



Region 12 Coaches Memo
March Information Update for
Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament, March 23, 2019
Hosted by GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center

March 2019

NEW Coaches' Registration – Friday, March 22 OR Saturday, March 23, 2019

- **Coaches must choose one check-in time:**
 - **Friday from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.** in C-1-130 Mackinac Hall or
 - **Saturday from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.** in C-1-130 Mackinac Hall.
- **Participant Data/Assurance Form:** You and your principal must complete this form. **Your team will not be allowed to compete without your principal's signature on this document. You should hand it in at check in.**
- **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. <https://www.soinc.org/join/policies>.
- **Team wristbands** will be distributed at check-in for all officially registered team members and alternates. Yellow bands are for Division B, green for Division C, and orange for alternates. All wristbands will have your team number on them. Region 12 adheres to NSO procedures for wristbands.
- **Team Rooms** are assigned based on the Region 12 online registration form. Room assignments will be posted on our website. Grand Valley State University or the Regional Math and Science Center is not responsible for lost or damaged articles, please plan accordingly. All classrooms must be left in a classroom-ready-state for Monday morning classes. www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12 ([Tournament Info](http://www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12))
- ***NEW* Socio Event App:** Our event program will be electronic, using the event app called **Socio**. Socio is web-based and allows users to build their own daily schedule, view announcements, maps, and more. To explore our event program, visit: <http://gvsu.edu/mso-r12/program> . Please encourage your students to utilize Socio.

General Information

- **Headquarters** will be in **Kindschi Hall of Science (KHS) 1173** and is open to head coaches and lost and found only. All other informational needs should be directed to the **Information Table near KHS 1102**. All other messages will be distributed through Socio Announcements.
- **There will NOT be an opening ceremony this year.** There will be a virtual welcome. Details to follow!
- **First Aid station** will be outside the Welcome Desk B in the Recreation Center or Headquarters.
- **Emergencies, dial 911.** Emergency contact information can be routed through our MSO Headquarters 616.331.2267.
- **Wireless access (Wifi):** Connect to **GVSU Visitor**. Yes, it's that simple!
- **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 Kelly Family Sports Center (KTB), Rec Center, or Fieldhouse events. All lab events require closed-toe shoes and protective clothing.
- **Parking:** FIRST Robotics competition will also be on Saturday, March 23. Parking will be open in Lots F, G, or H. Bus and overflow parking will be in Lot J. Bus drop off will be available in Lot D1. Please provide your driver with the bus map. Shuttle service will be available from 7-9:30 a.m. The shuttle map is available at our [website](#).
- **Cell phones are not to be used in any event.**

Volunteers: Each school is required to provide three volunteers and register at www.gvsu.edu/s/Pz. Volunteers will receive their assignment confirmation email beginning March 18, 2019.

Event Information

- **Starting Times** will be firm: Each team member needs to know and have a copy of their individual schedule.
- **Team turf space** for the awards ceremony: Seating opens at 3:00 p.m. B teams should sit on the east side of the turf and C teams on the west side. Blankets only are permitted (no chairs!). Minimal bleacher space will be available to coaches and team members that cannot sit directly on the turf. Spectator seating will be available in the upper level.
- **Substitution forms** will be Headquarters (KHS 1173). Alternates cannot participate in regular events 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.
- **Self-scheduling** is done online through the Coach's portal and will close Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Any changes to the schedule after this time must be done on tournament day at the event site.
- **Scoring** – team with the lowest points win.

Division B	Points will be awarded as follows: 1 st place = 1 point, 2 nd place = 2 points, 3 rd place = 3 points...29 th place = 29 points. All other teams that participate will receive 30 points. A team that does not participate will receive 31 points and teams that are disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior will receive 32.
Division C	Points will be awarded as follows: 1 st place = 1 point, 2 nd place = 2 points, 3 rd place = 3 points...20th place will receive 20 points. All other teams will receive 21 points. A team that does not participate will receive 22 points and a team that is disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior will receive 23 points.

- **Event rules**, as stated in the *Coaches Manual and Rules for 2019*, are followed and enforced for this tournament. Event Notes are posted on our website. Any National Rules Clarification published after February 22, 2019 will **NOT** be binding to the Region 12 Tournament.
- **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 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 are located in Headquarters (KHS 1173).
- **Region 12 Tournament scores** are finalized 48 hours following the Awards Ceremony. Any score anomalies you may notice need to be brought to our attention before that time to be considered for a formal review.
- **Impounding** devices can be done from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. at their event site.
B Events: Battery Buggy, Roller Coaster, Thermodynamics
C Events: Protein Modeling, Mousetrap Vehicle, Thermodynamics. Optionally: Mission Possible, Sound of Music
- **Open (spectator) events** are as follows:
B Events: Battery Buggy, Boomilever, Elastic Launch Glider, Roller Coaster, and Trial Events
C Events: Boomilever, Mission Possible, Mousetrap Vehicle, Wright Stuff and Trial Events
- **Parade of Schools** will begin our Awards Ceremony. Two students from each team will meet on the track at 4:15 p.m. and may carry a poster you provide with the team name and logo or other appropriate designs.
- We will give **special recognition to** one team from each division who shows the greatest improvement over last year's score (with exception to those that go on to the State competition).
- A *Free Time Follies* flier is online and includes a 20% off Laker Store coupon.
- Please ensure your team has a plan in case of **emergencies**. The coach is responsible for the behavior and safety of team members while on campus. The **Science Olympiad Code of Ethics is included below**; please review this important statement with your students prior to coming to campus for 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.

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Important Links

Region 12 MSO Tournament: <http://www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12/>

National Science Olympiad: <https://www.soinc.org/>

