



## 2018 March Region 12 MSO Coach Mailing

MSO Region 12 Tournament - March 17, 2018

Hosted by GVSU Regional Math and Science Center

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### Check-In – Saturday, March 17, 2018

- **Check-in** is from **8:00 AM to 8:30 AM** in the Fieldhouse Arena Lobby. You will receive, with this March mailing, an **Participant Data/Assurance Form** for you and your principal to complete and hand in at check-in. **Your team will not be allowed to compete without your principal's signature on this document.**
  - **Team Eligibility:** No more than 5 ninth grade students may compete on a B Division team and no more than 7 twelfth grade students on a C Division team. Students are only allowed to compete in **ONE Division**, Region 12 adheres to all National (NSO) rules. <https://www.soinc.org/join/policies>.
  - **Team wristbands** will be distributed at **check-in** for all officially registered team members and alternates. Yellow bands are for Division B, green for Division C, and alternates receive an orange wristband. All wristbands will have your team number on them. Region 12 adheres to NSO procedures for wristbands.
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### General Information

- **Headquarters** is in **Fieldhouse B192** and is open to head coaches only and lost and found. All other informational needs should be directed to the **Information Center** just outside headquarters.
- **Messages** and communications will be posted on our Message Board near the Information Center (in front of Headquarters).
- **Opening remarks**, coach recognition, and updated tournament information will be given at 8:30 AM in the Fieldhouse Arena. Doors open to the Fieldhouse at 8:00 AM and you will be notified when they are open. Feel free to congregate in lobby near the pool prior to 8:00 AM.
- **First Aid station** will be outside the Welcome Desk B in the Recreation Center.
- **Emergency** contact information can be routed through our MSO Headquarters at 616.331.8800.
- **For immediate emergencies, dial 911, the Fieldhouse official address is D109 Fieldhouse, Allendale, MI 49401.**
- **Wireless access (Wifi)** – connect to GVSU Visitor. Yes, it's that simple!
- **Team members** are expected to have their own pencils, pens, and calculators. Students must also bring goggles, lab coats or aprons, and any designated equipment according to the rules. **Please wear non-marking** athletic shoes for all Fieldhouse and Rec Center events. All laboratory events require closed-toe shoes and protective clothing.

- **Parking** is available in Lot C, Lot F, Lot G, or Lot H. All meters and short-term lots (i.e. the Marketplace) will be strictly enforced. Tailgating is only allowed in Lot C.
- **Cell phones are not to be used in any event.**
- **Programs** will be available for each participant on March 17, 2018 and **buttons** will be at the information desk in the Fieldhouse lobby.

## Volunteer Information

Each school is required to provide 3 volunteers and register at [www.gvsu.edu/s/Pz](http://www.gvsu.edu/s/Pz). Volunteers will receive a confirmation email with their assignments by March 12, 2018.

## Event Information

- Each team member needs to know and have a copy of their individual schedule. We will be firm on starting times.
- **Team bleacher** space is assigned by team number and name (approx. 25 seats per team). You may use this space for a meeting place, however, Grand Valley State University or the Regional Math and Science Center is not responsible for lost or damaged articles, please plan accordingly. Spectators may not sit with a team during ceremonies. Additional seating is available for teams with more than 25 students/coaches on the portable bleachers.
- **Team Rooms** are assigned based on the Region 12 online registration form. Room assignments will be posted on our website by Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Grand Valley State University or the Regional Math and Science Center is not responsible for lost or damaged articles, please plan accordingly. All classrooms must be left in a classroom ready state for Monday morning classes.
- **Substitution forms** are in Headquarters (**Fieldhouse B192**). Alternates cannot participate in regular events unless a member of the regular team becomes sick or injured. Substitutions made within your regular team of 15 **DO NOT** require a substitution form.
- **Self-scheduling** is done online through the coach's portal and will close Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 5 PM. Any changes to the schedule after this time must be done on tournament day.
- **Scoring** – team with the lowest points win.

Division B	Points will be awarded as follows: 1 <sup>st</sup> place = 1 point, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place = 2 points, 3 <sup>rd</sup> place = 3 points....31 <sup>st</sup> place = 31 points. All other teams that participate will receive 32 points. A team that does not participate will receive 33 points and teams that are disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior will receive 34.
Division C	Points will be awarded as follows: 1 <sup>st</sup> place = 1 point, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place = 2 points, 3 <sup>rd</sup> place = 3 points....20 <sup>th</sup> place will receive 20 points. All other teams will receive 21 points. A team that does not participate will receive 22 points and a team that is disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior will receive 23 points.

- **Event rules**, as stated in the Coaches Manual and Rules for 2018, are followed and enforced for this tournament. Event Notes are posted on our [website](#). Any National Rules Clarification published after February 23, 2018 will **NOT** be binding to the Region 12 Tournament.

- **Appeals** are handled in this order:
  - **First**, the **Head Coach**, identified by their nametag, discuss concerns with the Event Supervisor **no more than 15 minutes** after the end of the event.
  - **Second**, if concern is not resolved, the **Head Coach** should submit an official appeal **no more than 30 minutes** after the end of the event. Official appeal forms are located in Headquarters (B192 Fieldhouse).
- **Region 12 Tournament scores** are finalized 48 hours following the Awards Ceremony. Any score anomalies you may notice need to be brought to our attention before that time to be considered for a formal review.
- **Impounding** devices can be done from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM at their event site.
  - B Events:** Battery Buggy, Hovercraft, Roller Coaster, Thermodynamics
  - C Events:** Hovercraft, Mission Possible (optional), Mousetrap Vehicle, Thermodynamics
- **Spectator or open events** are as follows:
  - B Events:** Battery Buggy, Roller Coaster, Towers, Wright Stuff, Pentathlon
  - C Events:** Helicopters, Mission Possible, Mousetrap Vehicle, Towers, Pentathlon
- **Parade of Schools** will begin our Awards Ceremony. Two students from each team will meet in the lower Arena and may carry a poster you provide with the team name and logo or other appropriate designs. The GVSU Lakerstore has poster board available for purchase.
- We will give **special recognition** to one team from each division who shows the greatest improvement over last year's score (with exception to those that go on to the State competition).
- A Free Time Follies Flier is online and a 20% off coupon for the Lakerstore will be included in your team packet.
- Please ensure you team has a plan in case of **emergencies**.
- The coach is responsible for the behavior of team members while on campus. The ***Science Olympiad Code of Ethics is included below***; please review this important statement with your students prior to coming to campus for the Region 12 Tournament.

### Science Olympiad Code of Ethics

Student participants are expected to compete in tournament events with an honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of the competition. The goal of the competition is to give one's best effort while displaying honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Students, coaches, parents, and guests are expected to display courtesy and respect toward Olympiad officials, other teams, and guests of the Olympiad.

Failure to show honesty and/or courtesy by a participant, coach, or guest of a team may result in the disqualification of a team from that event, the entire tournament, or future tournaments.

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