



## CODE OF CONDUCT

Student participants are expected to compete in tournament events with an honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of the competition. Team members are expected to be the builders of all the devices used in the events. The goal of the competition is to give one's best effort while displaying honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Students, coaches, supervisors, parents and guests are expected to display courtesy and respect toward Science Olympiad officials, volunteers, other teams, and guests of the Science Olympiad. Failure to show honesty and/or courtesy by a participant, coach, or guest of the team may result in the disqualification of the team from that event, the entire tournament or future tournaments. Our collective example will promote the spirit of cooperation among all participants.

Teams may not interpret the rules so that they have an advantage over the rules or another team. Unless otherwise stated, it is generally understood that, if notes, resources, calculators, actions etc., are not excluded, then they are permitted unless they violate the spirit of the problem. Except, no direct or electronic communication is permitted with external resources (including people, places, etc.) during the tournament. This effectively excludes the use of any computer, PDA, calculators, wireless devices, phones, etc. that have access to external communication or data retrieval during an event unless specifically permitted.

**Integrity** “The most important human endeavor is the striving for morality in our actions. Our inner balance, and even our very existence depends on it. Only morality in our actions can give beauty and dignity to our lives.” **Albert Einstein**

