

Home School Policy

At the time of registration, a home school team must submit in writing a brief description of how their team will follow the policy.

Science Olympiad is a team activity, not an individual one, so a child must be a member of only one team. A team consists of up to 15 children. At this time participation is only extended for Division B (grades 6-9) and Division C (grades 9-12).

Since there is no official method to determine what grade a home-school child is in, we have established that a child's equivalent grade will be determined by their birth date. Hence, a child who will be eleven years old on September 1, will be considered to be a sixth grader and so forth and so on. This calendar age will be used to determine eligibility for Division B or Division C. A child may compete with a higher division team than their age indicates, but not a lower one. For example, a tenth grader can only compete in Division C while a fifth grader could compete in Division B (or even C).

A home-school student may compete on a public school team if that home-schooled student is within the geographical boundaries for that school, and isn't a member of a home-school association with a team.

It is required that home-school teams meet on a regular basis for academics other than Science Olympiad. An "all star" team assembled by student abilities rather than by their preexisting regular study relationship would not be allowed. (We will require a statement from the coach at the time of registration as to the nature of that relationship.) Since this is a new aspect of the Washington Science Olympiad, we may establish additional criteria as the home-school activity materializes and unforeseen problems become known. Our desire is to provide this opportunity to as many children as possible, while at the same time, keeping the playing field level.