

Shore Bowl 2024

The [Shore Bowl](#) (SB) is an annual academic competition run by People Making a Difference (PMD) that encourages high school students to learn about the ocean. Each year, students from high schools throughout New Jersey test their knowledge and teamwork to compete. Teams of 4-5 high school students are quizzed on their knowledge of ocean sciences subjects including chemistry, biology, engineering, history, ecology, climate change, and weather, as part of a fun, national quiz bowl program.

The winning 2024 Shore Bowl high school team will win a trophy and prize, but NOT represent New Jersey in any national-level competition (*since none is planned by the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB)*).



Preparations are underway for another all-online "virtual" Shore Bowl competition taking place on both **Saturday March 23 AND Sunday March 24, 2024**. Head-to-head matches will be played in round-robins on Saturday, and then top teams will compete head-to-head in single- elimination matches on Sunday afternoon.

The Shore Bowl competition (which includes swag, trophies, and prizes) requires no registration fee for each competing team.

Apply to Compete Coaches must complete a separate Team Intent Form for each one of their school's A and (*optional*) B teams. One original, co-signed form per team must be **RECEIVED by Thursday, December 14, 2023**. Multiple teams from the same school can combine their forms inside one envelope. (*If using express delivery, use USPS-delivery only to send to a USPS post office box. Do NOT require a signature. Do NOT use FedEx or UPS since they don't deliver to post office boxes.*)

If there are more interested teams than we can accommodate, we will accept one team (the "A Team") from every school that has applied. If sufficient space remains, we will then accept all secondary teams ("B Teams"). *If we cannot accommodate all of the teams in a class (A or B), we will determine competing schools from that class by random drawing of teams whose completed intent forms and checks are received by the 12/14/23 deadline.*

Coaches will be notified of their respective teams' statuses (competing or waitlisted to compete in case there are cancellations) via email on December 18, 2023. *We strongly encourage coaches of waitlisted teams to register students online and for coaches and parents/guardians to complete their online consents also by the deadline, and to prepare to compete fully in case there are last-minute cancellations or we recruit additional volunteers so that we can enlarge this bowl.*

Registrations Complete coach and student online registration (*using Qualtrics, not eventbrite*); emailed zipped folders containing digital versions of their signed forms; online parent-signed student parental, media, and recruitment consents; and online coaches' media consents will be required from coaches **by February 29, 2024**.

Coaches may only register four (4) or five (5) unique students and 1-2 unique coaches per team, and there can be NO cross-team duplication. At least four (4) registered students and at least one (1) coach/team must participate in all round-robin matches of this competition and any other activities scheduled for their teams 9am to 6pm on Saturday, plus all elimination rounds for which their team qualifies on Sunday afternoon. Teams whose coaches fail to register themselves and their students fully online in Qualtrics or provide zipped folders containing team forms, whose parents/guardians fail to complete online consents for all students, or whose coach(es) fail to complete online consents by 2/29/24, can NOT compete in 2024. NO DEADLINE EXTENSIONS will be granted, and so we strongly encourage coaches to collect forms early, check for completeness, and enter all of this data carefully and early – Registration forms and online links will be provided on 12/18/23. *PMD and SB are NOT responsible for any computer/internet delays.*

Cancellations & Refunds Coaches of teams that must cancel their participation should do so as soon as possible, ideally by **2/23/24 to minimize impact on the other teams** since other schools' teams will lose opportunities to compete against them.

Questions Coaches, NOT students or parents, should contact 2024 SB Regional Coordinator Lori Tsuruda at Ltsuruda@gmail.com or office landline (*82)1-781-963-0373.

Optional: Coaches may register and participate in an informational **coaches' zoom meeting** about the virtual competition structure, rules, and technology requirements at **3:30pm on Friday 12/1/2023**.

TEAM INTENT FORM for Shore Bowl 2024

By 12/14/23, Lori Tsuruda must RECEIVE this original, co-signed form at People Making a Difference (PMD), P.O. Box 120189, Boston, MA 02112-0189.

High School Name: _____
Complete High School Address: _____
Principal's First & Last Names _____
Principal's Email Address _____

TEAM **A** **B** (*circle only one*)

Each team must have a unique, designated coach. This coach must be a teacher or official from the team's school, a school designee, or an employee or official with an educational or science program that is sponsoring a team. Coaches must be age 18 or older - No high school students can serve as coaches.

Coach's First and Last Names: _____
Email Address(es): _____
Work Phone Number: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____
Number of Years Coaching Experience: _____
Optional: Assistant Coach's First & Last Names AND Email Address(es): _____

Optional: I/we have **registered** for the coaches' zoom meeting at 3:30pm on Friday 12/1/23.

As this team's coach, I agree to

- _____ *initials* Comply with the official 2023-2024 SB competition rules.
- _____ *initials* Serve as the point of contact between my students and SB/NOSB staff, i.e., communicate on behalf of all students and parents associated with my team.
- _____ *initials* Collect and keep all student data confidential, and personally enter all required student data online by 2/29/24.
- _____ *initials* Ensure that all parents/guardians of competing students e-sign their online NOSB parental, media, and recruitment consents, plus complete my own online media consent by 2/29/24.
- _____ *initials* IF this team cannot compete on 3/23&24/2024, cancel by emailing *Ltsuruda@gmail.com*.
- _____ *initials* Expressly prohibit my team's students, coaches, and their families from attending/viewing any other regional NOSB competitions before 3/25/2024.
- _____ *initials* Ensure that every team member has a lap- or desk- top computer that can run Zoom (*NO smartphones or tablets*), headphones/earbuds with microphones, and reliable internet access.
- _____ *initials* Expressly prohibit my team's students from competing while inside a vehicle and being in-real-life visual or audible contact in the same physical room during all matches.
- _____ *initials* Expressly prohibit my team's students from concurrently competing in any other competitions during the SB. Any student competing in another competition will be disqualified from the SB.
- _____ *initials* Check in online as directed on behalf of my team at the start of each day that they are to compete.
- _____ *initials* Participate fully online on Saturday 3/23/24, and on Sunday 3/24/24 afternoon if my team qualifies.

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____