



National Ocean
Sciences Bowl

SCIENCE JUDGE

What Do
I Do ?

1. Follow questions read by moderator (ensure correct pronunciation).

2. Rules on acceptability of answer.

- Responses to Multiple Choice questions can be the letter (W, X, Y, Z) or the answer exactly as written, or both.
- Anything else is unacceptable, including synonyms, broader terms, and more specific terms. Prefacing the answer with phrases such as “My answer is” is NOT acceptable on a toss-up question.
- The first answer stated is the one that counts!

3. Control buzzer system.

- Clear the buzzer system before the next toss-up question.
- Leave it on between Toss-Up and Bonus questions (so opposing team doesn't buzz in by accident).

4. Scientific Challenges

- Along with Moderator, request that clock be stopped during challenges.
- Only players (not audience, coach, or alternate) may challenge a Moderator's ruling on an answer.
- The science judge will make a ruling or take the challenge to the Judges' Appeals room. If the team disagrees with the first ruling, the challenge must go out of the room to the Judges' Appeals room where all decisions are final.
- There are no challenges on Team Challenge Questions.

5. Team Challenge Questions (TCQs): If only one runner is present, you will take the TCQs to the Judges' Appeals Room. You will return from the Judges' Appeals room with the results to be announced and explain the correct answers to the teams and audience.

Notes: Please review all questions before the competition.



Challenge?

- **Ask timekeeper to stop the clock**

