



## 2023 Chemistry Olympiad

### *A Competition for Talented High School Chemistry Students*

#### **2023 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.

**At this time, we intend to offer the Local Section Exam in-person. Plans for the national exam portion are still in progress.**

**Local Chemistry Olympiad Exam: Saturday March 4 at 10 am at both Libertyville high school and Loyola University, Sheridan Rd campus and Sunday March 5 at 10 at Munster high school, and noon at North Central College, Naperville.**

**Additional details will be provided once nominations are closed.**  
We will provide links to their COVID policies closer to exam time.

#### **Nominating students**

In order to properly manage information in the ACS Learning Center, where ACS will host Part 1 of the National Exam, we will need to know who will be taking the exam early. Thus, **all students need to be nominated by February 12, 2023.**

**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. 12.**

#### **ACS Learning Center Course**

Resources can be found within the ACS Learning Center for the USNCO (<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. It will also link to useful resources for coordinators, teachers, and students. 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 2023.

#### **Rules for Participation in the 203 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 **school**. 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>.