

Semifinal Exam Directions

Congratulations! You are about to take the 2024 USA Biology Olympiad (USABO) Semifinal Exam, the second exam in a series of exams to qualify students for the International Biology Olympiad (IBO). The fact that you are taking the Semifinal Exam indicates that you are an outstanding biology student. The top 20 students from the Semifinal Exam will be selected to attend the USABO National Finals. From the National Finals, four students will represent the United States at the International Biology (IBO) in Astan, Kazakhstan from **July 7 to 14, 2024**.

Please put away your books and all other materials. Clear your testing area of all but the following items:

- Computer
- Additional electronic device as by your prescribed by your proctor (*optional*)
- Number 2 pencils and erasers
- Non-programmable calculator (*optional*) You have 120 minutes to take this exam.

The Semifinal Exam will be in three parts.

- Part 1 consists of Multiple Choice with 1 correct response.
- Part 2. consists of multiple choice with more than one response correct.
- Part 3. consists of:
 - Multiple True/False Choice
 - Short Answer

The exam will start at 4:05 PM (ET). You may enter the password at this time. The exam will not be activated until 4:05 PM (ET). Once you begin the exam, the timer located in the upper left-hand corner of your screen will start. After 120 minutes, the timer will stop, and the exam will no longer be accessible.

You will then be requested to complete the proctor information form and sign it electronically and upload the answers to Part C. The USABO Semifinal Exam site will close at 6:40 PM (ET).

Scoring

Parts 1 and 2 and the MTF are scored electronically.

Short Answer responses will need to be scanned and uploaded to the AoPS platform.

This will require you to have plain paper for problem responses. One piece of paper for each problem response. It is suggested to have 10 pages of plain paper.

- Label 10 pages of plain paper with your **USABO ID#** (Not AoPS username) **SF Q#X** prior to the exam. When you answer the questions, add the question number for the **X**.
- **USABO ID# SF Q# X** also serves as the PDF file name for the that they scan to upload the answer to each short answer question. Each short answer must be on a separate piece of paper. Each PDF is uploaded to the box corresponding to the question number on the exam.
- You will need to have a scanning device. It may be a scanner or cell phone with scanning app.
 - Each problem response should be scanned and labeled with the following convention: USABO ID# SF Q Number
 - Double check that your submissions are all properly labeled, scan them, and produce a single PDF file for **EACH** problem.
 - Compress the PDF to ensure the file is at most 10MB; larger files could cause technical issues.
 - Upload each PDF using one of the following methods:
 - Directly on the device used to scan the problem answer.
 - Send the PDF to your computer from your scanning device via AirDrop, Bluetooth, or another method to upload the PDF file from your computer.
- Each file is uploaded separately. On answer/ problem /problem answer box.
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- Time allowance of 30 minutes for scanning and uploading begin after the exam has ended. Care should be exercised to match the question with the response. Answers uploaded to the incorrect box, will not be scored.

2024 USABO Honor Code Certification

Please sign and date the following information online certifying your identity, acknowledging your participation in the 2024 USABO Semifinal Exam, and pledging that you have followed the rules governing this competition as requested.

Part 1: USABO Honor Code

On my honor, I pledge myself to the integrity of the USABO. I will not

- *Cheat on exams or problem sets.*
- *Share information on exams with others or accept information from others regarding exams or problem set.*
- *Tolerate others whom I am aware of or am made aware of committing these acts, or any other instance of academic dishonesty that is a violation of the standards of the USABO, as well as the standards of the wider world of learning and affairs.*

Part 2: Acknowledgement of Information provided by CEE.

In connection with my affirmation of the USABO Honor Code, I further acknowledge that I have been informed of the USABO's right to collect, monitor, and publicize statistical data related to the answers submitted by both individual participants and groups of participants representing the same scholastic institution. No names or proprietary personal information is released by CEE unless regarding a violation of the USABO Honor Code. I also consent to the public discourse of any information (statistical or otherwise) that may indicate my **involvement in a violation of the USABO Honor Code to which I have pledged my compliance. Such public discourse may include direct correspondence with colleges and universities, at the sole discretion of USABO.**

Full Name:

Teacher Name:

School Name:

USABO I.D. Number:

Date:

Signature:
