



## Region 12 Coach Memo

### Information Update

Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament, March 29, 2025  
Hosted by GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center

January 2025

#### Region 12 Tournament Registration – Register by February 21st

**Final Registration for the Region 12 Tournament is open!** Please register online no later than February 21, 2025. This form will provide us with specific information we need for the Region 12 Tournament.

- If you have any questions regarding your registration status, please email [msor12@gvsu.edu](mailto:msor12@gvsu.edu).

#### Build Events

Air Trajectory, Bungee Drop, Scrambler, Tower, Electric Vehicle, Mission Possible, Wind Power, Robot Tour, and Helicopter require a pre-built competition device. The current team members or alternates must construct all devices.

- **Coaches are required to certify** each team member/alternate has built the devices. This verification is included on the final registration form mentioned above.

#### Competition Award Ceremony and Event Locations

- Science Olympiad will hold events in the GVSU Fieldhouse Arena & Rec Center. Other areas that we normally utilize for events and team rooms will still be utilized (Cook-Dewitt Center, Kindschi Hall of Science, Kirkhof Center, Mackinac Hall, Manitou, and Padnos Hall).
- The Science Olympiad Exhibition Hall and the Awards Ceremony will be held in the GVSU Fieldhouse Arena. There will be NO EVENTS in the Turf Building this year.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Additional waiver forms may be needed by individual students who want to participate in extracurricular activities that may be offered on campus. These forms will be made available to coaches to communicate to their team members.

#### Congratulations to the WINNER of the Button Competition

Congratulations to Jessica Liu from Forest Hills Northern High School for submitting the winning artwork for the Region 12 Science Olympiad button! A photo of the button is available on our website and pin-on buttons will be available.

#### Event Notes/Information – Final Event Notes Posted by March 1<sup>st</sup>

Visit our website for event notes: <https://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/coachdocs>. These notes are as binding as the official rules and reflect how the Region 12 Tournament will run.

- The Rules Corrections posted on the Regional and National websites will apply to the Region 12 Tournament.
- We will **not** enforce any Clarifications or FAQs after February 29, 2025.

#### Schedule and Team Numbers

A **TENTATIVE** schedule and list of team numbers is posted on our website: <https://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/coachdocs>.

- 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:** 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.

#### Self-Scheduling

Avogadro will be used by all teams to schedule events.

- **Self-scheduled events are done through Avogadro and for Primary Teams opens on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. and closes Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 12:00 a.m.** Self-scheduling selections are made on a first come, first served basis. **Alternate teams will schedule beginning on March 10 at 8:00 a.m.** *Self-scheduled Alternate teams must compete after the Primary team for their school.*

## Team Composition

- Division C teams can have a maximum of seven 12<sup>th</sup> grade students
- 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 of the events as space permits. Primary and Alternate teams will compete in the same assigned time block for scheduled events.

## Team Member Participation Certificates

Team member tournament participation certificate requests are available through the Region 12 Final Registration form online at [www.gvsu.edu/msor12/register](http://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/register) no later than February 21, 2025.

## Trial Events

**Trial Event** The trial event will NOT count toward team scores. The events are intended for alternates, but registered team members may participate. You can indicate if you are competing in the trial event when you register online. Only one team per school is eligible for a medal at a trial event.

## Tournament Locations for State & Nationals – NEW Locations

- The State Tournament location will be at Michigan State University on April 26, 2025.
- The National Competition will be held at University of Nebraska-Lincoln on May 23-24, 2025.

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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/)

Avogadro: <https://avogadro.ws/>

### 2025 Important Task Dates:

February 21 – Final Registration form is due (includes request for certificates)

March 3 – Self-schedule opens in Avogadro for Primary Teams

March 10 – Self-schedule opens in Avogadro for Alternate Teams

March 23 – Self-schedule closes

March 29 – Region 12 Tournament

April 26 – State Tournament at Michigan State University

May 23-24 – National Tournament at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

