



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.



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

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.



Blue Crab Bowl 2022 Hosts

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Visit the [Blue Crab Bowl](http://www.vims.edu/bcb) website for current information and the online Pre-Registration Form (Statement of Intent).

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