

MY SO STEM SHOWDOWN

RULES OF PLAY *Updated as of 10/15/2020*

In order to participate in the monthly Science Olympiad MY SO STEM Showdown, you'll need to follow these guidelines:

Science Olympiad STEM Showdown tests are open to residents of the United States and are intended for a general science audience ages 13-18. You do not need to be a Science Olympiad team member to participate. The Science Olympiad STEM Showdown test is intended for a single player. Please get parent or guardian permission to participate and register.

On the day of the STEM Showdown, there will be a Division B (grades 6-9) test at 5:30 PM Central Time and a Division C (grades 9-12) test at 6:30 PM Central Time. The test links will be posted shortly before the test start time on soinc.org/myso. 9th grade students are encouraged to only register for one test.

There will be limited access to tech support before and during the Science Olympiad STEM Showdown. If you encounter tech issues, please click the MY SO Help Button within the testing interface. Someone from our team will respond to your question in the order that it was received. Please note that the email you enter on the help form must be able to receive emails from an outside organization. **No phone calls please.**

Purchase a single-use ticket to each month's test from the links posted on soinc.org/myso; credit cards only. The fee is \$10 per registrant, and access to the test expires after the test is run. Your registration is tied to the email address you provide, and that email will receive a unique code that will be generated and sent by webmaster@soinc.org – add that to your contact list. Do not share your email or code with anyone, and make sure that the email does not have any school or usage spam blockers or firewalls attached (i.e. school-specific emails). Each month's contest requires a separate fee and registration.

Participants must abide by the Science Olympiad Student Pledge: "I pledge to put forth my best effort in the Science Olympiad tournament and to uphold the principles of honest competition. I will compete with integrity, respect, and sportsmanship towards my fellow competitors."

Participants must abide by the outcome of the Science Olympiad STEM Showdown. Results have no official bearing on registered team rosters, event placement, event roles or team advancement.

Please keep your email and unique code in a safe place. The MY SO purchasing window will close at 11:59PM Central Time 4 days prior to the test (9/20/20, 10/25/20, 11/15/20, 12/13/20, 1/24/21, 2/21/21, 3/21/21, 4/25/21, 5/24/21). Registered players will receive their Unique Code two days prior to the Showdown, and also two hours before the Showdown.

The leaderboard of winners will be posted on the soinc.org/myso web page around 12PM Central Time the day after the test. During registration, you'll need to provide your First Name, Last Initial, School Name, City, and State for each student taking the test. Winners will be listed as "First Place - Brianna G., Valley High School, Oakbrook Terrace, IL"

The Top 25 Winners in each division will receive a Science Olympiad MY SO Medal, laptop sticker and certificate. Winners will be contacted by Science Olympiad staff to provide their shipping address.

At the end of the test, each participant will be shown their score as correct answers/total number of questions. That will not be made public. Only the Top 25 finishers in each Division will be posted. Other information like the total number of test participants, copies of the MY SO STEM Showdown test, individual answers, or test keys, will not be shared.

All purchases of MY SO Tickets are final. Tickets are non-refundable.

