

# Texas Science Olympiad Policy Letter

## CHEATING

(1) An individual who cheats during the competition will be penalized by disqualification of the team from that event. Disqualification results in a score that is three points greater than the number of teams registered in the region.

(2) If cheating occurs by a team in more than one event, or in successive years, the team may be disqualified that year, or the following year, from the entire competition.

(3) If an event team, or team member, or anyone associated with the team, deliberately takes an action that impairs the ability of other teams to fairly compete, that team will be disqualified from the event and be awarded three points greater than the number of teams registered. In addition, the event team member(s) involved in the incident, may be ineligible for any future Science Olympiad competitions. Furthermore, the teams may be penalized points not to exceed the value of two last place rankings.

I have read and understand the Texas Science Olympiad policy on acceptable behavior regarding cheating, and I have discussed this with the team members, and will accept the consequences of violation of the policy as assessed by the Texas Science Olympiad officials.

TSO Team Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Name

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Coach

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Date