

One form per team member must be received within 2 weeks of the Regional Competition, or by March 15, 2014, whichever occurs first. Failure to submit the required forms on time will result in the participant's loss of eligibility to compete in the National Science Bowl Finals.

2014 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL® STUDENT AND COACH TEAM COMMITMENT FORM

_____ from _____
School City State

won the _____ 2014 Regional Science Bowl Competition.
Regional Site

As a member of the winning team, I will attend the National Science Bowl® Event held April 24 – April 28, 2014, in Washington, DC. I have read the National Science Bowl Code of Conduct and the eligibility portion of the 2014 National Science Bowl® Rules and agree to the following:

- In the interest of safety, continuity, and maximizing the educational value of the complete National Science Bowl experience, **students and coaches are required to take part in ALL of its events and activities.** NO waivers will be granted or special arrangements made for students or coaches to participate in any conflicting activities or exams. If team members or coaches have such conflicts, they must decide **within 2 weeks of the regional competition, or by March 15, 2014**, whichever occurs first, whether to attend the National Science Bowl Finals or the conflicting activities. *Students who change their minds after this date will not be eligible to compete in the 2015 National Science Bowl regional or national events.*
- **All team members must travel together, with the coach**, and must arrive and depart on the designated dates and be in attendance throughout the duration of the National Science Bowl® weekend.
- If at least 4 students are unable to participate at all activities, the second place team will be invited to replace the team at the National event.
- Failure to completely adhere to the items above, the 2014 Code of Conduct, and the eligibility portion of the 2014 National Science Bowl rules may result in the **disqualification and expulsion of the team (students and coach) for the 2014 National Event and disqualification of the school for all 2015 Regional Events.**

Date: _____

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Coach Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

NOTE: Each team member, his or her parent/guardian, and coach must sign this form in order for the team to attend the National finals in Washington, DC.

Return this completed form to:

Ms. Norma Ward ~ Oak Ridge Associated Universities ~ P.O. Box 117/MS-36
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117 ~ Phone: 865-241-2890

National forms may also be faxed to this secure fax number: (865) 241-5219



NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL®

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National Science Bowl Code of Conduct

National 4-H Center

- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited.
- Smoking or using other tobacco products is prohibited in all buildings.
- Possession of sexually explicit material is prohibited, including downloading such information onto the computers in the Cyber Café.
- To protect the safety of guests at the National 4-H Center, no fraternization is allowed in participants' lodging rooms – males and females are not allowed in each other's rooms.
- Students and coaches are only permitted to leave the National 4-H Center campus on official NSB buses and vans. Students may not leave the campus with anyone, including parents, teachers, and coaches. All exercise (jogging, walking) must be done on the National 4-H Center campus.
- Shirts and shoes are required inside all buildings at all times.
- Participants and coaches must respect personal and public property. Repair costs for damages incurred to property will be billed to the school responsible for such damages.
- Mattresses and other furniture will not be moved from one room to another. Do not hang anything from the sprinkler heads.

National Science Bowl®

The Department of Energy expects team members, including coaches, to attend all National Science Bowl events and to conduct themselves professionally and in a manner that will bring honor to them, their school, the competition, and the Department. There is a National Science Bowl® Rules Committee that reviews all infractions regarding the Team Commitment Form and Code of Conduct and will determine the appropriate penalty. This is a team event and therefore one team member, by his or her conduct, could jeopardize the entire team. If complaints are received from volunteers, other teams, coordinators, the 4-H Center, etc. regarding the egregious behavior of team members, coaches, or team supporters, the team may be disqualified from the competition.

Curfew for middle school students is 10:00 pm. Curfew for high school students is 11:00 pm, Sunday through Thursday, and midnight, Friday and Saturday. At curfew, all outside doors will be locked.

Use of Electronic Devices

The use of electronic devices (cell phones, MP3 players, tablets, etc.) is not permitted during any of the public sessions of the Science Bowl by any student, coach, alumnus, visitor, or official (except officials in their NSB official capacity). Public sessions include: general meetings in the auditorium or any other conference room, competition rooms, and at the car competition. If a Science Bowl staff member or an official sees a participant using these devices during the prohibited usage periods, the device will be confiscated from the individual and returned at the conclusion of the event. Note: this means NO cell phone may be used in ANY competition room at ANY time.