Your high school is invited to participate in the 25th Annual Blue Crab Bowl, one of 25 regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB®) competitions held throughout the country. The Blue Crab Bowl is a round robin double-elimination academic tournament using questions about marine science and the world’s oceans. Regional Bowl winners are invited to participate in the National Finals competition in Washington, D.C., April 2022. A variety of prizes for students and coaches are awarded at both the regional and the national bowls.

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.

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

The 2022 format for each round of regional and national competitions will be 6 minutes of buzzer questions (toss-up and bonus), two written team challenge questions, 2-minute break, followed by 6 minutes of buzzer questions. 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, 2021.
- From the pre-registration forms submitted, up to 16 teams will be selected to compete.
- Selected teams will be notified by NOVEMBER 5 and must submit a complete registration packet by DECEMBER 14, 2021.
- Remaining teams will be waitlisted in order of lottery drawing. If a competition space becomes available, waitlisted teams will be invited to participate based on lottery position. Existing registration deadlines will apply.
- Teams pay a registration fee to help support Bowl-day costs.

**When & Where?**

- November 2, 2021: Last day to Pre-Register (submit Intent Form online)
- November 5: Teams notified of acceptance
- December 14: Accepted teams’ registration forms due
- February 11-12, 2022: Blue Crab Bowl, Virginia Beach, VA
- April 2022: National Finals Competition, Washington DC
Blue Crab Bowl 2022 Hosts

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Visit the Blue Crab Bowl website for current information and the online Pre-Registration Form (Statement of Intent).

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