"IMPORTANT RULES"

The Moderator must read the following before Round Robin Rounds 1 and 2. After these rounds, please give the teams the option of hearing the reading of the "Important Rules."

Please let me remind you of several important rules we will be carefully observing during this match.

1. If Science Judge is recognizing the students:

On toss-up questions, you MUST be **verbally** recognized by the *Scientific Judge* before replying. The Scientific Judge will identify you by saying either Team "A One," "A Captain," or "B One," "B Three," etc.

If Moderator is recognizing the students:

On toss-up questions, you MUST be **verbally** recognized by me before replying. I will identify you by saying either Team "A One," "A Captain," or "B One," "B Three," etc.

- 2. On toss-up questions, there can be no conferring among team members **ON EITHER TEAM** at **ANY** time.
- 3. The only acceptable answer to a multiple-choice question will be one of those read by the moderator. If you give the scientific answer rather than the letter (W, X, Y, or Z), your answer must be **exact**.
- 4. **Challenges must be made before I begin the next question.** All challenges must come from the team members who are actively competing.
- 5. On bonus questions, you have 20 seconds **AFTER** I finish reading the question to begin your answer to the question. If you fail to begin your answer before the Timekeeper says, "TIME," you have missed your bonus question. You will hear the Timekeeper say, "5 SECONDS," when you have only 5 seconds left to begin your answer.
- 6. On the bonus question, only the team captain's answer will be accepted.
- 7. At the conclusion of each match, the two captains need to review and sign the Official Score Sheet. By signing the score sheet, each team captain is agreeing to the final score as written on the Official Score Sheet.