2022 Chemistry Olympiad Competition
The Chicago Section of the ACS is pleased to announce its search for nominees to compete for national positions on the U.S. Team that will enter the International Chemistry Olympiad competition. This is a highly competitive selection process. If you feel that you have students of outstanding abilities in chemistry, please nominate them to compete in the Local Olympiad exam.

In light of the continued uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we intend to offer the Local Section Exam both in-person and online. The national exam will be solely online.

Local Chemistry Olympiad Exam: In person, **Saturday, March 5, 2022** from 10:00 am to 11:50 AM CT; online will be **Sunday March 6, 2022** from 2:00 to 3:50 pm CT. In-person locations are still TBD.

Exam Information
The ACS Learning Center (Moodle) is the platform that will be used for the digital LSE (Local Section Exam). Here is a link: [https://learning.acs.org/course/index.php](https://learning.acs.org/course/index.php). Students should create a login in the ACS Learning Center and register there as soon as possible to take the course, regardless of whether they will sit for the exam in-person or online.

Anyone, including and especially teachers, is invited to access the USNCO Course in the ACS Learning Center.

ACS will endeavor to make the LSE accessible to screen readers – please inform visually impaired students who may be interested in participating. An accessible periodic table that can be used for the exam, or for any other educational purpose, can be accessed here: [https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/whatischemistry/periodictable.html](https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/whatischemistry/periodictable.html)

Nominating students
As a practical matter, we need teachers to serve as proctors, or their proxy, for the online exam and perhaps for the in-person exam. For advice on how to proctor remotely using Zoom, contact [USNCO@acs.org](mailto:USNCO@acs.org).

In order to properly manage information in the ACS Learning Center, where ACS will host the Local Section Exam and Part 1 of the National Exam, we will need to know who will be taking the exam earlier than usual. The new key date is that all students need to be nominated by **February 11, 2022**.

**Please go to [http://chicagoacs.org/content.php?page=Chemistry Olympiad](http://chicagoacs.org/content.php?page=Chemistry Olympiad) to submit names of up to eight students per AP teacher. Nomination is open through Feb. 11.**

ACS Learning Center Course
A course is being built within the ACS Learning Center for the USNCO. In addition to hosting the 2022 digital multiple-choice exams, it will also link to useful resources for coordinators, teachers, and students. Anyone will be invited to enroll in the course to peruse the resources, but only students nominated by their Local Sections may take the exams. A practice exam will be included so students, teachers, and coordinators can familiarize themselves with the format.
Coordinators will be provided with instructions to have students “enroll” in the course as part of their Local Section Cohort, and will then be able to view their students’ scores.

This course will be released in January 2022.

Rules for Participation in the 2022 Chemistry Olympiad Competition

1. Students must be U.S. citizens or legal, permanent residents of the United States (green card holders) to take the U.S. national examination.
2. High school students who will graduate no earlier than spring of a year in which they participate in the competition are eligible.
3. Students must be younger than 20 years of age.
4. Up to eight students may be nominated to take the local exam from each teacher. No more than two students per high school may take the national exam. In the case of magnet programs or split enrollment, a student’s school is defined as the high school where the student takes science class(es).
5. Eligible students who have previously attended the study camp automatically qualify for the national exam and do not count against the limit on the number of eligible students from their local section or school.
6. Winners of gold medals at the International Chemistry Olympiad are not eligible to participate in subsequent International Chemistry Olympiad competitions or study camps.
7. Students who have taken advanced placement courses in chemistry are eligible.
8. A student may participate only in the competition of the section in which the student's high school is located. If the section is not participating, the USNCO national office will assign the student to a section.
9. A student who participates in the Physics Olympiad study camp, the Mathematics Olympiad study camp, or the Biology Olympiad study camp is not eligible to participate in the Chemistry Olympiad study camp during the same summer.
10. Only non-programmable calculators are to be used on the national exam and on the ACS local section exam. The use of a programmable calculator, cell phone, or any other device that can access the Internet or make copies or photographs during the exam is grounds for disqualification.

To view Local and National Exams, past winners, and other general information about the Chemistry Olympiad, see http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad.html.