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 2017 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 NOVEMBER 1, 2016.
- From the forms submitted, 16 teams will be selected to compete.
- Selected teams will be notified by NOVEMBER 3 and must submit a complete registration packet by DECEMBER 16, 2016.
- 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.
- New: Teams may be asked to pay a registration fee to help support Bowl-day costs.
Yes!

**PRE-REGISTRATION Form (Statement of Intent)**

My school wants to participate in the 2017 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:**

**Fax:**

**This Year’s Field Trip**

To be determined  
Friday, February 17, 2017

___ 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 November 1 to:

Dr. Carol Hopper Brill  
VIMS Marine Advisory Program  
P.O. Box 1346  
Gloucester Point, VA 23062  
or via e-mail to chopper@vims.edu

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