Your high school is invited to participate in the 23rd 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 Mississippi, April 2020. A variety of prizes for students and coaches are awarded at both the regional and the national bowls.

When & Where?
- October 28, 2019: last day to Pre-Register (submit Intent Form)
- October 30: teams notified of acceptance
- December 16: accepted teams’ registration forms due
- Feb. 7 & 8: Blue Crab Bowl, ODU Higher Education Center, Virginia Beach, VA
- April 2020: NOSB National Finals, Mississippi Gulf Coast

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.

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 2020 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. 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 in this brochure or online at www.vims.edu/bcb. This form must be received no later than OCTOBER 28, 2019.
- From the pre-registration forms submitted, up to 16 teams will be selected to compete.
- Selected teams will be notified by OCTOBER 30 and must submit a complete registration packet by DECEMBER 16, 2019.
- 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.
Yes!

PRE-REGISTRATION Form (Statement of Intent)

My school wants to participate in the 2020 Blue Crab Bowl! We understand that returning this Intent Form does not constitute registration and that only a limited number of teams will be selected to participate.

Coach Name:

High School:

Address:

e-mail:

Telephone & best time to call:

This Year’s Field Trip
To be determined
Friday, February 7, 2020, 1:00-4:00pm

__ Yes, my students and I can participate in the Friday field trip.

__ No, my students and I can’t participate in the Friday field trip.

Please return this form before October 28 to:
Dr. Carol Hopper Brill
VIMS Marine Advisory Program
P.O. Box 1346
Gloucester Point, VA 23062
Or, scan and e-mail to chopper@vims.edu