

Blue Lobster Bowl 2022

[The Blue Lobster Bowl](#) (BLB) is an annual academic competition run by the MIT Sea Grant College Program that encourages high school students to learn about the ocean. Each year, students from high schools throughout Massachusetts* test their knowledge and 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 2022 Blue Lobster Bowl high school team will represent Massachusetts in the National Finals Competition, likely virtual in April 2022.

**This Blue Lobster Bowl may include teams from regions that are unable to host their own bowls.*

Preparations are underway for another all-online "virtual" Blue Lobster Bowl competition taking place on both **Saturday March 5 AND Sunday March 6, 2022**. Head-to-head matches will be played in round-robins on Saturday, and then elimination head-to-head matches will be played on Sunday afternoon.

The Blue Lobster Bowl competition (which includes swag, trophies, and prizes) requires a \$50 registration fee for each competing team. *Financial need waivers are available for Massachusetts teams by application for A and B teams.*

To apply to compete in the 2022 virtual bowl, coaches must complete a separate Team Intent Form for each one of a high school's A, B, and/or C teams. One form per team must be **RECEIVED by Thursday, December 16, 2021**. Full registration fee payment checks (or application for a financial need waiver) must also be received by 12/16/21 (*but checks will not be deposited until January*). Please make checks payable to "MIT Sea Grant" and send check(s) with form(s) to Lori Tsuruda, P.O. Box 120189, Boston, MA 02112-0189. Multiple teams from the same school can combine their forms inside one envelope, but we encourage you to send separate checks for each team in case of waitlisting/refunds. (*If express delivery needed, use USPS-delivery only to send to a USPS post office box.*)

If we have 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"), and then tertiary teams ("C Teams"). *If we cannot accommodate all of the teams in a class (A, B, or C), we will determine competing schools from that class by the earliest date intent forms and checks were received.*

Coaches will be notified of their respective teams' statuses (competing or waitlisted* to compete in case there are cancellations) via email by December 17, 2022.

Complete coach and student online registration (*using qualtrics instead of eventbrite*), emailed and zipped folders containing digital versions of their forms, online signed student and coach consent/releases and medical forms will be required from coaches by January 31, 2022. 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-robins of this competition and any other activities scheduled for their teams 9am to 6pm on Saturday.

Teams whose coaches fail to register themselves and their students fully online or provide zipped folders containing team forms, or whose parents/guardians fail to complete online release/consent and medical forms for all students by 1/31/22, canNOT compete in 2022. NO DEADLINE EXTENSIONS can be granted, and so we strongly encourage coaches to collect forms early, check for completeness, and enter all of this data carefully and early - Link will be provided after 12/16/21. *BLB is NOT responsible for any computer/internet delays.*

Coaches of teams that must cancel their participation should do so as soon as possible, and no later than January 14, 2022. If a coach cancels his/her team's participation by 1/14/22, the team's registration fee will be refunded in full. No refunds will be made if a team cancels after 1/14/22, fails to complete the required online registration and parent/guardian online consents by 1/31/22, and/or fails to participate in the 3/5/22 competition, since it will eliminate other schools' teams' opportunities to compete against them.

Coaches should direct their questions to 2022 BLB Regional Co-Coordinator Lori Tsuruda at Ltsuruda@gmail.com or office landline (*82)1-781-963-0373. If there is sufficient interest, coaches may participate in an optional **coaches' zoom meeting** about the virtual competition structure, rules, and tech requirements at **3:30pm on F 12/3**.

* We strongly encourage coaches of waitlisted teams to register students online and to complete their consent/release and medical online agreements also by 1/31/22, and to plan to compete fully in case there are last-minute cancellations.

TEAM INTENT FORM for Blue Lobster Bowl 2022

By 12/16/21, Lori Tsuruda must RECEIVE this co-signed form with \$50 registration fee or Financial Need Waiver at P.O. Box 120189, Boston, MA 02112-0189.

High School Name: _____

Complete High School Address: _____

Principal's First & Last Names _____

Principal's Email Address _____

Optional: IF MIT allows an in-person competition (unlikely), we will participate in-person on

Check all that apply: February 12, with 2/13 as snow date March 5, with 3/6 as snow date

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

Registration Fee: Pick One \$50 check enclosed Financial Need Waiver Application enclosed

Each team must have a single, 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 education 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 & Email: _____

Optional: I/we wish to participate in a coaches' zoom meeting about the virtual competition structure, rules, and tech requirements at 3:30pm on Friday 12/3/21.

As this team's coach, I agree to

_____ initials Comply with the official 2021-2022 BLB competition rules.

_____ initials Serve as the point of contact between my students and BLB/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 1/31/22.

_____ initials Ensure that all parents/guardians of competing students e-sign their online consents/releases and agreements by 1/31/22.

_____ initials IF this team cannot compete on 3/5&6/22, cancel by emailing Ltsuruda@gmail.com by 1/14/22

_____ initials Expressly prohibit my team's students, coaches, and their families from attending/viewing any other regional bowl competitions before 3/7/2022.

_____ initials Ensure that every team member, including alternate, has a lap- or desk- top computer (NO smartphones), headphones or earbuds with microphone, and internet connection.

_____ initials Expressly prohibit my team's students from being in the same physical room during all competition rounds.

_____ initials Check in online on behalf of my team as directed at the start of each competition day.

_____ initials Participate fully online on 3/5/22 and 3/6/22 if my team qualifies.

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

2022 FINANCIAL NEED WAIVER APPLICATION

Lori Tsuruda must **RECEIVE** this completed and signed form from **each Massachusetts team** seeking waiver of \$50 registration fee **by 12/16/21** at P.O Box 120189, Boston, MA 02112-0189, for Blue Lobster Bowl 2022.

High School Name: _____

Complete High School Address in Massachusetts: _____

____ % students in poverty/enrolled in federal free and reduced lunch programs

____ Year for which above percentage was calculated/reported

____ Optional: Other reason(s) for requesting waiver of \$50 team registration fee:

TEAM **A** **B** (*circle one team for which you are requesting registration fee waiver*)

Coach First and Last Names: _____

If my school receive a registration fee waiver, I agree that

____ *initials* IF this team cannot compete on 3/5&6/22, the coach (*listed above*) will cancel this team’s participation by emailing *Ltsuruda@gmail.com* by 1/14/22.

____ *initials* IF the coach cancels this team’s participation AFTER 1/14/22 and/or my school does not field a viable team (*one pre-registered coach and at least 4 pre-registered students*) that participates as scheduled in the entire 2022 competition, my school will **pay a \$50 penalty fee to MIT Sea Grant, due by 4/8/2022.**

Coach’s Signature _____ Date _____

Principal’s Signature _____ Date _____