2016 KSO State Tournament
Schedule and General Information

Team schedules for the 2016 Science Olympiad tournament are now available. Here is information on how you can view your schedule, make schedule changes, order lunch, and other important information.

- **Schedules:** After you have logged in and accepted your invitation, you will see a team schedule link in the menu to the left. Clicking on it will display your team’s schedule. You have the option of sorting it alphabetically by event or by time. You can print your schedule from that page. *(Due to possible last minute changes in rooms, Please print the final schedules for your team no sooner than the Wednesday before the tournament.)*

- **Schedule Changes:** Once again you can make schedule changes. To do so click on the “Schedule Change” link in the menu. Available times are shown in blue while unavailable times are grayed out. To change your time for a particular event click on one of the available times and confirm the change. Your change will be confirmed and will be immediately reflected on your team schedule. *(Although this is unlikely, it is possible that two coaches will both want to change the same event to the same time. If you move your mouse to click on that time and it changes from a link to being grayed out, it means that someone else has beaten you to that time.) If the change you want isn’t available remember to check back frequently. You can make schedule changes through 11:59 p.m., Monday, March 21st. As others make changes, new times open up. *(Note that beginning March 9th, some open slots will be filled by teams competing as regional winners, so you may have much less flexibility if you wait until after the 8th to make your changes.)*

- **Block Scheduled Events:** There are no self-scheduling events this year. However two Middle School Events (Bridge Building and Elastic Launch Glider) and two High School events (Bridge Building and Wright Stuff) are scheduled as blocks. In these events you can choose to participate at any time during that one hour block. So if you are scheduled for 9:00 am you can participate anytime between 9:00 and 9:50 am. Make sure you students don’t wait until the last minute, since there is no guarantee there will be enough time for them to compete.

- If you have questions or problems please feel free to call (316-978-3854) or e-mail (greg.novacek@wichita.edu) me. *(Please note that I will be out of the office from March 10th through March 16th, but I am planning to check e-mail each day.)* The rooms listed for events are tentative at this point and are subject to change. If a room is not listed, it will be added as soon as we know the location of the event.
• **Lunch:** As was done last year, you will be able to pre-order lunch on the website, generate an invoice, and bring a check for the lunches when you check-in on the 2nd. If you go this route we will put a ticket in your packet for each lunch ordered and you will receive a discounted price. (Once we know what the price is we will let you know.) Alternatively you can just have your student pay the posted price on the day of the tournament. (Our preference would be to have you pre-order lunch. Not only do your students receive a small discount, but it helps our food service people with their planning.) The food service area in the RSC resembles a food court at a mall. If you pre-order lunch students will be able to redeem their ticket for one of the value meals listed at either Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, or Chick-Fil-A. The food court area, will also be available for any other students, coaches, or parents who would like to purchase lunch. Once we know what the discounted price is you will be able to order lunch by clicking on the merchandise link once you’ve logged into the KSO website. You can pre-order lunches through noon on March 25th.

• **Photo Ids:** Again this year participating students will need to carry a photo id on their person at all times. A school id or driver’s license is sufficient. If your school does not issue a photo id, then do the following: Attach or print a color photo of the student on a piece of paper. Under the picture print or type the name of the student. The sheet also needs to be signed by the team’s head coach and the principal of the school. You can find a template at:

  http://webs.wichita.edu/scienceolympiad/Tournaments/StateID.htm

Event coordinators will be making spot checks comparing a student’s id to their name tag and/or the name they list on the event card. If the student does not have his/her identification, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN THE EVENT. If the identification does not match the name on the name tag or event card, the student will be disqualified from the tournament.

• **Event Information / Clarifications:** Under Events on the KSO website, you can find the Experimental Design Rubric along with event notes and other clarifications. If your students are counting on a rules clarification it is a good idea for them to print out the clarification from the official national clarifications site and bring it to the tournament in the event a question arises. Only clarifications from the Kansas web site and the National site will be considered.

  http://webs.wichita.edu/scienceolympiad/Coaches/EventsClar.htm

• **Signed copy of Team Registration:** Please print out a copy of your completed registration form. (After you’ve logged into the KSO website, click on the “registration confirmation” link in the menu to the left. You can print the form using your browser’s print button.) Have your principal sign it (to verify your school enrollment and that the students listed attend the school) and bring it with you to registration on the 2nd. (Please don’t send a copy prior to the tournament since we cannot guarantee it will get to registration.) You may want to print a second copy for your records. Remember that National Science Olympiad rules only allow seven 12th graders on a high school team and five 9th graders on a middle school team.
Publicity Waiver Form: Make sure you have a signed copy of the Publicity Waiver form for each student and coach you are bringing whether they are competing or not. You can find a copy of the form at:


Questions: If you have any questions regarding the state tournament, please give me a call at (316) 978-3854 or e-mail: greg.novacek@wichita.edu. (Please note that I will be out of the office from March 10th through March 16th, but I am planning to check e-mail each day. If I don’t get back to you Robert Henry at 316-978-3991; robert.henry@wichita.edu or Jill Fisher at 316-978-6503; jill.fisher@wichita.edu should also be able to help you.) We are looking forward to your participation in a successful state competition.