2020 Chemistry Olympiad Local Competition - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Event Information:
Friday, March 6, 2020
5:30 pm
Main Campus of the University of Houston

1. What are the benefits for students' participation in the Chemistry Olympiad?

We hope to stimulate young people to achieve excellence in chemistry. We want to recognize outstanding chemistry students and, in doing so, encourage additional learning in their intellectual development. All of the 14 students selected to represent our local section, as well as their teachers, will receive a certificate for joining the national exam. Those who perform well may receive further recognition of Honors, High Honors, or entry to the 20-member Study Camp to compete for 4 national representative positions.

2. When is the registration deadline?

February 15, 2020 (Saturday)

3. How many students may I register?

There is no limit for the local competition. Feel free to use more than one form to register your students.

4. How many teachers in the same school may send students?

There is no limit for the local competition. According to the USNCO rule, only up to two students from the same school may be chosen to enter the national competition.

5. When will the local exam begin on Friday?

It would likely begin at around 5:30 pm (no later than 6:00 pm) and last for 110 minutes.

6. What resources may I give to my students for practice?

You may help your students prepare by visiting Past Exams for sample questions. We encourage you to get them started early.

7. I don't feel comfortable with the student status question. May I skip it?

Yes. All students are allowed to join the local competition. However, for the national competition, those 14 students must declare their status to be eligible.

8. My students have (or have not) taken AP Chemistry or college-level chemistry. Can they still join the local competition?

Absolutely. There is no restriction for courses a student has or has not taken. However, we would like your assessment of students' readiness to take on questions that may be more challenging than common ones. As long as students are willing and would not easily feel discouraged, they are all welcome.

Additional Information

https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad.html