

Bay Area Virtual ESO 2020 FAQ

As we are all going through this pandemic with shelter-in-place, we want to keep everyone's safety and health in mind during the preparation as well as on event day. To that extent, we request all participants to prepare for the events in the safety of their own homes. On the competition day, make sure each student is in their own home.

Q: Is the competition still happening?

A: Yes, on May 23.

Q: How will the competition be conducted?

A: The events will be conducted virtually over Zoom.

Q: Is this a one-day competition?

A: Yes.

Q: What is the schedule for the events?

A: The timing for each event is still the same.

Q: What is the format for theory events?

A:

- Both students from the same team for the event will be on the Zoom call answering all the questions.
- They have to answer them separately without collaborating and enter their answers on a Google Form.
- The judge will put the questions on the Zoom call for a certain amount of time, typically 45-60 seconds. Each student will answer the question directly on the Google Form.
- We will give points if either of the two gets the question correct.
- Students should NOT be conferring by any means during the test.
- At the end of the time (after all questions have been asked), the judge will tell all students to submit their Google Form.
- No cheat sheets, notes, or help from anyone or online are allowed.

Q: What are the requirements and restrictions for the student on the Zoom call?

A:

- Make sure he/she is sitting in a quiet room ready for the call 5 minutes before their event time.
- Make sure they log into the correct call at the appointed time.
- There should be no devices, notes, books, cheat sheets, etc. in the room.
- They should have scratch paper and pencils to do any work.
- Open the Zoom call and Google Form on the same computer.
- Parents can help set this up before the event but should exit the room and close the door once the event starts.
- The video HAS to be on so the judges can see the student's face.

Q: What if there are technical difficulties?

A: Please refer to the Coaches Q&A penultimate slide. More details to come.

Q: What is the format for build events?

A: The format for each event will have to be modified as follows:

Write It, Build It is now Write It, Draw It: The writers will be in the first Zoom call. They will look at a black and white 2D picture on the screen and have to describe how their partner should draw it. Instead of hand-writing it, they will be typing it on the Google Form. The drawers will be on the second Zoom call. They should have a blank piece of paper and a pencil to draw. The judge will give them their partner's written instructions and they will draw it to their best ability. They will then take a picture of it and submit it through the Google Form.

Picture This: There will only be one drawer and one guesser; no switching. The drawer will use the white board feature on Zoom to draw the words that the judge private messages them in the Zoom chat. Both the drawer and guesser can pass a word; however, the judge will not go back to the word.

For the 3 open build events (**Mission Possible, Rubber Band Catapult, Gravity Vehicle**), students will scan and email a soft copy of their log book one day before the competition. The student who has the device in their possession will show the device over the call but both students will be on the call to answer the questions. We do not recommend the students convening to show their device. There will be no demos for these events. While these events will be scored and ranked, they will not contribute to the overall ranking for each team.

Science Jeopardy Buzzer Round: We will be using an online buzzer found at buzzin.live. Please practice using this.

Pentathlon format is found on its own document on the website.