

## **Team Membership Rules**

### **Rules regarding Elementary team formation, registration and participation**

**Each public or private school may have one Primary team. If tournament capacity allows, schools may be allowed to register a Second team.**

**Except as explicitly noted below, a team may only include students which attend their own school.**

**A team must register in the appropriate division (K-5 or K-6) based on the grades served by the school.**

- A school which ends at 5<sup>th</sup> grade or below must register in the K-5 division.
- A school which ends at 6<sup>th</sup> grade must register in the K-6 division.
- A school which ends above 6<sup>th</sup> grade must register in the K-6 division, unless the same school also registers a Division B team. In that situation the school may choose the division in which 6th grade students will compete. There cannot be an overlap of grades included between the two teams. A K-5 team may not include 6th grade students.
- A school which ends at 4<sup>th</sup> grade may include 5<sup>th</sup> grade members who previously attended the school to return to compete in the K-5 division.

**Two schools which have a combined enrollment of 300 students or less may form a team that jointly represents both schools.**

- Enrollment will be counted for all grades Kindergarten through 5 for the K-5 division, or Kindergarten through 6 for the K-6 division.
- This team will be eligible to win team-level awards.
- Rules regarding the matching of a school to a division still apply.
- If a K-5 and a K-6 team combine, the joint team will be considered to be a K-6 team.
- Either of the two schools may be public or private.
- Representatives of the combined team must contact MSO each season, with documentation of school enrollments to qualify for or maintain this status.
- The application must include the signatures of the Principal from each school.

**Two schools with a combined enrollment of more than 300 students may apply to Macomb Science Olympiad to form a combined team.**

- The combined team will forfeit eligibility for all team-level awards, including any award for the most-improved team.
- Individual team members of a combined team will be fully eligible to win individual event medals.
- This could occur when an established team accepts students from another school.
- Either of the two schools may be public or private.
- The application for combined team status must be submitted each season.
- The application must include the signatures of the Principal from each school.

**A school's team may be any size, but no more than 17 students may be officially registered to compete at the Macomb tournament.**

**A team may compete at only one district-level practice tournament each year.**

**The students that compete in a practice tournament do not have to be the same students that compete at the county tournament for their team.**

### **Home-Schooled Students**

Home-schooled students may either:

- (1) choose to participate as a member of the Science Olympiad team at the local public school they would attend were they not home schooled, or
- (2) form a team comprised entirely of home-schooled students.

In general, the students on a home-school team must reside in Macomb or St. Clair counties. An exception to this residency requirement will be allowed for up to 25% of the membership of the team, provided that it can be demonstrated that students who do reside outside of Macomb and St. Clair counties have an on-going school-related relationship with a majority of the team.

### **Students from Schools Without a Team**

If a student wishes to participate, but there is insufficient interest at their school to start a team, the student is eligible to join the membership of another registered team. The receiving team must also be in agreement with the arrangement.

This assignment to a team other than at their home school must be approved by the Tournament Director, and would last only for the current season. Joining a team at a school they don't attend without permission may be grounds for disqualification. Please contact the Tournament Director.