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**Interference:**

In order to ensure fair, orderly, safe, and efficient tournaments, New York State Science Olympiad, Inc.'s ("NYSSO") Board of Directors (the "Board") maintains the following policy regarding interference at Regional and State Tournaments:

- 1) Only those student event participants actually participating in an event and those officials who may be assigned to assist with an event may enter areas where events are held. All other persons are to remain outside of the event area at all times. The event areas will always be clearly marked.
- 2) Penalty points to the team's final ranking for that event may be assessed for the following:
  - a) For a student event participant, as well as other adult and non-student event participants, entering a building, room, or area where an event(s) is set up or an event is being held, without proper authorization from the Event Supervisor or other tournament personnel;
  - b) For all adults and non-student event participants offering advice or verbal coaching to student event participants while participating in an event;
  - c) For all adults and non-student event participants interfering with or disrupting an event; and/or
  - d) For all adults and non-student event participants interfering with or disrupting an Event Supervisor or other tournament personnel.

All team coaches are to discuss this policy with all student event participants, as well as with all other adults and all other non-student event participants. A signature from the designated head coach of each team acknowledging this policy, its consequences, and the responsibility to disseminate this information will be required at the time of the team's registration for the tournament.

*Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be directed to the President of NYSSO's Board of Directors and the State Tournament Director.*

Submitted, Reviewed, and Approved by NYSSO BOD  
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/s/ John J. Beauregard  
John J. Beauregard, Secretary  
NYSSO Board of Directors