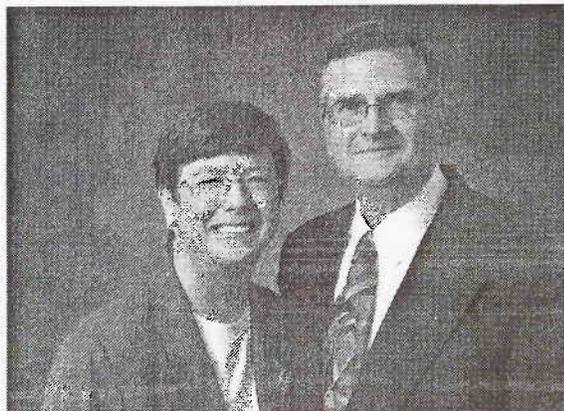


Welcome

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For the past several years, we have been tracking the accomplishments of our distinguished participants through the Science Olympiad Alumni Survey. There is nothing that makes us more proud and more satisfied than a story like this from a Colorado competitor: "Picking up that first oceanography textbook to study for Science Olympiad was a major turning point in my life. Science Olympiad gave me the desire and courage to follow my abilities in science. It moved my interests toward earth science and chemistry, and now I'm a chemistry major with a minor in earth science at MIT."

And from a middle school science teacher in Illinois who competed in Designer Genes, Bio-Process Lab, Cell Biology, Write It Do It and Pentathlon on teams in Indiana: "Science Olympiad supplemented my classroom learning and nurtured my love for science. Consequently, I pursued a degree in biology and now teach science. Because Science Olympiad had such a profound impact on my life, I started a Science Olympiad team that has grown to more than 50 members at the middle and high school." Amazing!

As you review the 23 events contained in this Rules Manual, take a moment to consider that each one is the team effort of our hard-working Rules Committees and Event Supervisors, who collaborate closely with Coaches, State Directors and Tournament Directors to bring hands-on, standards-based science to all students. Every year, we are dazzled by the creativity and talent displayed by the thousands of Science Olympiad competitors across the nation, and these rules are the foundation of the entire organization. We are honored that you have chosen to join Science Olympiad in this 26<sup>th</sup> year, and hope that you find the experience challenging, fun and rewarding.

Sincerely,

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