent(s) were involved in the legal dispute.

**Science Olympiad Code of Ethics**

Student participants 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, parents, and guests are expected to display courtesy and respect toward Olympiad officials, other teams, and guests of the 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 that event, the entire tournament or future tournaments.

**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.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Student Name

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Home Room Teacher