



# Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapter Chapter Agreement

Thank you for starting a Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapter organization on your campus and for joining the Science Olympiad Alumni Network! Organizations like yours help Science Olympiad run tournaments and share the mission of Science Olympiad with students across the country. Whether you participated in Science Olympiad in middle school and high school or if this is your first time being involved in Science Olympiad, we are thrilled you're here and want to give back to the SO Community.

The National Science Olympiad office wants to connect with you! In conjunction with our National Alumni Task Force, we have developed a College Alumni Chapter Agreement and [College Alumni Chapter Registration Form](#) that all Chapters will be required to submit each year to affirm that Chapters understand the policies they must abide by to remain in good standing with Science Olympiad, Inc.

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## **Purpose of Science Olympiad**

Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science education, increasing opportunity and diversity in science, creating a technologically-literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by both students and teachers. These goals are achieved by participating in Science Olympiad tournaments and non-competitive events, incorporating Science Olympiad into classroom curriculum and attending teacher training institutes.

## **Name and Branding**

- Science Olympiad Inc. maintains the rights to the name of the organization, the tagline, the Science Olympiad Rules, and the program logos.
- Science Olympiad has special permission from the United State Olympic Committee to use the name Science Olympiad. The phrase "Science Olympiad" must be used in whole, not in part. Do not use "Olympiad" without "Science" attached.
- Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapters are encouraged to use the logos for promotional purposes and are required to adhere to the specifics laid out in the [Science Olympiad Branding Guidelines](#).

## **Affiliations**

As a Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapter, all activities by your organization represent your members, your College/University, and the Science Olympiad organization.

- Your Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapter is affiliated with Science Olympiad Inc., a nationally registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. As such, it is bound by all policies

and rules of Science Olympiad, and all activities conducted by your organization that are affiliated with Science Olympiad.

- A complete list of policies is available at: <https://www.soinc.org/join/policies>
- This affiliation with Science Olympiad covers online activity in addition to actions conducted in-person. As affiliates of a 501(c)3 organization, College Alumni Chapters are not permitted to engage in any partisan political activity in person or online. You are free and encouraged to do so as an individual.
- Science Olympiad is not financially responsible for Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapters.
- Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapters must be an officially recognized, registered student group at your college/university and abide by all of the rules and policies of said educational institution.
- Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapters should focus their activities on projects connected to Science Olympiad's content and mission.

### **Membership**

- Membership in any Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapter shall be open to anyone who is affiliated with your school in an official capacity (student, faculty, staff).
- Science Olympiad and its affiliates, including Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapters, is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination in employment and opportunity because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, gender, sexual orientation, genetic history or age.

### **Tournaments**

- Any Tournaments run by Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapters must be approved by the State Director where your College/University is located and must be registered with Science Olympiad by filling out a Tournament Directors' form.
- Only upon approval by the state chapter and registration with Science Olympiad will your Tournament be covered by Science Olympiad Inc.'s insurance.
- All participating teams at any Science Olympiad Tournament must be registered as a Science Olympiad team in their state.
- The Science Olympiad Rules are copyrighted by Science Olympiad Inc. Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapters may only run Tournaments using these rules in their status as a Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapter.

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