

MY SO STEM SHOWDOWN

RULES OF PLAY

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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.

Each month, there will be a Division B (grades 6-9) STEM Showdown test at 5:30 PM Central Time and a Division C (grades 9-12) STEM Showdown test at 6:30 PM Central Time. 9th grade students are encouraged to only register for one test. 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. Each month's contest requires a separate fee and registration.

Two days prior to the Showdown, registrants will receive an email from info@synap.ac with the subject "You have been invited to Science Olympiad" inviting them to register on Synap, the STEM Showdown testing platform. Students should click the accept invitation button, which will launch a registration page, where students will be prompted to enter their name and create a password associated with their account. Once students have completed this step, they can see their personal dashboard in the platform. Students will receive an additional email from info@synap.ac which confirms that the student has created an account. Students will only need to create an account the first time they participate in a STEM Showdown.

Two days prior to the exam, students will receive an email from info@synap.ac with the subject line "You have been registered for an exam" that will contain the link to the exam. Students will be able to access the exam through the link in this email, or by logging in to their Synap account and selecting "Exams." Students must start the Division B test between 5:30-5:40 PM Central Time, and students must start the Division C test between 6:30-6:40 PM Central Time. Students will have 50 minutes to complete the STEM Showdown once they click the green start test button.

On the day of the test, students are free to use the chat box in the bottom right-hand corner of their screen to ask any questions. Someone from the Science Olympiad team will respond to your question in the order that it was received. **No phone calls please.**

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.

The MY SO purchasing window will close at 11:59PM Central Time 3 days prior to the test (9/26/21, 10/24/21, 11/20/21, 12/18/21, 1/23/22, 2/20/22, 3/27/22, 4/24/22, 5/22/22). Registered players will receive their invite to the platform & exam link two days prior to 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 and laptop sticker. 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. Only the Top 25 finishers in each Division will be posted on the National Leaderboard. 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.

