


# Syrian Biology Olympiad (SBO) Application Form

<b>1. Country</b>	Name of the country  Syrian Arab Republic
<b>2. Name</b>	Name of the NBO in the country  Syrian Biology Olympiad (SBO)
<b>3. Established</b>	In which year the NBO is established?  1989
<b>4. Logo</b>	Insert logo  
<b>5. Posters / leaflets</b>	Describe what kind of letters, posters, leaflets, brochures, etc (if possible attach example) are used to promote participation in the NBO.  Posters and leaflets are handed to principals, mailed by post, or electronically to all high schools in Syrian Arab Republic by the start of every Olympic year. Posters are then hanged in every high school in order to motivate students to take part in the SBO. The Syrian Computing Society affords the cost of the design.
<b>6. Website URL</b>	<a href="http://www.sbo.co.cc">http://www.sbo.co.cc</a> The website will be available soon.
<b>7. Olympiad promotion</b>	How and when are teachers, students, schools, press informed about NBO? Who is sending this information?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBO website.</li> <li>• Syrian Computing Society website.</li> <li>• Call for Participation is mailed by post, or electronically by the start of every Olympic year to every school in our database.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Organization structure, categories</b>	Which institution is main organizer? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Syrian Computing Society.</li> </ul>

<p><b>and rounds</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tishreen University</li> </ul> <p>How many rounds and what type of rounds are there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round One: SBO Junior Round</li> <li>• Round Two: SBO Sophomore Round</li> <li>• Round Three: SBO Senior Round</li> </ul> <p>When is the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>,... round?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round One: 1st of October</li> <li>• Round Two: 1st of November</li> <li>• Round Three: 1st of February</li> </ul> <p>Which type of schools/students are involved?</p> <p>Every high school student in Syrian Arab Republic is eligible to compete regardless of whether he has taken a Biology course or not.</p> <p>No teacher, principal, or any body else may have a Syrian high school student excluded from participation on political ground, discrimination of race, ethnicity, or gender, lack of recommendation, or similar reasons whatsoever.</p> <p>SBO is an equal opportunity nominator.</p> <p>How is the final round organized?</p> <p>The SBO Senior Round is held in the Faculty of Science at Tishreen University or at the Institute of Marine Research (which is better for the Olympic year).</p> <p>During this round students take theoretical and practical sessions on various Biology topics.</p> <p>By the end of these sessions, exams are conducted, and a team of four students is formed to represent Syrian Arab Republic in the upcoming IBO.</p>
<p><b>9. Tests</b></p>	<p>What type of tests in which rounds: multiple choice, essay, oral ,port folio, practical ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round One: Multiple-choice (one out of four).</li> <li>• Round Two: Multiple-choice (one out of eight).</li> <li>• Round Three: Short and long answer questions, essay on a topic of interest, and an interview.</li> </ul> <p>Which institution is producing the tests?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round One: High school teachers.</li> <li>• Round Two: High school teachers.</li> <li>• Round Three: University-level Lecturers, engineers, and teaching assistants.</li> </ul> <p>Where do students make the tests: at school, university, biology camp, etc....?</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round One: High schools.</li> <li>• Round Two: High schools.</li> <li>• Round Three: The Faculty of Science at Tishreen University or at the Institute of Marine Research (which is better for the Olympic year).</li> </ul>
<b>10. Student training</b>	<p>How is the training organized? Which institutions are involved? Where and how long is the training?</p> <p>How many days study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ at home</li> <li>⇒ at school: general &amp; specific</li> <li>⇒ special training camp</li> <li>⇒ Bio summer camp</li> <li>⇒ university</li> <li>⇒ exercising with old tests</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round One: Training is conducted by teachers at high schools.</li> <li>• Round Two: Training is conducted by teachers at high schools.</li> <li>• Round Three: A one week training is conducted at the Faculty of Science at Tishreen University or at the Institute of Marine Research (which is better for the Olympic year).</li> </ul> <p>During Round One and Round Two, contact information for at least one teacher per high school is made available to participating students.</p>
