



## 2018 January Region 12 MSO Coaches Mailing

**MSO Region 12 Tournament Date March 17, 2018**

**Hosted by GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center**

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### Important Links

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

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

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### Region 12 Administrative Information

#### Team Number

Your team number is listed on the regional website: [www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12/team](http://www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12/team). This is your official regional number (randomly assigned) and all events will be scheduled using it. Be sure all team members know this number.

#### Schedule

A **TENTATIVE** schedule is posted on our website: [www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12/schedule](http://www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12/schedule). Considerable effort has been made to match the Regional schedule to the State Schedule; however, due to time and facility constraints Regional, State, and National schedules differ.

#### Region 12 Registration

Please register online no later than February 2, 2018. The fee for the Region 12 tournament is \$50.00 and the registration form and payment information can be found online: <http://www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12/preregistration-index.htm>.

#### Scheduling in Coaches Portal

Self-scheduling is done through an online portal for each event. Directions for self-scheduling can be found on the Region 12 MSO website: <http://www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12/coaches-portal-120.htm>.

Self-scheduling selections are made on a first come, first served basis. The portal for self-scheduling opens Monday, February 19, 2018 at 8:00 AM and closes Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

#### Required Volunteers

Each school is requested to provide three volunteers by February 21, 2018.

Volunteers need to sign up on-line at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12/VOL>. Registered volunteers will be posted in each team's portal and will be contacted early March with tournament assignments.

#### Team Rooms/Gathering Spaces

- All teams will be assigned limited space on the bleachers in the Fieldhouse for the opening/closing ceremonies.
- Each team will be assigned shared space in one of GVSU's classrooms. Teams may only use assigned rooms as formal gathering spaces.
- Requests to share space with other schools and the number of your team members can be done during registration online. Requests are based on this information.
- Meals/snacks are allowed in classrooms, not in hallways. If you need more trash bins for your classroom, contact a volunteer or RMSC staff. Classrooms are to be cleaned before you leave and any items left behind will be brought to the Fieldhouse the day of the event. Thereafter, any unclaimed items will be discarded.

## Region 12 Competition Information

### Event Notes/Information

- Visit our website for event notes: [www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12](http://www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12). These notes are as binding as the official rules and reflect how the Region 12 Tournament will be run.
- The Clarifications and FAQs posted on the Regional and National websites will be applied.
- We will not recognize any Clarifications or FAQs after February 23, 2018.

### Practice Sessions

Rocks and Minerals will be Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 6:00PM. Click here to [RSVP](#). Confirmation is **required one week before the event**. If we don't receive enough confirmations by **February 21, 2018** we will cancel the event.

Fly Day will be March 8, 2018 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Click here to [RSVP](#). Confirmation is **required one week before the event**. If we don't receive enough confirmations by **March 1, 2018** we will cancel the event.

### Team Member Participation Certificates

We will print team member tournament participation certificates **upon request only**. Please make your requests [here](#) by no later than February 2, 2018.

### Devices

The current team members or alternates must construct all devices. Coaches are required to sign a statement confirming that each team member/alternate has built the device. This affidavit will be included on the Final Registration form that is turned in the day of the event, March 17, 2018, at check-in.

### 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: <https://www.soinc.org/start-team/team-size-grade-levels>.

### Trial Events

Trial events (<http://www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12/event-information-98.htm>) 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 events when you register online.

### Special Recognition

We will continue to recognize the team with the most improved score in each division (excluding teams which will go on to the state competition).

Contact Chelsea Ridge with questions or concerns:

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