

Westview Science Olympiad

Team Member Agreement

2026-27 Season

The Science Olympiad season runs from September 2026 to April 2027. This document covers student expectations, timeline, and invitationals. Read it with a parent/guardian, sign both lines, and please let us know of any questions you may have.

1. Membership

Membership to Westview Science Olympiad is open to any Westview student (no experience needed). You will compete in three or four events on one of our five teams. When the trial period starts, you will attend meetings, typically hosted by an event coach, and work alongside a partner.

2. Practice and attendance

Your event coach sets your practice schedule. Attendance is an important aspect of team formation, but so is communication. If you cannot make a practice, tell your coach and your partner before it happens.

3. Preparing on your own

Spending a couple of hours a week on your events early on in the season beats cramming before competitions.

- Read your event rules in full in the fall, then again in January.
- Start your binder or reference sheet in the first month and keep improving it.
- Take practice tests and time yourself!
- Build events: get something working in the first month, then improve it. Log every test you run.
- Keep in contact with your partner throughout the entire season.

4. Your event partner

Most events are scored as a pair, so half your result is theirs. Once the team assignments are released, find your partner. Get to know them. Split the topics early, agree how you will contact each other, and then actually reply. Having a solid partnership allows for better performance on competition day.

5. Rosters

Coaches and the exec board set all rosters, including Regionals and States, based on: results on in-house tests and tryouts; invitational results; attendance and preparation; for build events, whether the device works and the testing is documented; and your availability for that tournament.

Placement is reviewed all season and people move **both** ways.

6. Invitationals

Every tournament date is on the season calendar. Go through it with your family early and tell the exec board about conflicts as soon as you know. A conflict raised in October costs almost nothing. One found the week of the tournament costs your team an event.

7. Tournament day

- Arrive when you are directed to (usually an hour before your first event), knowing your schedule and rooms.
- Wear your team T-shirt, stay with the team, and communicate with your partner where you are going.
- Be polite to and thank your event supervisors. Nearly all of them are volunteers giving up a Saturday to help.

8. Honesty

Do not cheat, on an in-house test or at any competition. Build devices are made by team members, not by parents. Nothing the rules prohibit comes into an event room. Test content never goes to anyone who has not taken it yet. One incident can disqualify all five Westview teams and will end your season here.

9. How we treat each other

Two things end a member's season, and neither is being bad at an event. The first is mistreating people: teammates, competitors, coaches, volunteers, or the schools that host us. The second is quitting without saying so while keeping a roster spot. Almost anything else we can work around.

10. Communication of issues

We can't know if you are having issues if you do not tell us. It is your responsibility to let us know asap if anything is conflicting with your commitment to our program.

You can reach us through our discord server, email, or by messaging any one of our exec members.

11. What you get from us

- Calendar and practice schedule published in advance.
- A coach for every event, plus tests, slides, and past materials in a shared drive you can actually reach.
- A reply within a school day from the exec board.
- A straight answer on roster decisions whenever you ask.
- Materials and equipment ordered in time to be useful.
- The same respect toward every member, on every team.

Signatures

Student: By signing below, I affirm that I have read the above expectations and syllabus. I understand what the season asks and how rosters are decided and agree to the expectations placed upon me.

Name _____ Grade _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian: I have read this with my student. I understand the practice schedule, tournament dates, and travel involved, and I support their commitment.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____