



CANADIAN BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD 2022

The Canadian Biology Olympiad / Les Olympiades Canadiennes de Biologie (CBO / OCB) is a nation-wide organization involved in the selection of four secondary school students, talented in the field of biological sciences, to represent Canada at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO).

This year the 33rd IBO is in **Yerevan, Armenia**, from July 10 to 18, 2022.

The CBO committee will run a competition to select the top four performing students to represent Canada at the 33rd IBO. This year the students will be selected using an online exam (see detail below).

A) Who can participate in the CBO / OCB competition?

- Competitors must be residents of Canada and be Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants.
- Competitors are students of a regular secondary school for general education in Canada. In Quebec, first year CGEP students are also eligible to participate.
- Competitors have not obtained a diploma allowing them to study at a university or equivalent institution, before the 1st of January 2022.
- Competitors have not yet started study at a university or equivalent institution as part-time or full-time students.
- Competitors must be under the age of 20 as of July 1st, 2022.
- Competitors have not already participated in the IBO competition (can only participate once).

B) Selection of the national team and participation in the IBO

In addition to the criteria stated above:

- In accordance with the IBO rules, competitors cannot train for more than one week in an Olympiad school or specialized school or study group of less than 50 students.
- Competitors cannot compete in another International Olympiad in the same year they are participating in the IBO.
- No school can have more than 2 members on the CBO team.
- At least 2 Canadian provinces should be represented.

C) The CBO/OCB Competition

The CBO competition will take place on Saturday April 9, 2022 from 5 to 6 pm (ET); 2 to 3 pm (PT)

The CBO/OCB competition is a time-limited online exam with questions based on any of the topics covered by the Campbell biology textbook. The questions are designed to test the student's ability to apply their knowledge of biology. Most questions will be formatted as True/False, Multiple Choice, Fill-in-the-blank, and calculations.

In order to participate in the competition, you need to complete the registration as outlined below. Students who register to the CBO/OBC competition will receive additional information and the link to the exam.

Please note that the CBO / OCB takes academic integrity very seriously. The test must be done on your own without help from anyone and/or from books, internet sources, etc. Accessing external help while completing the exam will be considered plagiarism and anyone who engages in this practice will be automatically disqualified from the competition.

D) Registration for the CBO/OCB competition:

Students who want to compete in the CBO/OCB competition need to complete the registration form (link below) and send a registration fee of CAD\$15.00 as instructed once the registration form is submitted.

The link to the registration form is included below:

<https://forms.gle/izB8biAgurehEz1T8>

About the registration fee payment:

- The submission of your registration form will end with a message containing the specific information to complete the payment of the registration fee.
- Students are not officially registered until the registration fee has been received.

Deadline for registration and payment: April 5, 2022

E) Selection of the team

Final placing for the competition and selection of the four students that will be part of the National Team to compete at the 33rd IBO will be based solely on the results of the CBO/OCB 2022 online exam.

Exam correction and team selection is made by the CBO Jury consisting of Biology Professors and Teachers. All decisions from the Jury are final.

Summary of Important Dates:

- **Registration deadline to the CBO/OCB competition: April 5, 2022**
- **CBO online competition: April 9, 2022; 5-6 pm (ET); 2-5 pm (PT)**
- **33rd IBO, Yerevan, Armenia: July 10 to 18, 2022**

Please note that although the CBO/OCB is committed to support the participation of a Canadian national team at the 33rd IBO in Yerevan, Armenia, there is still no certainty on the final format of the competition (online or in-person) and even if the decision is made to have an in-person competition, the CBO/OCB reserves the right to withhold participation if the conditions are not ideal to guarantee the safety and wellbeing of the participants.

In case the decision is made to participate in person in the 33rd IBO in Yerevan, Armenia, students must be aware that their participation in the National Team is contingent on their abiding to public health policies and regulations in place in Canada and the host country at the time of the competition, including Covid-19 vaccination policies.