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**Texas Science Olympiad – April 25 & 26, 2008**  
**Texas A&M University, College Station**  
**Policy Form**

**CHEATING**

(1) An individual (coach, parent, or student) who cheats during the competition will be penalized by disqualification of the team from that event. Disqualification results in a score that is two 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 two points greater than the number of teams registered. 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 Texas Science Olympiad policy on acceptable behavior regarding cheating, and I have discussed this with the team members, and will accept the consequences of violation of the policy as assessed by the Texas Science Olympiad officials.

**CONSTRUCTED DEVICES**

This policy applies to events that require a device to be constructed and brought to the Science Olympiad. The student primarily responsible for the design and construction of the device (lead student) must be present and operate the device when it is operated for scoring.

The event supervisor(s) may extensively question the lead student as to the design and construction of the device. Questioning may include the overall design and construction as well as the component parts, how they operate and function in the device. Other students on the team may also be questioned.

If the students cannot answer the questions correctly, then the event supervisor(s) has grounds to believe the students did not design and/or construct the device. The team will be disqualified from the event and scored accordingly.

I have read and understand the Texas Science Olympiad policy on who may build and design devices used for the Olympiad competition, and I have discussed this with the team members, and will accept the consequences of violation of the policy as assessed by the Texas Science Olympiad officials. I further certify that ALL devices used for this competition are designed and constructed solely by the participants of each event.

**INTERFERENCE**

Penalty points may be assessed for the following:

1. For a student, coach, teacher, chaperon or parent entering a building or area where events are set up for the competition or are being held, without proper authorization to do so, five (5) penalty points may be assessed.

Only those students actually competing in an event and those teachers who may be assigned to assist in the conducting of an event may enter areas where events are held. All other persons are to remain out of the building or the area at all times.

2. For a student, coach, teacher, chaperon or parent interfering with or disrupting the conduct of an event, ten (10) penalty points may be assessed.

**Note this policy applies to any person in attendance at the Olympiad.**

I have read and understand the Texas Science Olympiad policy on acceptable behavior regarding interference of teachers, parents, other family members, coaches and chaperones with any facet of the Olympiad competition, and I have discussed this with the team members, and will accept the consequences of violation of the policy as assessed by the Texas Science Olympiad officials. I further understand that each team is responsible for the behavior of all persons accompanying the team, and for making them aware of this policy.

**VANDALISM** Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools participating in the B and C Division Regional and State Olympiads must submit this Vandalism Policy signed by both the coach and principal of the school. The signed statement is to be submitted at the time of the on-site registration.

If a team member or members or persons associated with a team commit(s) an act of vandalism, the team will be disqualified from the competition. No member of that team will be awarded a medal in any event. An individual who commits an act of vandalism will be barred from future competitions.