<b>11. Study materials</b>	<p>Are special materials developed or available for students helping them to score better in the National rounds or to prepare for the IBO. If so, indicate what kind of materials, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ High school textbooks</li> <li>⇒ Special designed NBO syllabus</li> <li>⇒ University textbooks (Campbell, etc)</li> <li>⇒ Syllabus of lecturers</li> <li>⇒ Web based courses</li> <li>⇒ Tests (former IBO's and NBO's)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school textbooks.</li> <li>• Tishreen University textbooks.</li> <li>• IBO published exams.</li> <li>• Acceptable titles by well-established American publishers after translating them into Arabic.</li> <li>• Dictionaries of Biology terminology.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Awarding of students, prizes</b>	<p>What kind of award and prizes? Which value? Money?</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ medals and certificates</li> <li>⇒ free entrance to university</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ science books</li> <li>⇒ PC, DVD player, camera, microscope</li> <li>⇒ scholarships</li> <li>⇒ money</li> <li>⇒ .....</li> </ul> <p>Students competing in Round Three:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificates of Achievement.</li> <li>• Presents offered by the Syrian Computing Society or by local sponsors.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, the four students representing Syrian Arab Republic receives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honourable Mention.</li> <li>• Free Internet access service offered by the Syrian Computing Society.</li> </ul>
<p><b>13. Media coverage</b></p>	<p>Explain how media are involved to inform people, schools, students etc about the biology Olympiad procedures, results of students and/or schools, medals at IBO, .....</p> <p>Think about local/national TV, journals, newspapers, ..</p> <p>Newspapers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tishreen Newspaper: Nation-wide daily newspaper (<a href="http://www.tishreen.info/">http://www.tishreen.info/</a>).</li> <li>• Al Baath Newspaper: Nation-wide daily newspaper (<a href="http://www.albaath.news.sy/">http://www.albaath.news.sy/</a>)</li> <li>• Al Thwara Newspaper: Nation-wide daily newspaper (<a href="http://www.thawra.com/">http://www.thawra.com/</a>)</li> <li>• Baladna Newspaper: Nation-wide daily newspaper (<a href="http://www.baladnaonline.net/">http://www.baladnaonline.net/</a>)</li> </ul> <p>TV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Organization of Radio and TV (<a href="http://www.rtv.gov.sy/">http://www.rtv.gov.sy/</a>)</li> <li>• Addounia TV (<a href="http://www.addounia.tv/">http://www.addounia.tv/</a>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>14. Financial support / resources</b></p>	<p>What kind of institutions are sponsoring? Do they pay, help, organize, support, ...?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Syrian Computing Society.</li> <li>• Syriatel Telecommunication Company.</li> <li>• Maybe other sponsors in the future.</li> </ul>
<p><b>15. Role of Min. of Education</b></p>	<p>Describe support in money, organization, contacting schools, sending posters, awarding ceremony, .etc</p> <p>Does not apply.</p>

<b>16. National Competition Rules</b>	What kind of special rules do apply?  Nothing specific other than IBO statutes.	
<b>17. IBO coordinator</b>	Give name, address, email Also give name and address of prominent representative national institution appointing the Coordinator  Eng. Sari Haj Hussein, B.S. Syria, Lattakia, Alkhawarezmi Street 082, Area 3, 7th Part, Near Alrowaad Alawael Institute, PO Box: 267 Email: <a href="mailto:angyjoo@yahoo.com">angyjoo@yahoo.com</a> Homepage: <a href="http://www.sarihh.co.cc/">http://www.sarihh.co.cc/</a> Tel. +963-933-234124	
<b>18. Statistics over the years</b>	Which % of schools/students participated over the years in the NBO?  Statistics are being gathered.	
<b>19. Standard school year</b>	From (month): September In which month start a new school year	To (month): June Which month is the end of the regular school year
<b>20. Biology hours/week at school</b>	Minimum (common for students going for the NBO): 3	Maximum (common for students going for the NBO): 4

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