Bloomfield Hall Science Society (BHSS)

STEM OLYMPIAD II

School Participation & Responsibility Agreement

20–22 November 2026 · Bloomfield Hall School Senior Branch, Peshawar

This agreement must be signed by the Principal. Attach the signed copy to your school's registration at bhsciencesociety.com/stem-olympiad-register.html, as a PDF or a clear photo of each page.

1. Purpose

This agreement formalises the participation of _____ (the School), branch _____, in the Bloomfield Hall Science Society STEM Olympiad II, held at Bloomfield Hall School Senior Branch, Peshawar, from 20 to 22 November 2026.

Team name(s) entered _____

2. Responsibility for Student Conduct

- Students remain under the responsibility of their own school throughout the event.
- The participating school is responsible for ensuring its students behave in accordance with the Olympiad rules.
- Any misconduct by its students is the responsibility of the participating school.

3. Damage Liability

- The participating school is liable for any damage caused by its students.
- Damage must be compensated within 10 working days of the school being notified.

4. Fees

- Registration fees are not refundable, including if a student or team withdraws, does not attend, or is disqualified.

5. Photographs and Filming

- The society photographs and films the Olympiad and may publish this on its website and social media.
- The School will let the families of its participating students know, and will tell the Council before the Olympiad of any student who should not appear in what is published.

6. Confirmation of Participation

The School agrees to the STEM Olympiad II rules set out below (also at bhsciencesociety.com/stem-olympiad-rules.html) and to the responsibilities and policies in this agreement.

STEM OLYMPIAD II CONDUCT, SAFETY & DISCIPLINE RULES

Breaking these rules can end a participant's Olympiad. Depending on what has happened, the Council may give a warning, remove a participant from a round, disqualify a whole team from a category or from the Olympiad, or remove somebody from the venue entirely. A participant's school is told when they are removed.

1. General conduct

a. Participants must be respectful toward all students, teachers, judges, organisers and volunteers.
b. Foul, abusive or discriminatory language is strictly prohibited.
c. Any form of harassment - verbal, physical or digital - results in immediate disqualification.
d. Bullying, intimidation and disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated.
e. Any suspected misconduct must be reported to event staff immediately.

2. Fair play in the rounds

a. Only the students registered on a team compete for it. A change to a team needs the Council's approval before the round it affects.
b. **No phones, smartwatches or other devices during a round**, unless the category's own instructions allow them. Event staff may collect them for the length of a round.
c. No outside help while a round is running: no notes, no messages, no AI tools, and nothing from teachers, friends or spectators.
d. No communicating with other teams during a round, unless the round allows it. Doing so leads to disqualification.
e. Everything a team hands in must be its own work, done within the rules of that category.
f. Teams must be at their round when it starts. A team that is not there may forfeit it.
g. Each category's own rules are given by its category team, and they apply alongside these.
h. **The judges' decisions in a round are final.** A concern can be raised with the Council after the round, calmly and in writing.

3. Disciplinary actions

A participant found doing any of the following may cause **their entire team** to be disqualified.

- **Inappropriate language or behaviour:** Vulgar language or disorderly conduct directed at staff, judges, organisers or fellow participants.
- **Unfair practices:** Using any method to gain an unfair advantage over other teams, including copying, collusion and help from outside the team.
- **Non-compliance with judging decisions:** Disregarding or disputing the final decisions of the judges. Concerns may be submitted to the Council afterwards.
- **False registration:** Competing under somebody else's name, or entering a participant whose details or documents on the registration are not true.
- **Inappropriate or discriminatory content:** Displaying racist, gender-discriminatory, suggestive or offensive content on a team name, a badge, a submission or anywhere else.
- **Vandalism or property damage:** Intentional damage to or defacement of school or participant property, including graffiti and destruction of belongings.
- **Possession of weapons:** Any item capable of causing harm, injury or damage is strictly prohibited.
- **Misconduct:** Includes attempted bribery, repeated disobedience of staff, and other unacceptable behaviour.
- **Inappropriate dress:** Clothing must be tidy, well maintained and presentable. Clothing carrying offensive, suggestive or inappropriate imagery or language is forbidden.
- **Drugs and prohibited items:** Possession of drugs, illegal substances, vapes or cigarettes results in immediate dismissal.

4. Identity on site

a. Wear the Olympiad ID card you are given, where it can be seen, for all three days.
b. Event staff may ask any participant to show it, and may check it against the registration.
c. An ID card is not passed to anybody else, for any reason.

5. Safety and discipline

a. Physical violence, threats and unsafe behaviour are grounds for immediate expulsion.
b. Students must follow every safety instruction given by the organisers, especially in the laboratories and practical areas.
c. Running, pushing and rough play in corridors, labs and waiting zones is prohibited.
d. In an emergency, follow the instructions of event staff. Not doing so leads to penalties.

6. Student protection

a. Respectful and appropriate interaction between all participants is mandatory.
b. Any behaviour that compromises the comfort or safety of female students will result in strict disciplinary action.
c. No loitering near female-only areas, washrooms or break zones.
d. No pairing off, isolating yourself with another participant, or any behaviour that could be read as inappropriate or suggestive.
e. Photographing or filming other participants without their explicit permission is strictly forbidden.
f. Modesty, respect and dignity are to be upheld throughout the event.

7. Movement and the venue

a. Participants must stay within their designated zones at all times.
b. Moving into restricted or unassigned areas is not allowed.
c. During breaks, use only the official waiting and rest areas provided.
d. Hallways must be kept clear - no wandering or crowding in prohibited spaces.
e. Entry and exit follow the directions of event staff and security.

8. Property and equipment

a. Participants are responsible for their own belongings. The organisers are not liable for loss or damage.
b. Equipment and materials issued in a round must be handled carefully and returned properly.
c. Theft, vandalism or tampering with event property leads to disqualification, and your school is notified.

9. Dress code

a. Formal or semi-formal dress, Western or traditional: for example a collared shirt with trousers or jeans, or shalwar kameez, a formal blouse or similar traditional dress.
b. Clothing must be opaque and appropriately layered, and give reasonable coverage.

10. Food and drink

a. Eat only in the designated areas.
b. No food or drink in the STEM zones.
c. Keep your area clean and put rubbish in the bins.
d. Outside food and drink are not allowed.

11. Changes to these rules

The Council may change these rules for safety, fairness or logistical reasons, and each category team may change the rules of its own category. Any change is circulated to every registered team before it applies.

PRINCIPAL'S AUTHORISATION

Principal's name _____

School name _____

Branch _____

Official contact number _____

Principal's signature _____

Date _____