



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

March 2024

Team Competition Structure & Avogadro

- **Self-scheduling** is done online through Avogadro. Scheduling opened Monday, February 26 at 8:00 a.m. and will close Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 p.m. Any changes to the schedule after this time must be done at the event site on tournament day. Alternate Teams self-scheduling registration begins Monday, March 10 at 8:00 a.m.
- **Avogadro** will be used for all teams.
 - **By default, we have set all teams to 'competing' in all events. Events must be set to 'Competing' to be scored.** Only choose "not competing" if you are 100% confident you will not compete. **Choose No Show.** *There is no penalty for choosing competing and not showing up, but it is impossible to score if you choose 'not competing' and decide to compete.*
 - **Self-schedule events – Signing up is necessary to provide you with a score**
 - Self-schedule events require teams to choose a time.
 - **Team Members need to be added to Avogadro.** Please add your students under the Edit Team page, "Additional Team Details" add "Team Member." If this process does not work for you, coaches may fill out the paper Final Registration form for your division attached to the March mailing and turn in at Team Registration on the day of the tournament.
- 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.

Event Information – Saturday, March 23

- ***NEW LOCATION* Coaches Registration:** Kindschi Hall of Science beginning at 7:45 a.m. near KHS 1173
- **Headquarters** will be in **KHS 1173** and is open to head coaches and lost and found only. All other informational needs should be directed to the **Information Tables**. All other messages will be distributed through Twitter Announcements.
- **Impounding** devices can be done from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. at their event site.
 - B Events:** Air Trajectory, Roller Coaster, Wheeled Vehicle
 - C Events:** Air Trajectory, Robot Tour, Scrambler

Tip: Any team member (including alternates) can impound a device. Wristbands are not necessary to submit a device for impound. Make sure you are choosing the right people to impound.
- **Open (spectator) events** are as follows:
 - B Events:** Aerial Scramble, Air Trajectory, Flight, Roller Coaster, Tower, Wheeled Vehicle, and Pentathlon
 - C Events:** Aerial Scramble, Air Trajectory, Flight, Robot Tour, Scrambler, and Pentathlon

Award Ceremony – Kelly Family Sports Center

- **Parade of Schools** will begin our Awards Ceremony. Please send at most **two team members** with **one banner** to the staging area at 4:10 pm to line up. **Division B & C teams will stage on the west end of the turf building.**
- **Bring a Blanket** as your team will be sitting on the turf during the award ceremony. Limited seating for those unable to sit on the turf will be available on the track.

General Information

- **Emergencies: Dial 911.** Emergency contact information can be routed through our MSO Headquarters 616.331.2267.
- **Event Program Online:** The program allows users to view schedules, announcements, maps, and more. To explore our event program, visit: www.gvsu.edu/msor12/program. Please encourage your students & parents to utilize the online program.
- **First Aid station** will be at the Welcome Desk in the Rec Center or Headquarters.

- **Food options:** Participants/teams/families may bring their own food to campus. Additionally, there are some snack/meal options through campus dining. We will have four food trucks. Visit the [online program](#) for details.
- **Free time Activities** In-between & after competitive events, students may visit the Exhibitors Hall (free), Technology Showcase (free), Rock Sale (cash only), swimming pool (\$5 paid by card), climbing wall (\$5 paid by card and [online waiver](#) signed by parent/guardian). Visit the [online program](#) for details. Please share the attached flyer with families.
- **On Campus Payments:** GVSU is a [cashless campus](#) and accepts Credit Card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay. If a student or guest only has cash, they can visit the **Cash to Card Kiosk** in the main entrance of the Laker Market Place (next to Kindschi Hall) to put money on a card. This service is free. *Food trucks accept cash and card. The Rock Sale will accept cash only.*
- **Parking:** Parking will be open in Lots F, G, or H.
- **Award Ceremony Seating** is available on a first come basis. B teams will be on the east end of the turf and C teams on the west end. **Spectators may sit on the bleachers overlooking the turf.** Limited coach/accessible seating will be available on the track in the portable bleachers. **Bring blankets to sit on the turf.**
- **Team Rooms** are assigned based on the Region 12 online registration form. Room assignments will be posted on our website. www.gvsu.edu/msor12 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. 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. Please ensure a coach reviews your room once everyone has left to ensure nothing has been left behind. Items left behind may be trashed.
- **Wireless access (Wifi):** Connect to **GV-Visitor** and agree to the terms. Yes, it's that simple!

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Important Links:

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

Region 12 Tournament Program: www.gvsu.edu/msor12/program

National Science Olympiad: www.soinc.org/

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

2024 Important Task Dates:

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

