

Question #1	Answer
Will students who are not competing (due to extra kids on teams) or siblings be allowed inside without the WESO waiver completed?	The WESO Waiver is only for Science Olympiad participants. We do not require waivers from anyone else.
Is a waiver required for practices? If so, how do we know when they fill out before April?	We do not have a waiver requirement for school practices as WESO cannot control individual school practices and we ask that you follow any requirements for your individual school. We do recommend that you begin sharing the WESO participant waiver link with you families now so that they have adequate time to fill out the form prior to the Olympiad. Parents should understand that they need to accept the media release portion in order for their children to participate in the tournament. If this is an issue, they may choose not to have their children commit to practices.
What is the minimum age for volunteers at the WESO tournament?	The minimum age for a day-of volunteer is 18 years of age. WESO directly recruits volunteers from the AA high schools.
Where will the waiver check-in be located?	This is still TBD but it will likely be under the arch or on the west side where the cafeteria and awards ceremony are held. Everyone will need to access this area so it will not be on the east side of the school where most of the events are located.
After the first notification in April, would it be possible to know which participants have submitted their forms periodically (weekly?) before WESO Day? That way, HCs can try to ensure every participant has signed their waiver form before May 13.	Yes, we can send each school a list of who has filled out the waiver from each school on a regular basis leading up to May 13.
Will you send out a document with all the different links mentioned tonight? For example, parent waiver, emergency forms, avogadro, etc	They are linked within this presentation which we'll be sharing.
Nametags: should we be specifying the event grade level with the event on the nametags, since some students participate across grade levels? IE "Pentathlon 4"	Yes, if a student is participating a "grade up" then please do include this grade-level information. Example - a 3rd grade student competing in a 4th grade event.
Are there any requirements on volunteers (specifically, vaccination related)? Do HCs need to verify if they have completed background checks?	There are no vaccination requirements this year. Day-of volunteers will never be alone with children and we will not require a background check for them. The WESO Board will collect background checks on key volunteers and event supervisors. We ask that you, through your school, process background checks on your school event coaches.
Last year, students were able to participate in 3 events, with a minimum of 5 minutes in between. Head coaches would assist in meeting the student and turning them around for the next event. I have several students participating in 3 events, will 5-10 minutes in between events be ok if I'm unable to schedule all of them 15 minutes apart?	Unfortunately, no. It is really difficult for supervisors when students come in after the event has started. It can be disruptive and isn't fair to the students who have arrived ontime. Therefore, this year we are not allowing any late event arrivals for any reason.
Can High Schoolers be an Event Coach?	Yes, if your school allows this.
Did you want our login username (email) or account username (which you see after logging in) for Avogadro?	The account username is best, but Nancy can find you with the email as well. If you think you have sent in info and can't log in and see the countdown time by Sunday morning, let us know.
What is the deadline for the a waiver to be filled out? Morning of tournament, night before?	We must have a waiver on file for every student for them to compete. We are collecting electronically so they can fill out the morning of the Olympiad but we do encourage parents to fill out the information now.
Since 15 minutes will be required in between events, will the events be scheduled further apart in Avogadro this year to allow students to participate in the 3 events they signed up for and have started practicing for?	Building out the event schedule is not easy and there are quite a few variables. We need to build out a schedule that allows for every school to compete and gives enough time for supervisor to complete grading and submit scores. Note: we recommend 15 minutes as a minimum time. If students need to move between the On Target/Pentathlon area and the main academic area, you may need more travel time. There may be some events a student can leave early like Write It, Build It, if the students are writers.
Do we need to submit our team membership to WESO in advance?	We'll likely as for the size of your team (how many competitors you are sending for each grade) so we can identify how many volunteers we need. We will send you the waiver list for your school so you can cross-check with your list.
How much earlier than the event time should students arrive at academic check-in?	Ten minutes is what we request. All the teams going to a single event will be escorted to the event room together.
How many night-before versus day-of volunteers do you need?	Generally, we ask each school to send 1, or 2 volunteers max, per school the night before and these are 2 hour shifts.
When should we expect to have event schedule available for us to avoid any potential overlap of participants?	We will try to get these out by this weekend so you can take a look at what slots are available.
So kids can participate in only 3 events or is that just a suggestion because of scheduling?	There is no rule about how many or how few events students may participate in.
Are On Target and Pentathlon events cordoned off with separate entry and exit gates? I am asking this to check if parents would have to track two separate exit doors and that participants will not mingle (or "get lost") with general audience coming to West Side.	Yes. There will be a designated hallway for Pentathlon and On Target. Students will enter and exit from the same area and coaches will only need to monitor that one door. Olympians headed to any event will not be mingling with the general audience.
Will partial teams will allowed to complete academic check-in or will the full event team be needed to check-in as a group?	We've checked in partial teams in the past. This is event dependent - if there is a minimum team number, then the entire team will be needed to check in together.