Your high school is invited to participate in the 26th Annual Blue Crab Bowl, one of 25 regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) competitions held throughout the country. The Blue Crab Bowl is an academic tournament using questions about marine science and the world’s oceans. Regional winners may be invited to participate in the National Finals competition.

**When & Where?**

- **February 9, 2024:** Team arrival and pre-event activities at Virginia Institute of Marine Science | Gloucester Point, VA
- **February 10, 2024:** Full-day, in-person competition at Virginia Institute of Marine Science | Gloucester Point, VA

The 2024 format for each round of regional competition will be 6 minutes of buzzer questions (toss-up and bonus), two written team challenge questions, a short break, followed by 6 minutes of buzzer questions. Buzzer questions are worth 4 or 6 points; team challenge questions are worth up to 20 points (partial credit possible). Find sample questions on the NOSB website at www.nosb.org

**Interested in competing?**

- Submit the pre-registration form found online at www.vims.edu/bcb. This form must be received no later than **NOVEMBER 2, 2023**
- From the pre-registrations, up to 16 teams will be selected to compete
- Selected teams will be notified by **NOVEMBER 6, 2023** and must complete a registration packet by **DECEMBER 15, 2023**
- Remaining teams will be wait-listed. If a competition space becomes available, wait-listed teams will be invited to participate based on order of application.
Patterned on the National Science Bowl, the National Ocean Sciences Bowl provides a venue for students who excel in math and science. Participants receive regional and national recognition for their diligence and talent while broadening their awareness and understanding of the oceans.

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Visit the Blue Crab Bowl website for current information and the online pre-registration form.
www.vims.edu/bcb

The Blue Crab Bowl is for Virginia* high schools and secondary-level educational organizations. A competition team consists of up to five students and one adult coach.
*See the BCB website for a list of exceptions.