



Region 12 Tournament Standards Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament, March 21, 2026

Team Competition

- **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 and one team.** Region 12 adheres to all National (NSO) rules. www.soinc.org/join/policies.
 - You are permitted **one primary team** and **one alternate team** as registered at the state level. Each team may only have 15 competitors. Alternates may be substituted if you need to switch due to an unforeseen circumstance. Teams will receive at most 15 primary team bracelets and 15 alternate team bracelets based on registration. To compete, students must have the appropriate bracelet. Team bracelets will be given to Coaches for Primary Team Members. Alternate Team Members will receive team bracelets only if they are competing as an Alternate Team.

Event Information Standards

- **Event rules**, as stated in the [Coaches Manual and Rules for 2025](#), are followed and enforced for this tournament. [Event Notes are posted](#). Any National Rules Clarification published after February 20, 2025 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 not to be used in any event.**
- **Starting Times will be firm:** Each team member needs to know and have a copy of their individual schedule.
- **Substitution forms** will be available in Headquarters (KHS 1173). Alternates cannot participate as primary team members 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.
- **Team members are expected to have their own pencils, pens, calculators, goggles, lab coats or aprons, and any designated equipment according to the rules. Please wear non-marking athletic shoes for all Rec Center, or Fieldhouse events. All lab events require closed-toe shoes and protective clothing (pants should be loose fitting - not leggings).**
***Students not in accordance with these policies may be disqualified.**

Scoring – Team with the lowest points wins.

Division B

Points will be awarded as follows: 1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 points, 3rd place = 3 points...etc. All other teams that participate will receive participation points. Non-participating teams and disqualified teams will receive an additional number of points based on status.

Division C

Points will be awarded as follows: 1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 points, 3rd place = 3 points...etc. All other teams that participate will receive participation points. Non-participating teams and disqualified teams will receive an additional number of points based on status.

- **Appeals** are handled in this order:
 - **First: Head Coach**, identified by their nametag, discusses concerns with the Event Supervisor **no more than 15 minutes** after the end of the event.
 - **Second:** If a 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 will be located in Headquarters (KHS 1173).
 - **Please note:** No electronic recording of any type will be allowed when presenting an appeal.
- **Region 12 Tournament scores** are the sum of all competition event scores. They 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.
- **Alternate Teams:** Scored in a different division. They are eligible to receive ribbons but not medals or state qualifiers. Ribbons for alternate teams will be mailed to schools after the event.
- The [Science Olympiad Code of Ethics](#) is **included below**; please review this important statement with your students prior to the Region 12 Tournament.

The goal of competition is to give one's best effort while displaying honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship. Everyone is expected to display courtesy and respect. Teams are expected to make an honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of the problem (not interpret the rules so they have an unfair advantage). Failure by a participant, coach, parent, or guest to abide by these codes, accepted safety procedures, or rules, may result in an assessment of penalty points or, in rare cases, disqualification by the tournament director from the event, the tournament, or future tournaments.