### Event Supervisors and Assistants Training Session



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The Science Olympiad was created in 1983 by Dr. Gerard J. Putz and Jack Cairns to increase interest in science and as an alternative to traditional science fairs and single-discipline tournaments. After successful trial Olympiads were held in their respective states of Michigan and Delaware, the Science Olympiad began to grow. Now, the Olympiad has members in almost all of the 50 states, totaling more than 15,000 actively participating K-12 schools.



History of Event

The Science Olympiad is devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. We hope to achieve these goals through participation in Science Olympiad tournaments, classroom activities, and summer training institutes for teachers. We also hope that our efforts can bring academic competition to the same level of recognition and praise normally reserved for athletic competitions.





### **Olympiad Goals**

### Iniversity of Central Florida **Background and Requirements:** • Teams of 12 students, lead by one coach.

- Each school can have more than one team.
- 13 different events
- Registration fee of \$165 (early) \$195 (late)
- Competition is May 9, 2015 9:00 am 3:00 pm

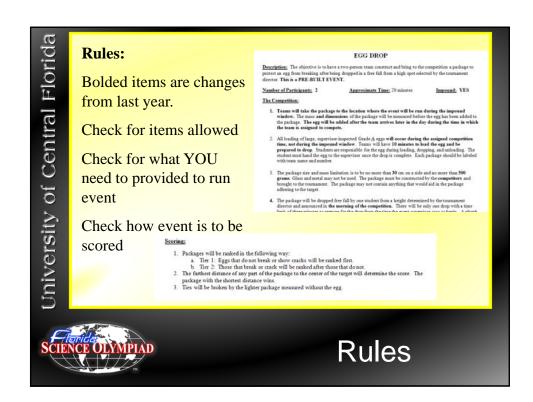


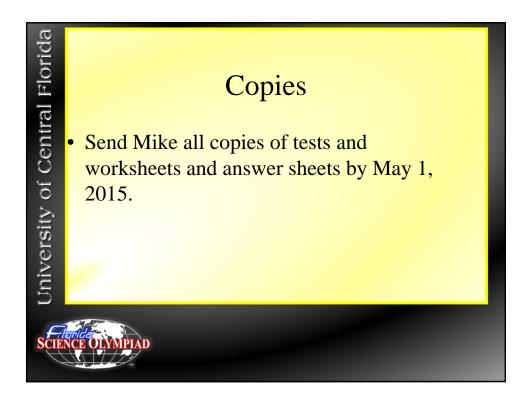


Olympiad Criteria

### University of Central Florida **Division A Events** • A is for Anatomy Pentathlon Bridge Building Rock Hound • Egg Drop • Solid, Liquids, Gas **Energy Lab** • Starry, Starry Night Water Rockets Estimania **Mystery Packaging** • Who Wants To Be A • Mystery Powders **Biologist** The Events

# Rules and Criteria Rules and Criteria Rules Are Always Precedent Read over the rules and make sure you understand them. The rules are complex. Make sure you understand how the scoring criteria works. Check for clarifications at eso.floridascienceolympiad.org and click on Events The students will know them very well! Rules







### Designing Lab/Research Events

- Make sure you write items, questions or activities that are aligned to the rules.
- Make several levels of items. Create 1/3 of each at an easy, medium, and difficult level.
- Make sure no one can get a 100%. If several teams get 100%, it is difficult to determine 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- Have a system for breaking all ties.



Lab/Research Events

### Designing Lab/Research Events

• Know how ties will be broken. This could be as simple as posting the questions that will be tie breakers. (For example, Question 1, 3, 5 in that order will break ties.)



### Lab/Research Events

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### Essays

- Write an answer key to the essay that you consider an ideal score.
- Identify factors that make it ideal.
- Determine the number of points for ideal.
- Determine what constitutes awarding fewer points.



Lab/Research Events

### Calculations

When scoring for calculations, determine a range that will receive highest number of points.

