



TENNESSEE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

REGISTRATION FORMS:

Are available on the Tennessee Science Olympiad web site at <http://tnscioly.utk.edu>. We encourage you to bookmark the web site and check it periodically for updates, official information, and resources such as a Coach's Information Manual and TSO Policies. Registration fees for the 2019 tournaments are \$225 for returning teams and \$125 for new teams or teams that have not competed in the last 3 years. Schools will be allowed to register 1 or 2 teams prior to Friday November 30. Additional teams may be added between December 1 and 14 on a space available basis. If you register at a location different than your first location these teams will only be allowed to compete for medals, they will not have a chance to advance to the state tournament. Teams that register after December 14 will be taken on a space available basis and will pay an additional \$100 late fee.

STATE TOURNAMENT:

Will be held at UTK on April 6, 2019. Twenty four teams from each division will advance to the state tournament. One school will advance from each regional tournament. Additional schools will be distributed proportional to the number of schools competing in a region. If there is a tie, the region with the larger number of teams competing will win.

DATES AND TEAM LIMITS:

Site	Tournament Date	Max. No. of Teams per Div.
Chattanooga State	2/16/2019	12
Christian Brothers	2/23/2019	14
Columbia State	2/16/2019	12 (B only)
East Tennessee State	3/2/2019	10
Lee	2/23/2019	8
Middle Tennessee State	2/23/2019	14
Southwest	3/2/2019	14
Tennessee State	3/2/2019	12
Tennessee Tech	2/23/2019	12
Volunteer State	None this year	

COMPETITION SITE POLICY:

A minimum of 3 schools will be allowed to compete at a regional tournament. Sites which have fewer than 3 schools competing at level B or C will be given the option to not host a tournament at that level and the teams will be reassigned to the nearest available region. Tournament sites post a maximum number of teams that can compete at their site. The following guidelines will be used in accepting teams at a site: 1) geographical proximity; 2) new teams; 3) returning teams - 1st and 2nd teams will be assured a place. Additional teams can register between 12/1 and 12/14/2018 on a space available basis Please note that the school's involvement in other competitions is not an acceptable reason for competing at a different site.

COACHES' WORKSHOPS:

The University of Tennessee at Knoxville will host a Coaches' Workshop Saturday October 27, 2018. The cost is \$30 per person. Detailed information and registration forms are available on the Tennessee Science Olympiad website, <http://tnscioly.utk.edu>. This is an excellent opportunity for new coaches to learn about Science Olympiad and for returning coaches to get some valuable information about preparing for this year's events.

Christian Brothers University in Memphis will host a Coaches' Workshop on October 6, 2018 with plans to have presentations on starting and sustaining a team, the building events, and several event presentations. The cost is \$25 per person. For additional information contact Dr. Andrew Diener adiener@cbu.edu.

ELEMENTARY SCIENCE OLYMPIAD:

Elementary tournaments are an excellent way to begin preparing students early on for Science Olympiad. They are also an excellent way to grow Science Olympiad in your region. Please contact david.stanislawski@chattanoogaastate.edu if you are interested in hosting an elementary tournament. Check the state website at <http://tnscioly.utk.edu> for updated information.

INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

We are delighted to be able to announce a large number of invitational tournaments in the state this year to help you prepare for your regional competitions. We hope you will support these efforts to help make Tennessee more competitive at the State and National levels. The schedule of tournaments and pertinent information is shown below:

Location	Division	Date	Cost	Contact information
Friendship Christian (Lebanon)	B	1/12/2019	\$80	http://friendshipchristian.org/science-olympiad.html
John Overton High School (Nashville)	C	1/26/2019	\$100	john.lee@mnps.org
East Hamilton (Chattanooga)	C			No information as yet Information will be posted on the state web site as it becomes available
Lincoln Memorial U. (Harrogate)	C			
Bearden (Knoxville)	B			
White Station (Memphis)	C	1/12/2019		https://goo.gl/forms/5XzEa7jx7DyOA7ky2
Southwind (Memphis)	B	1/26/2019	\$75	snigdhar@yahoo.com

LOOK FOR US AT TSTA!

The Tennessee Science Teachers Association will hold its conference at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Murfreesboro, from November 1 - 3. More information about the conference can be found at <http://tsta.wildapricot.org/>. We will plan to be there in the exhibit hall and hope you will stop by to see us.