

Greetings from the Idaho Science Olympiad:

We have less than two weeks until the BSU Idaho Science Olympiad. Here are some important points as you prepare for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

“Read the rules. Memorize the rules. Understand the rules. Breathe the rules. Live the rules. And now, repeat.” Know what you can and cannot bring into an event. Cell phones **NO. Pens, pencils, staplers, yes!** Check the event rules about other equipment like lab supplies, calculators, personal protective equipment, notes, et cetera.

Several files are posted on our website at [www.idahoscioly.org](http://www.idahoscioly.org) Check under the Events tab and the FAQ tab.

1. **SCHEDULE:** The LATEST event competition schedule is posted on our website. Some rooms have changed but the event times have not. Please make sure you and your students are using this latest version (20240407) of the schedule and not an earlier version. Event times have NOT changed in the last five months BUT some rooms within the BSU SUB have changed.
2. **TEAM NUMBER and EVENT RESERVATION.** You should have a team number. Also, if not already done, let us know in which events and at what times your team will be competing. Under the FAQ tab you can reserve times for each event. Last minute Walk-Ins are welcome assuming we have space. Teams with reservations have priority.
3. **BSU MAPS** New BSU campus and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor SUB maps are available both on our website and at the registration desk. Note: On the BSU campus map the venues for the Idaho Science Olympiad competition have been denoted in red. This includes the BSU Student Union Building (SUB), the Kinesiology Gym, the Science Building, (SCNC) and the Lincoln Parking garage.
4. **PARKING:** On the BSU campus map the Lincoln Parking garage will be available for your use. The Idaho Science Olympiad will be paying for your parking. See our website for the free parking code and instructions. If you are using a bus for transportation, please contact Gary Carlson ( [idahosciolygc@gmail.com](mailto:idahosciolygc@gmail.com) ). He will have instructions for your bus parking.
5. **REGISTRATION: BSU PHOTO RELEASE FORM & TEAM ROSTER)** Make sure each of your students and their parent/guardian complete and sign the BSU **Photo/Video Release Form**. Also, complete your **Team Roster Form**. You will hand those forms in when you sign-in Saturday morning between 8:00 and 9:00 AM at the top of the stairs in the BSU Student Union Building (SUB). The BSU SUB's doors open at 8:00 AM. Event competition begins at 9:00 AM.

6. **IMPOUND:** Some events require that a team's device must be impounded prior to the start of competition at 9:00 AM. Impound will be at the location of the event (Typically the Hatch Ballroom) from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Be sure to impound such devices prior to 9:00 AM.

7. **FOOD and CLEANUP:** Officially, all food service is provided by BSU or approved vendors. Teams are welcome to bring sack lunches and beverages, but we ask you to be discrete and not host your own team buffet in the building. We also ask that all refuse goes into the waste receptacles along with any event materials that you brought to the competition. As guests of BSU we want to be welcomed back each year. A big part of being welcomed guests is to have your teams clean up after themselves and NOT leave any trash / material that is not put into a waste container. The time between 3:00 and 3:30 is a perfect time to remove all your materials from the SUB.

8. **CAMPING:** Camping refers to a spot that you and your team can call "Home Base". There are number of lounge areas on the first and second floors of the SUB and the Jordan D Ballroom. After you check in at registration, pick a spot and set up "Camp". This will be your meeting spot for students in between events.

9. **FLIGHT (aircraft):** will be held in the BSU Kinesiology Building (NE of the SUB). Measurements of the inside of the building are posted on our website. Since this is a stocking-feet-only gym only the competitors and event supervisors are allowed on the floor. Viewing is available via the doors or second floor windows.

10. **SPECTATOR EVENTS:** A number of events will be held in the SUB Hatch Ballroom and the Kinesiology Gym. Parents, Coaches and others are encouraged to observe and applaud their team's efforts. However outside assistance is a competition violation of the rules and could, in a severe case, result in a disqualification. Therefore, please remind your parents, coaches, and fellow students to refrain from any contact with your teams while they are competing.

11. **CLOSED DOOR EVENTS:** Many of the classroom events are behind closed doors. We will have two or more event supervisors in each room. Parents and coaches are welcome to be present in the room provided they are able to quietly sit through both of the two sessions, a period of nearly two hours. They should identify themselves to the event supervisor. Note that protective personal equipment may be required.

Finally, as the opening sentence reads, "Read the rules. Memorize the rules. Understand the rules. Breathe the rules. Live the rules. And now, repeat."

See you on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>,

Sincerely,  
Gary Carlson for  
The Idaho Science Olympiad Board