

SCIENCE JUDGE--JUDGING ROOM

Your duties as a National Ocean Sciences Bowl SCIENCE JUDGE—JUDGING ROOM include:

You and a few other science judges will work together in scoring the Team Challenge Questions. Answers and rubrics for points are provided on the answer sheets; however, consistency must be maintained among the different judges as much as possible. Rarely, a specific question about science may be brought in by an NOSB coordinator for discussion and clarification; the in-room computer may be used to investigate the matter.

1. Before the participant-answered questions are delivered to the judging room, judges will have about 20 minutes to discuss the two questions they will be receiving in the next round. They will review the answer sheets and discuss any problems or ambiguity they find in the rubrics and answers. The goal is to grade the questions as quickly and consistently as possible.
2. Runners will bring the questions to be scored to the judging room. Each judge will score the points for a Team Challenge Question (one from each team) coming from a single competition room to maximize consistency in grading within that room.
3. If there are enough judges, questions may be divided amongst those with specialized knowledge in a particular discipline (e.g., a biologist judge may be asked to score the biology questions).
4. Scores for each question will be written in red next to the question and the total written in red and circled at the top right corner of the page. Runners will return the graded questions to the competition room.
5. No specific content knowledge is required to be a science judge in the judging room, although a general grounding in the sciences is helpful. A laptop computer will be provided to the judging room to assist in answering any science questions that come up.