



Region 12 Coaches Memo
March Information Update for
Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament, March 15-20, 2021
Hosted by GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center

March 2021

Team Competition Structure

- **Team Eligibility:** No more than five 9th grade students may compete on a Division B team and no more than seven 12th grade students on a Division C team. **Students are only allowed to compete in ONE division.** Region 12 adheres to all National (NSO) rules. www.soinc.org/join/policies.
- **Teams must be setup in Scilympiad to compete.** You are permitted one primary team and one alternate team as registered at the state level. Each team may only have 15 competitors, but alternates may be inputted if you need to switch due to an unforeseen circumstance.
- **TEAMS MUST BE NAMED ACCORDINGLY IN SCILYMPIAD:** The word PRIMARY & the word ALTERNATE must be included in the team name. Example: GVSU PRIMARY would be Grand Valley's primary team and GVSU ALTERNATE would be the alternate team. You can add a team and update the team name in the Coaches Dashboard under 'Register/Update Teams.'
- **Primary teams must compete first.** Simultaneous competition is permitted
- **Self-scheduling** is done online through Scilympiad. Scheduling will open Wednesday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m. and will close Sunday, March 14 at 5:00 p.m. Any changes to the schedule after this time must be requested via email and are not guaranteed.
- **Starting Times** will be firm: Each team member should have a copy of their individual schedule and know when and how to access the portal.

Event Information

- **Event rules**, as stated in the *Coaches Manual and Rules for 2021*, are followed and enforced for this tournament. Event Notes are posted on our website. Any National Rules Clarification published after February 15, 2021 will **NOT** be binding to the Region 12 Tournament. Please review the MARCH EVENT NOTES to see the most up to date event policies.
- **Cell phones are permitted to be used in any event.**
- **On Campus events** are as follows:
 - **B Events:** Boomilever, Mousetrap Vehicle, and Ping Pong Parachute
 - **C Events:** Boomilever, Gravity Vehicle, and Ping Pong Parachute
- **On Campus Event Protocols must be strictly adhered to for team safety. Any team that does not adhere to the guidelines laid out in the *On Campus Event Guidelines* will be instantly disqualified and sent home.**
 - **Parking:** Parking will be open in Lot G.
- **Helicopters and Mission Possible are video submission events.** Please see separate handout for specifics.
- **Protein Modeling Pre-builds** must be mailed or dropped off to campus. Complete this form to indicate your preference by March 10, 2021. Please complete the form even if you are not intending to submit a pre-build so our team can plan accordingly. <https://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/proteinprebuilds>

Scoring – Team with the lowest points win.

**Division
B**

Points will be awarded as follows: 1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 points, 3rd place = 3 points...12th place = 12 points. All other teams that participate will receive 13 points. A team that does not participate will receive 14 points and teams that are disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior will receive 15.

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- **Appeals** are submitted on Scilympiad and handled in this order:

- Appeals will be accepted until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2021
- Appeals must be made within 24 hours of the competition in question

- Appeals will be resolved within 24 hours
- **Region 12 Tournament scores** are finalized 48 hours following the Awards Ceremony. Any score anomalies you may notice must be brought to our attention before that time to be considered for a formal review.
- **There will be 8 state bids for each division** (8 for B; 8 for C).

Opening Ceremony Information

- **The opening ceremony will be available on YouTube before the tournament.** Please schedule a time for your team to view it! Please stress integrity. The Scilympiad portal has certain safety mechanisms in place, but it is important for each student to hold themselves to their highest standard.
- The **Science Olympiad Code of Ethics is included below**; please review this important statement with your students prior to 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.

Award Ceremony – Virtual Release Monday, March 22 at 4 p.m.

- **Parade of Schools** will begin our Awards Ceremony. Please submit a team image or team photo to begin the Award Ceremony by **March 14, 2021**. The image could be a school logo, mascot or designed by your team in lieu of a team photo. If nothing is submitted, a slide with your team name will be featured. <https://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/parade>
- **Award Ceremony will be released on YouTube**. Please follow our channel to make sure you don't miss it! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRUcHgzOLMEKNL6BMcEUCDg>
- **Certificates for all team members/alternates** will be sent to the school c/o the head coach by mid April. The number of certificates sent will be based on the number submitted on the Region 12 registration form.

Important Links

Region 12 MSO Tournament: www.gvsu.edu/msor12/
 National Science Olympiad: www.soinc.org/

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