



**Region 12 Coach Mailing  
Information Update for  
Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament, March 19, 2022  
Hosted by GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center**

## January 2022

### Region 12 Tournament Registration – Register by February 19

- **Registration for Region 12 is open! Please register online no later than February 19, 2022.**  
[www.gvsu.edu/msor12/register](http://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/register)
- Your fees for this year's tournament are waived if you competed last year; please choose the coupon code "Return." If you need to pay, the fee for the Region 12 tournament is \$50.00 and you can pay by check or with a credit card.

### Build Events

- Bridges, Detector Building, Electric Wright Stuff, Gravity Vehicle, Mission Possible, Mousetrap Vehicle, Ping Pong Parachute, Sounds of Music, Storm the Castle, Trajectory, Wifi Lab, and Wright Stuff require a pre-built competition device. The current team members or alternates must construct all devices.
  - **Coaches are required to sign a statement** certifying each team member/alternate has built the devices. This verification must be signed and submitted before the tournament. More info on this will be in the March Memo.

### Button Competition

- Students are encouraged to submit a design for the 2022 Region 12 Science Olympiad Button. Download a [flyer](#) to encourage students to submit their design by January 31st. The competition is open to anyone and the winner will receive a GVSU sweatshirt. [www.gvsu.edu/msor12/button](http://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/button)

### Event Notes/Information

- Visit our website for event notes: <https://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/r12info>. These notes are as binding as the official rules and reflect how the Region 12 Tournament will run.
  - Final Event Notes will be published by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Clarifications and FAQs posted on the Regional and National websites will apply to the Region 12 Tournament.
  - We will not enforce any Clarifications or FAQs after February 19, 2022.

### Schedule

- A **TENTATIVE** schedule is posted on our website: <https://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/r12info>. Considerable effort has been made to match the Region 12 schedule to the State schedule; due to time and facility constraints, Regional, State, and National schedules differ.
- **Team Numbers** Your team number is listed on the Region 12 website: [www.gvsu.edu/msor12/team](http://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/team). This is your official tournament team number (randomly assigned) and all events will be scheduled using it. Be sure all team members know this number.

### Scilympiad Online Portal/ Self Scheduling

- **Scilympiad will be used by all teams.** Scilympiad will be used to schedule events. It also has the capability for student test taking and event submissions. You must first create a log in if you do not have one. **Coaches will receive an email when they can register their team on Scilympiad.**
- **Self-scheduling for all events is done through Scilympiad. Event registration opens Monday, February 28, 2022 at 8:00 AM and closes Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 10:00 PM.** Self-scheduling selections are made on a first come, first served basis. Alternate teams will schedule beginning March 8.

## Team Composition

- Division C teams can have a maximum of seven 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and Division B teams can have a maximum of five 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. For more information about team composition, visit the National Science Olympiad website at: [www.soinc.org/start-team/team-size-grade-levels](http://www.soinc.org/start-team/team-size-grade-levels).
- Alternate Teams may compete in any events as space permits. Both teams will compete in the same assigned time block for scheduled events. *Self-scheduled alternate teams must compete after the main team.*

## Team Member Participation Certificates - Due by February 4

- Team member tournament participation certificates are available only upon request. Please make your requests online at [www.gvsu.edu/msor12/certificates](http://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/certificates) no later than February 4, 2022.

## Trial Events

- **Trial Event** The trial event will NOT count toward team scores. The event is intended for alternates, but registered team members may participate. You will be able to indicate if you are competing in the trial event when you register online.

## Covid Guidelines

- The Regional Math and Science Center continues to follow the guidelines of the GVSU Virus Action Team and local health departments to ensure the health and safety of all competitors and volunteers during our tournament. Additional information regarding participant health assessments and any restrictions will be included in the March Memo. **Please note masks will be required and all GVSU policies will be upheld.** <https://www.gvsu.edu/lakerstogether/>

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### Important Links

Region 12 MSO Tournament: [www.gvsu.edu/msor12/](http://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/)

National Science Olympiad: [www.soinc.org/](http://www.soinc.org/)

Scilympiad: [www.scilympiad.com/mi-r12](http://www.scilympiad.com/mi-r12)

