

Elementary Science Olympiad Cancellation Notice

On Wednesday, March 12, 2020, both the state of Florida and the national Science Olympiad offices announced that all future tournaments for high school and middle school students are cancelled due to concerns for the health and safety of attendees and volunteers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Board of Directors for Science Olympiad has also strongly suggested that we cancel all tournaments, including Elementary tournaments, for the rest of the season.

Based on this guidance and my own consideration of the situation, I have determined that it is in the best interest of our students, parents, coaches and volunteers that we cancel the Elementary Science Olympiad at FAU, originally scheduled for April 25, 2020.

I know this cancellation will be very disappointing to students, coaches, and parents after all the hard work that has been put into their season, but I am sure you all agree that we must put health and safety first. We encourage teams to look ahead to preparations for next year.

There is a tentative plan from state officials, which I will support, to keep the rules and events from 2020 the same going into the 2021 year, and an attempt to run the elementary tournaments earlier next school year. I will keep you all updated as these discussions move forward.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim C. Theisen'.

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