

Switching Rank Policy:

All efforts are made to ensure that scores announced during the tournament award ceremony are accurate; however, occasionally changes may need to be made. Scores are not official until scores have been vetted following the tournament and officially posted.

1. Regional Tournament Level:

- a. If there is a change in an individual event ranking, the student(s) originally receiving a medal will be allowed to keep that medal and a new medal will be awarded to the official recipient.
- b. If there is a change in overall team ranking, all team coaches involved will be notified within 48 hours of the score vetting being completed.
 - i. Provisions will be arranged for the exchange of trophies in coordination with the Regional and State Director. In keeping with the Spirit of Science Olympiad, failure to comply may affect the team's eligibility to compete in future tournaments.
 - ii. Following the official posting of scores and any resulting appeals, if the change in ranking affects a team's eligibility to go to the state tournament, the final official ranking stands.

2. State Tournament Level:

- a. If there is a change in an individual event ranking, the student originally receiving a medal will be allowed to keep that medal and a new medal will be awarded to the official recipient.
- b. If there is a change in overall team ranking, all team coaches involved will be notified within 48 hours of the score vetting being completed.
 - i. Provisions will be arranged for the exchange of trophies in coordination with the State Tournament Director and State Director. In keeping with the Spirit of Science Olympiad, failure to comply may affect the team's eligibility to compete in future tournaments.
 - ii. Following the official posting of scores and any resulting appeals, if the change in ranking affects a team's eligibility to go to the national tournament, the final official ranking stands.

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