Clarifications for TSO State Tournament

All clarifications for events will be posted here by 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

2024 Texas Science Olympiad:

- Is limited to 15 team members
- Unless otherwise stated, it is generally understood that if notes, resources, calculators, actions, etc., are not specifically permitted in the rules or clarification, then they are not allowed.

National Clarifications — http://www.soinc.org/official_rules_clarif


All LAB Events — “Visor goggles” will NOT be allowed in any lab event. Below is a picture of the goggle that will be allowed: indirect vent chemical splash goggles.

Can’t Judge a Powder (B Division) – Competitors may not add to, modify, or alter their data and/or observations after the data collection phase has ended and the color of the writing utensil has changed. Any modification to an observation (including spelling, grammar, addition of words, deletion of words, etc.) not written in the designated observation ink color will invalidate that observation. Remembered observations added after the data collection phase has ended will not be considered.

Cybersecurity (C Division) — Year 1 topics of cryptography and web architecture will be used.

Dynamic Planet (B and C Divisions) - Any past quizzes or tests are not allowed in the binders. It will be an automatic disqualification. No pens; you will need a ruler, and a non-programmable, non-graphing calculator. No material may be removed from the binder throughout the event.

Ecology (B and C Divisions)

Teams shall not lift questions from the exam in whole or in part. The use of a pencil with a good eraser is required. The exam will be provided in a paperclip-bound packet and MUST NOT BE WRITTEN UPON. An additional answer packet will be provided containing: a bubble sheet for multiple-choice questions, an additional sheet for short answer and essay questions, and an additional sheet for scratch work, notes, etc. "Without any annotations or labels affixed" shall be interpreted to mean that written notes imprinted directly on the main piece of paper shall be permitted, but sticky notes, index tabs, or items that otherwise increase the surface area available for writing (even if not used for that purpose) are prohibited.

Flight (C Division) - Teams should provide their own measurement box at check-in. A box will not be provided by the event coordinators. Teams without a box will not be allowed to check-in until they acquire one, even if their flight device theoretically fits the parameters.

Fossils (B and C Divisions) – No old tests or quizzes of any kind will be permitted in the testing area. Magnifying glasses with flashlights or UV lights will not be allowed. No pens; you will need a ruler, and a non-programmable, non-graphing calculator. Additional specimens may be included that originate from Texas and are not included on the National lists. It is important to pay attention to the phrase “including but not limited to.” The only thing that can be removed from the binder is the 2024 Science Olympiad Fossil List. Cell phones will be checked in at the door.

Solar Power (B and C Divisions) – The bulbs used are the 60 Watt of these bulbs: https://flukerfarms.com/basking-bulb/