



Region 12 Coach Memo
Information Update
Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament, March 23, 2024
Hosted by GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center

January 2024

Region 12 Tournament Registration – Register by February 16

[Final Registration for the Region 12 Tournament is open!](#) Please register online no later than **February 16, 2024**. 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.

Build Events

Air Trajectory, Detector Building, Flight, Scrambler, Tower, Wheeled Vehicle, Wind Power, Robot Tour, and Roller Coaster 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

Grand Valley State University will be hosting a dual event this year with Science Olympiad and the Robotics Competition being held on the same day.

- Science Olympiad will hold events in the Kelly Family Sports Center, normally in the Fieldhouse Arena. Other areas that we normally utilize for events and team rooms will still be utilized.
- The Science Olympiad Awards Ceremony will be held in the Kelly Family Sports Center.

Congratulations to the WINNER of the Button Competition

Congratulations to Evelyn Shapiro from Chandler Woods Charter Academy 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.

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 23, 2024.

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 26, 2024, at 8:00 A.M. and closes Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 10:00 P.M..** Self-scheduling selections are made on a first come, first served basis. **Alternate teams will schedule beginning on March 10 at 7:00 a.m.** *Self-scheduled Alternate teams must compete **after** the Primary team for their school.*

Team Composition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 of the events as space permits. Primary and Alternate teams will compete in the same assigned time block for scheduled events. <i>Self-scheduled Alternate teams must compete after the Primary team for their school.</i>
Team Member Participation Certificates
<p>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 19, 2024.</p>
Trial Events
<p>Trial Event The trial events 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.</p>
Tournament Locations for State & Nationals – NEW Locations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The State Tournament location will be at Western Michigan University on May 4, 2024. ➤ The National Competition will be held at Michigan State University on May 24-25, 2024.

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Important Links:

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

National Science Olympiad: www.soinc.org/

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

2024 Important Task Dates:

February 16 – Final Registration form is due (includes request for certificates)

February 26 – Self-schedule opens in Avogadro for Primary Teams

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

March 17 – Self-schedule closes

March 23 – Region 12 Tournament

May 4 – State Tournament at Western Michigan University

May 24 – National Tournament at Michigan State University

