



SC-GA Regional Competition, National Ocean Sciences Bowl

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register a team(s)? *Important note: Regional online registration is not available.*

Begin by submitting the Pre-registration form (available from the regional coordinator). The Pre-registration form provides the information needed to send you the registration materials. Completed registration packets should be *mailed via the US Postal Service* to the regional coordinator. Do not send via express mail.

What are the eligibility rules?

To be eligible to compete, a student must be enrolled for the current school year in grades nine, ten, eleven, or twelve at the team's school and must be less than 20 years of age or receive a special waiver from the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education. No school may compete in more than one regional competition in a given calendar year.

What makes up a team?

A team consists of five students and a coach (usually a science or math teacher). *A minimum of four student members is required.* More than five students can be registered, but the team's five members must be finalized by January 15, 2008.

Can a school bring more than one team? What about consolidated teams and home school teams?

Yes, a school may register more than one team; *however, the second team will be accepted for participation only after all registered schools have at least one team.* Second teams will be accepted in the order the registrations were received. If a school has a second team accepted in the competition, students may not be switched between the school's teams.

Yes, a team may comprise more than one school (consolidated team) or may be a home school team. The consolidated team must indicate the schools involved and which school the student is from. Schools will need their school's permission to combine and must determine who is responsible for the team. Contact the SC-GA NOSB coordinator for more specifics.

How do the teams gain a "berth" in the SC-GA Regional competition?

Teams submitting *complete* registration forms will be accepted on a first come, first-served basis until all places are filled. Once all places are filled, an alternate list will be created. In case of a cancellation, the alternate teams will be contacted in the order the registration packets were received.

The teams gaining a "berth" in the competition are determined according to the **postmark** on their registration packet. The postmark indicates when the registration was mailed and so provides equal opportunity by eliminating the distance/time in the mail factor. Do not send via express mail.

Is there a registration fee or any costs for participation? What about lodging and meals?

There is no registration fee. Each team is provided overnight lodging Friday night and Friday evening dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Teams are responsible for their own transportation.

Where do I get the rules? What resources are available to help the team prepare?

The official rules and suggested resources are available on the NOSB website (<http://www.nosb.org>). Practice Buzzer questions and sample Team Challenge Questions are also available there. *If you are unable to access these, SC-GA NOSB will make arrangements to get them to you.*

Why do I need to get these materials and info (rules, suggested resources, etc.) from the NOSB web site?

These files are fairly large and if sent as an email attachment may not be accepted by your school's mail server. Information online provides everyone with equal access.

Who Sponsors the NOSB?

The NOSB is a collaborative effort between the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education (CORE) and the hosting institutions. Support is provided by US government agencies through the National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP) and by other non-governmental organizations. Additional support is provided by regional sponsors. Our regional sponsors are very important to the competition; we could not have the competition without their support.

If I have questions, who do I contact?

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