



## Regional Team Participation Policy and “B” Teams

The 25 regional competitions collaboratively aim to recruit a variety of teams to participate in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) program and optimally have a minimum of eight (8) individual schools/organizations at their sanctioned NOSB competition. This dovetails with the on-going policy for the **Orca Bowl** to offer placement of a second or “B” team to schools/ organizations only as space allows - after first team registration is complete.

The Regional Coordinator determines the optimum number of teams for any given year based on competition space, sufficient number of volunteers, the number of registered, qualified schools/teams and the NOSB standards.

1. One team may be entered per pre-registered school /organization. They are listed in chronological order of receipt by the Regional Coordinator, and then sent a registration packet to be completed by the identified deadline.
2. Requests for a second team by schools/organizations are indicated on their pre-registration form.

**If additional teams are needed at any time AFTER the final registration deadline and BEFORE the competition starts, qualified schools will be offered an opportunity to enter their team or a second team in the competition under the conditions listed in the order below:**

- A. The school meets criteria 1 and 2 listed above AND has turned in completed registration packages for both teams on time. NOTE: An incomplete registration at the deadline moves the school to the bottom of the registration list.
- B. Schools that only had one team the previous year’s competition will be given priority for a B team (in the order of their pre-registration date-stamp). Teams that had a second team the previous year will be given slots for B teams only if there is space available after new B teams have been placed.
- C. Schools that placed in the top 3 at the previous year’s competition are placed at the bottom of the B-team registration list at time of pre-registration reception regardless of when they turn in registration packages.

All NOSB rules are found at [www.nosb.org/competitions-2/competition-rules/](http://www.nosb.org/competitions-2/competition-rules/).

**To secure your team’s registration, ALL team member and coach forms PLUS the NOSB ONLINE REGISTRATION must be complete and received by the Final Registration deadline.**



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