

NorCal State



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Dear Science Olympiad Coach:

The Regional Directors and NorCal State Director for the Science Olympiad meet each summer to make decisions regarding the program. When we began meeting several years ago it became apparent that regions were using different practices and rules for their event. The directors made the decision to standardize areas of the regional and state events by developing Tournament Rules. (A copy of the rules can be found at: www.norcalscienceolympiad.com.)

The standardized rule outlining the team structure advancing to the state finals has been modified for schools with more than one team participating in their Regional Science Olympiad event. Regular team members may compete on one team only and cannot be listed as an alternate team member on any team list. Only team members from the winning schools Official NorCal Team List (including alternate team members) may participate in the NorCal State Finals. If a school has more than one team, the coach may choose students from all of the schools Official NorCal Team Lists to participate. However, teams are encouraged to send participants from the winning Regional team whenever possible. Directors feel that a “team” that practices together all year long, and participates together at the local regional event, should advance together as a “team” to the state finals. We do not believe it is fair to eliminate students from a winning team because a member of another team outperforms them.

We also wish to remind coaches that there is always the possibility of conflicts for students on the Saturday of the state finals. The state competition must be scheduled within a narrow window of time between regionals and nationals and must also contend with scheduling constraints at the hosting institution. The date of the 2018 NorCal Science Olympiad State Finals is April 14th at California State University, Stanislaus in Turlock, California. Please take event conflicts into consideration when forming your team(s).

If you have questions or concerns, please direct them to your Regional Director.