

# Missouri Science Olympiad Regional Cheating Policy

## Cheating

Schools participating in the B and C Division State Science Olympiad Tournament must submit a copy of the Cheating Policy signed by both the coach and principal of the school. **The signed statement is to be submitted at the time specified by your regional director. No school will compete without the signed policy.**

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 the region. 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 Missouri State Science Olympiad policy on acceptable behavior including the prohibition of vandalism and discourtesy, and I have discussed this with the team members, and will accept the consequences of violation of the policy as assessed by the Missouri State Science Olympiad officials.

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School Name

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Principal

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Date

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Coach

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Date