Example: Measuring mass and acceleration to find force, student collects the following data and finds the force to equal 56.7 N:

m = 10.5 kg $a = 5.4 \text{ m/s}^2$ 

A scoring rubric might give: 5 points for 58 and 55

3 points for 61 and 52

0 points if beyond 61 and 52



### Lab/Research Events

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### **Designing Lab Events**

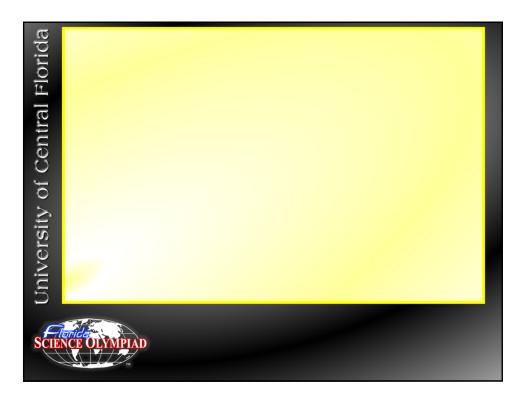
- Be clear and concise about what you want students to do.
- Stay away from tricky questions.
- Try to do as much hands on as possible.
- Ensure that there is a space for NAMES and TEAM NUMBERS



Lab/Research Events







### **Construction Events**

- If you are Event Supervision at event that requires a device to be constructed, be ready for teams at 9:00
- Setup BEFORE 8:00 am
- Make sure area is guarded for devices
- Make sure teams have team number on devices
- Teams must all report during construction period.



**Engineering Events** 

### Impounding Engineering Event

- If you are Event Supervision at event that requires a device to be impounded, students will have until 10:00 am to turn in.
- No modifications are allowed to device after this time. But can suggest that something needs fixed.
- Give students a receipt.



### **Engineering Events**

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### **Impounding**

- Do not release times, distances, and other pertinent information prior to the impounding.
- Make sure students have their Team ID numbers and names on the devices.



**Engineering Events** 



### **Team Numbers**

- Students must have these before they compete.
- Make sure they have a wristband and check to be sure the team number is on it.
- Make sure they are in the correct hour.
- You also have them on the scoring summary sheet.
- Students MUST sign in as they enter the room or location.



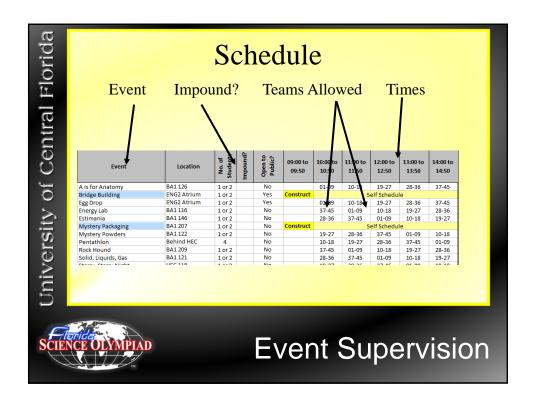
# Event Templates To help with Scoring, make sure your test and lab sheets have a format like this one: TITLE of EVENT Team Number: Team Number: Team Member 1: Team Member 2: Team Member 3: Team Member 4: Team Member 4: Team Member 5: Team Member 6: Team Member 6: Team Member 7: Team Member 8: Team Member 8: Team Member 9: Team Membe

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### **Event Start Time**

- Use Internet/Cell Phone Time
- Let teams in even if they are late, but don't give them extra time at the end.
- It is not a benefit if they are late.
- If they come in and disturb, then they can be disqualified.





### **Event Instructions**

- Make sure before any student leaves your room that all materials have been returned, you have accounted for all handouts and that all supplies are clean.
- To help with cleanup at end of day, please gather supplies to one place in the room.
- Bring back garbage bags



### Disqualifications

- If a student is outright disrespectful, they can be disqualified. In addition, multiple problems or outright cheating can result in the disqualification of the entire team.
- Notify Tournament Director if there is a problem that could lead to this.



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### Disqualifications

- If a student is disqualified, note the reason on the Scoring Sheet and student work.
- There is a difference between legitimate mistakes and blatant disregard for the rules.
   Make a judgment about a which category the students may fall into when assigning points.



### Disqualifications

- DQ's for scoring purposes are not:
  - When students attempted but didn't follow the rules.
  - Built something incorrectly.
  - Didn't have safety equipment.
  - Anything other than behavior related.



