## Maryland Section USNCO Schedule/Events

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<td>Mar. 6-31</td>
<td>Chemistry Olympiad Pre-qualifier <strong>Local Examination</strong> administered. Answer key for local exams will be available on <strong>April 6, 2015</strong>. The pre-qualifier exam is administered by your Chemistry Teacher and Sponsor or local USNCO coordinator at your respective schools or a qualified institution. For date and time ask your chemistry teacher-sponsor.</td>
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<td>Apr. 14-20</td>
<td>U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (<strong>USNCO</strong>) <strong>Exam</strong> administered. Answer key for <strong>PART-I Multiple Choice</strong> of the exam will be available on <strong>April 27, 2015</strong>. The National examination will be administered at the laboratory facilities of a Baltimore Area University. Tentative date Saturday, April 18, 2015.</td>
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## IChO Schedule/Events

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<td>May 2015</td>
<td><strong>Top 20 students announced.</strong> Selected students and coordinators will be contacted by phone. All other sections will be notified by e-mail.</td>
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<td>June 2-17, 2015</td>
<td><strong>Top 20 students attend Olympiad Study Camp</strong></td>
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<td>June 18, 2015</td>
<td><strong>U.S. Team for the International Chemistry Olympiad announced (Alpha Delta Team)</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>July 20-28, 2015</td>
<td><strong>U.S. Team competes in the 47th International Chemistry Olympiad Competition in Baku, Azerbaijan.</strong></td>
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# LOCAL USNCO COMPETITION MARYLAND SECTION - 2015

## How to Participate

| How to Participate | To register your school (teachers) or home-schooled student (parents), contact the coordinator Beatrice Salazar at e-mail: beatricesalazar@hotmail.com of your ACS Local Section (Maryland). If your school will not be registering for the competition, a parent or guardian can contact the coordinator of your ACS Local Section directly. | 1. Complete registration form if you are a NEW participant or something has changed from your previous information.  

*Inform your coordinator if you are a returning student and include year of graduation.*  

2. Be sure you have a letter of recommendation on file.  

3. Take the Local Pre-Examination |

## Preparing for the Local Competition

| Preparing for the Local Competition | Review exams from past years to prepare for the competition.* | Many students from the same school may take the local pre-examination but only two with highest scores will be invited to USNCO, providing there is placement available. |

*URL

http://www.acs.org/content/acss/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad/pastexams.html

## 2015-USNCO Rules & Eligibility

http://www.acs.org/content/acss/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad/rules.html

The following rules apply to the National Chemistry Olympiad Competition only (http://www.acs.org/content/acss/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad/process/competition.html ). The following is a quick reference, for details, insurance etc. use the above website.

For information on local exams, go to local competitions, Maryland Section. Local sections are encouraged to develop their own procedures for identifying outstanding students at the local level and choosing national examination candidates.

1. Students must be U.S. citizens or legal, permanent residents of the United States (green card holders) to take the U.S. national examination.

2. High school students who will graduate no earlier than spring of a year in which they participate in the competition are eligible.

3. Students must be younger than 20 years of age.

4. No more than two students per teacher or per high school may be nominated to take the national exam. In the case of magnet programs or split enrollment, a student’s school is defined as the high school where the student takes science class.
5. Eligible students who have previously attended the study camp automatically qualify for the national exam and do not count against the limit on the number of eligible students from their local section or school.

6. Winners of gold medals at the International Chemistry Olympiad are not eligible to participate in subsequent International Chemistry Olympiad competitions or study camps.

7. Students who have taken advanced placement courses in chemistry are eligible.

8. A student may participate only in the competition of the section in which the student's high school is located. If the section is not participating, the USNCO national office will assign the student to a section.

9. A student who participates in the Physics Olympiad study camp, the Mathematics Olympiad study camp, or the Biology Olympiad study camp is not eligible to participate in the Chemistry Olympiad study camp during the same summer.

10. Only non-programmable calculators are to be used on the national exam and on the ACS local section exam, if used. The use of a programmable calculator, cell phone, or any other device that can access the internet or make copies or photographs during the exam is grounds for disqualification.

USNCO SCHEDULE
Maryland Section

**National Exam**

**DATE:** Saturday, April 18, 2015  
**Location:** Notre Dame University of Baltimore, Maryland  
**Time:** 8:00 A.M.

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| • Multiple Choice  
• 90-minutes  
• 60 multiple choice questions  
• Covers broad chemistry topics | • Lab Practical  
• 75 minutes  
• 2 laboratory practical questions  
• Involves problem solving in the laboratory | • 30-45 min.  
• Photo section with lab coat in the chemistry laboratory and a second photo in front of the Knott building | • Problem Solving  
• 105 minutes  
• 8 written questions  
• Covers chemical theories and models |

(https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad/process/competition.html)