



Region 12 Coach Memo

Information Update

Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament, March 18, 2023
Hosted by GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center

January 2023

Region 12 Tournament Registration – Register by February 18

Final Registration for the Region 12 Tournament is open! Please register online no later than February 18, 2023. This form will provide us with specific information we need for the Region 12 Tournament

www.gvsu.edu/msor12/register

- If you have any questions regarding your registration status, please email msor12@gvsu.edu.

Build Events

Bridges, Detector Building, Flight, Scrambler, Wheeled Vehicle, Roller Coaster, Sounds of Music, Storm the Castle, Trajectory, Wifi Lab, and It's About Time 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.

Congratulations to the WINNER of the Button Competition

Congratulations to Ella from Northview 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 on tournament day. All button artwork submissions will also be on display in the Rec Center on tournament day!

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 1st.
- 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 18, 2023.

Schedule and Team Numbers

A **TENTATIVE** schedule and list of team numbers 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** 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-scheduling for all events is done through Avogadro. Event registration for Primary teams opens Monday, February 27, 2023 at 8:00 AM and closes Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 10:00 PM.** Self-scheduling selections are made on a first come, first served basis. **Alternate teams will schedule beginning on March 6 at 7:00 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 12th grade students
- Division B teams can have a maximum of five 9th grade students. For more information about team composition, visit the National Science Olympiad website at: www.soinc.org/start-team/team-size-grade-levels.
- Alternate Teams may compete in any events as space permits. Primary and Alternate teams will compete in the same assigned time block for scheduled events. *Self-scheduled Alternate teams must compete after the Primary team for their school.*

Team Member Participation Certificates – New Process

New process: Team member tournament participation certificate requests are available through the Region 12 Final Registration form online at www.gvsu.edu/msor12/register no later than February 18, 2023.

Trial Events

Trial Event The trial events will NOT count toward team scores. The events are 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. Only one team per school is eligible for a medal at a trial event.

Health Guidelines

The Regional Math and Science Center continues to follow the guidelines of the CDC. Please encourage healthy practices within your team.

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Important Links

Region 12 MSO Tournament: www.gvsu.edu/msor12/

National Science Olympiad: www.soinc.org/

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

Due Date - Tasks

February 18 – Final Registration form is due (includes request for certificates)

February 27 – Self-schedule opens in Avogadro for Primary Teams

March 6 – Self-schedule opens in Avogadro for Alternate Teams

March 12 – Self-schedule closes