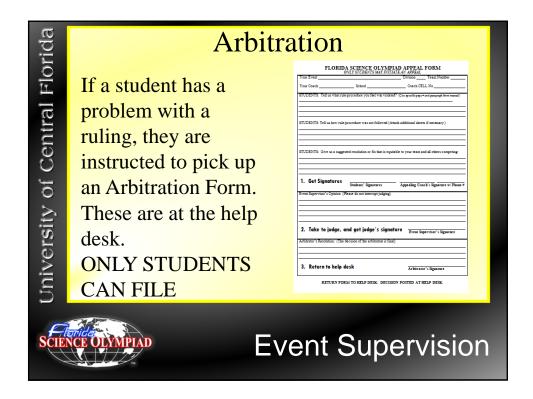
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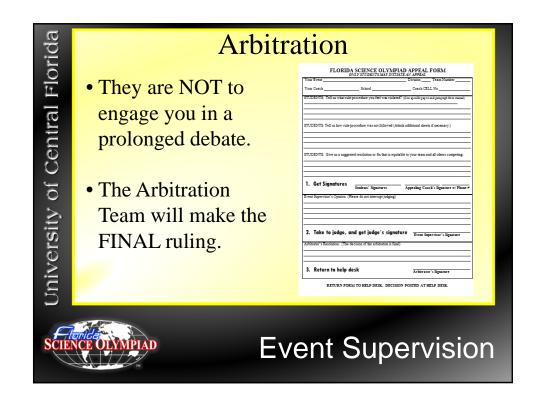
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### **Mistakes**

- You are the event supervisor, so you are empowered to make decisions.
- However, if you make a mistake interpreting the rules, and catch it AFTER the first school competes, continue the mistake throughout the day.







### Parents and Teachers

- Parents and teachers can WATCH the outside events, but they are not allowed in the door-closed rooms during events.
- They must remain a distance from the events, as you so choose. But, they are not to help the students, and they are not to engage in a debate about problems.





### Scoring

- NEW SCORING PROCEDURE!
- Team Ranking Points (TRP) will be assigned a range of points from 1-17
- All ties must be broken for ranking points 1-16. (Except last place and beyond.)
- Beyond a ranking point of 18, no ties need to be broken.
- All raw scores must be determined.



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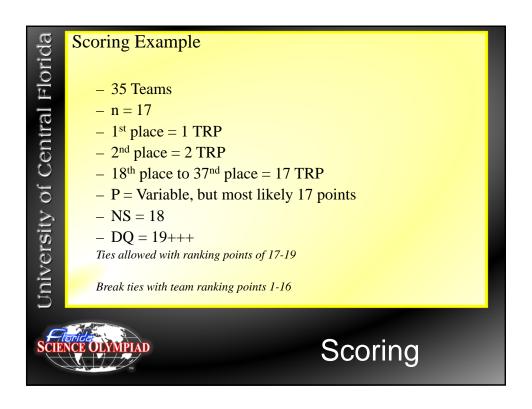
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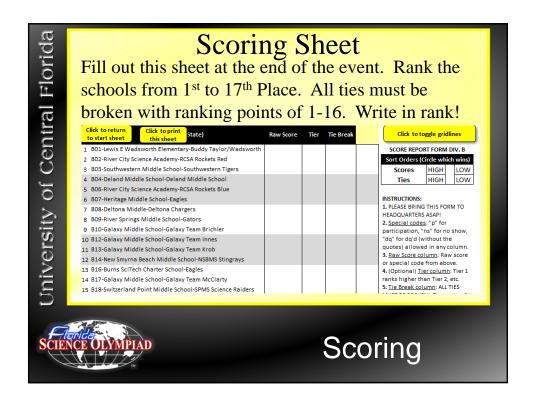
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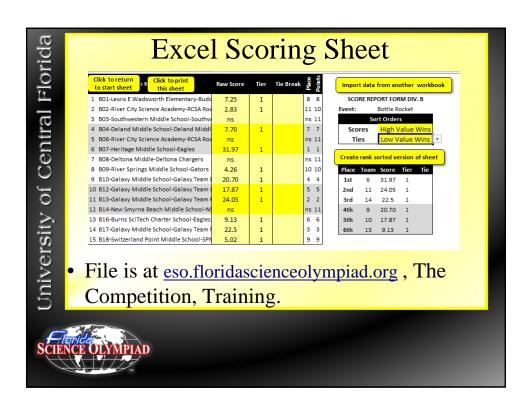
- Teams that rank in places 1-17 will receive 1-17 pts
- Teams that rank in places 18-35 will receive 17 pts
- Teams that compete but can't be scored (rare case) receive a P and last place of those teams that show up
- Teams that are No Show NS receive n+1 points or 18 pts
- Teams that are disqualified (DQ) for unsportsmanlike conduct receive n+2 points (or more) or 19 points.
- Lowest combined score of all the events will determine the winner of middle and high school.

