FAQ: S.-T. Yau High School Science Award

Q1: I signed up for the competition as a third-year high school student, but I will be in college when the National Final starts in December. Am I still eligible to participate?
A1: Yes. You are eligible to participate as long as you are a high school student at the time of your account registration.

Q2: Is it possible to form a team with students from different schools?
A2: Yes. Each team can have 1-3 members.

Q3: Must the team instructor be a teacher in my school?
A3: No. You can ask one of your high school teachers and/or someone from other educational institutions as your team instructor(s).

Q4: Can I participate in the competition of two different disciplines?
A4: Yes. Students can compete for the Award in multiple disciplines, but you must register with a different account.

Q5: Can I compete for the Mathematics Award in two different teams?
A5: No. Each student can only register once within the same discipline.

Q6: I have registered an account. Can I use it to participate in different Award competitions?
A6: No. Each account is only valid for one team. When signing up for multiple disciplines, you need to register one account to participate in each competition.

Q7: After account registration, can I still change team information?
A7: Yes, but only before the deadline for the submission of research reports, after which the information of participating instructors and students cannot be changed.

Q8: Can I still make changes to the research report after uploading it?
A8: Yes, but only from July 1 to September 15, 2018. In case of any changes made between these dates, a new version of the report can be uploaded to the system. However, no further changes can be made after September 15, 2018.

Q9: How is the Division determined? How do I know which division I belong to?
A9: The Division is determined according to the geographical location of your high school. For details on each division, please refer to the respective “Entry Guidelines” for each discipline on the S.-T. Yau High School Science Award official website.

Q10: Is there a description for the scope and evaluation criteria of each award?
A10: Please refer to the respective “Entry Guidelines” for each discipline on the S.-T. Yau High School Science Award official website.

Q11: Must the research report be written in English?
A11: The Award encourages students to write the research reports in English. In the National Final in December, research reports and presentation slides must be submitted in English. Also, students have to answer questions related to their report in English. Before the National Final, either English or Chinese can be used. (While we generally encourage participating teams to draft their reports in English, the requirements for different divisions and prizes may differ. For example, some divisions do not specify the language of oral defense, but others may require defense in English.)

Q12: Do I have to pay any participation fee?
A12: No. The Award does not charge any fees from participating students.
Q13: If my team has used a research report in other competitions or publications, can we still participate in the Award with the same report?
A13: Yes. If a student has participated, is participating, or will participate in other national or international competitions with the same research, and/or a student has submitted/published or will submit/publish the same report, related information must be provided in the “research report submission” section when registering in the online system.

Q14: Can I mail hard copies of the required materials to the Organizing Committee for registration?
A14: No. Registration and the submission of all materials must be completed through the online system. Hard copies of these materials will not be accepted.

Q15: Who should I contact if I have other questions?
A15: You can contact the Secretariat of the S.-T. Yau High School Science Award. The contact details are as follows:

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