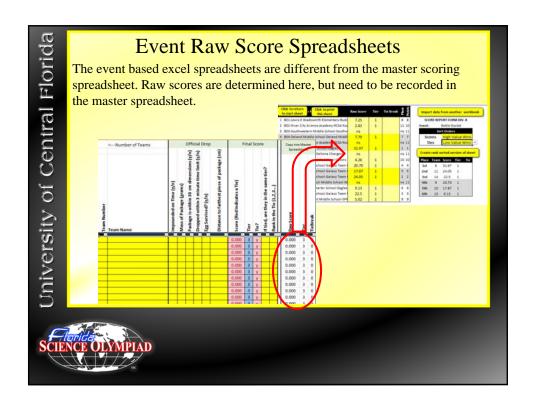


### Scoring









### Scoring Sheet

- Turn in the scoring summary sheet with ALL of the student work (labs, tests, scoring sheets) to the Scoring Room in the following order:
- 1. Fill out Scoring Checklist
- 2. Place student work in RANK order, 1st Place on Top
- 3. Print out Scoring Summary Sheet in CROL 102
- 4. Be ready to READ ALOUD the student work with Team No., Raw Score, Rank.



### Scoring

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### Score Counseling

To ensure that all scores have been entered correctly, scores will be verified. Make sure you fill out this form before entering score counseling

### Checklist for Science Olympiad Event Supervisors (ES)



<b>☑</b> YES	☑ NO	Score Counselor Name	Counselor Verify (Ø if approved, blank if not)
		Did you verify that the room is clean and returned to its original condition and is ready for the teachers and classes on Monday?	
		Did you use the ELECTRONIC version of EXCEL? (If you did the paper copy of the form select NO.)	
		Did you EXPLAIN how raw score ranking is derived (as high score, low score, or shortest time)?	
		ALL TIES are broken, when appropriate.	
		Method for breaking ties is explained on Scoring Summary Sheet or answer key.	
		Were there any DISQUALIFIED TEAMS?	
		Does each disqualified team have a detailed explanation?	
		Did you VERIFY scores for NO SHOWS – each should have appropriate rank?	
		Are the EVENT RAW SCORES transferred properly onto Score Summary Sheet?	
		Does the RANKING correspond to the raw scores?	
		Did you collect all worksheets, answer sheets, tests, and student answer sheets and placed in Rank Order, with FIRST PLACE on top?	
		Collect Student Assistant Checklist. Has the classroom been cleaned?	
		Did you edit the rules for clarity?	
		VERIFY TEAMID # AND TEAM NAME for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , & 1 <sup>st</sup> places on all forms. Are they legible?	
		Did you SIGN the SCORE SUMMARY SHEET?	
		Write your cell phone or contact number here:	



### Scoring Summary Sheet

- The scoring room is CREOL and you will be directed to a computer lab.
- Please leave your cell number or stay for 1 hour after event ends. Arbitrations must be cleared for your event.



Scoring

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### Lunch!

- Lunch will be available at 11:30 am.
- In CREOL Lobby



### When, Where, What

- CREOL 102 to pick up packets.
- Meeting at 8:10 a.m in CREOL 102/103
- Head to the rooms to finalize the setup and figure out any last minute issues.
- Impound and Construction begins at 9:00 am
- Event setup will be from 7:00 to 10:00 am
- Events start at 10:00 am
- Have a great day!



### **Event Supervision**

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