

Region 11 Updates

March 9 – Update 6

Saturday meeting

We will have a short meeting Saturday morning at 7:15 am in the East Lansing HS Library. You will receive wristbands and any updates.

Volunteers

The Optics event supervisor asked if any teams have someone experienced who is willing to run an optics box with Div B and/or C.

Thank you coaches to those who have volunteers signed up. Many teams still haven't. Among the middle schools only Haslett, Scranton, Cedar Classical and Chippewa have signed up and MacDonald is helping a lot with other things. Among the high schools, Haslett, the Homeschoolers, Cedar Classical, and Okemos; and East Lansing, Holt and Brighton are helping a lot with other things. There are a number of events with no helpers. For example Air Trajectory has no help with impound. I know I said don't help with an event from your division, but please someone sign up to help Air Trajectory impound as long as their child isn't participating.

In general, ask your volunteers to look for events that have no help at all. Currently that's Mission Possible B throughout the day, Air Trajectory B&C throughout the day, Optics B, Electric Vehicle C in the afternoon, and Potions B.

We really need your volunteers or it will delay the scoring and award ceremony.

If you have parents on tournament day who are willing to volunteer but haven't signed up, please send them to the library and we will find a task for them.

Events

Please notice that Bungee impound ends at 8am, not 8:15 like the other impound events.

Make sure the Mission Possible time you sign up for is the run time. So be sure to have your students get there plenty early before that to check in, set up, and explain their ASL to the Event Supervisor.

I know that many coaches have partial teams. If you go into Avogadro (<https://app.avogadro.ws/login>), go to your team page and scroll down a little, you'll see a list of all the events with the box for Competing checked. It would be appreciated if you know that there are events that you will not be participating in, to check the Not Competing box to let the event supervisor know. This isn't cast in stone; if on tournament day, a student wants to participate, they only have to show up. This is only to give the event supervisor a general idea of how many to expect.

Team name, number

Make sure your students know their team number and whether they are on the alternate or primary team.

Paperwork

Please get the paperwork completed and scanned and returned to me Thursday evening, if at all possible. This will cut down the bottle neck Saturday morning. I need rosters for all teams, media releases for all students, (Parents can say no), and if you could turn in the aggregate form with the total number of yeses and nos, it would be appreciated. All the paperwork is in this folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LCZIREQBt0Opsied479DP8cMYhzRrj_G?usp=drive_link

The schedule, team numbers, room numbers, and maps are also in the paperwork folder.

Gold bids

Any primary team that places first in an event and the team does not qualify for the state tournament, those students may attend the state tournament, competing in that event.

Seven year Seniors

I know many of you do not have seven year seniors for a variety of reasons, but if you do, we'd like to recognize them.

Self Scheduling

Self Scheduling will close Thursday at 10 pm. If you wish to make changes after that, you will need to speak to the event supervisor Saturday morning.

Parents

Please remind your parents not to speak to the event supervisors. If a student believes there is an issue, they should bring it up to the ES. If the issue is not resolved, they should notify the coach and the coach should deal with it. Coaches will get wristbands.

Food

East Lansing is providing concessions and pre-ordering pizza for those interested.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegUR_c-PILKfsvFEGvg0dEQPen0hvzM9myjyJ-g0WnDWjilQ/viewform

Facility

East Lansing High School will be open Saturday at 6:45 am. The upper, right door will lead to the classroom area. When you go in that door, you are first met by about a dozen stairs, so if you are using a wagon or a cart, please use the lower, left door. That will lead to the device testing areas. There is only one elevator. I recommend leaving your device in your car until it is time to impound, so you don't have to bring it up and down stairs.

March 2 - Update 5

Event needs

We still need someone to proctor and score the Fossils C event. The test is already written, and there is one LCC volunteer on the sign up sheet. If you know someone who could do it, please let me know.

We need someone to help score the optics test, someone who is comfortable scoring the short answer and calculation questions. They would have the answer key.

Self Scheduling

Self scheduling opens tomorrow, Monday, at 5 pm. I am going to move Robot Tour to the aux gym, and Electric Vehicle to the main gym and then end self scheduling for Scrambler and Robot tour after 4th hour. Here is the self scheduling link.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dSr7zFo9AmOybsoChJDjvCESDYX-eWeniE8HsXUAKk/edit?usp=sharing>

Short coaches' meeting

We will have a short coaches' meeting tournament morning at 7:15. Hopefully all the paperwork will be turned in already and I imagine there will be very few announcements.

The electronic-lock doors open at 7:00.

Rosters

We are going to ask you to turn in rosters for all your teams if you have alternate teams. In the past we only required the primary team but we would like rosters for all your teams. The form is in the paperwork folder.

Paperwork

Please continue to collect the media release forms from parents. Please complete the Coaches aggregate form with the totals. Please email these forms to me, by Thursday night on March 13th. This folder contains the blank media forms, roster forms, schedule, team number, and maps. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LCZIREQBt0Opsied479DP8cMYhzRrj_G?usp=sharing

Volunteers

We are asking teams to provide 2 volunteers per team. We are getting some volunteers from MSU, but so far only 4 teams have signed up on the sign up sheet. If you can provide more than 2 volunteers, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AFAE23A3F8C16-54218885-science#/>

7 year seniors

If anyone has any seniors who have participated in science olympiad for 7 years, please let me know so we can recognize them at the award ceremony. Also if any participated in all but 2021, we do not hold the covid year against them, whether their school had a team or not.

Feb 8 – Update 4

Schedule

Sorry, I had wanted to put the team numbers in the schedule before I sent it out. The attached schedule has the team numbers in it.

I did have to change Cedar Creek - B and Hope's team numbers to split the teams half and half.

I also had to swap Road Scholar and Entomology's rooms.

Team Makeup

This was also something I wanted to address in the last email. Students from schools with multiple teams can only participate on one team. If a student is on the A team, they can only be partnered with students who are also on the A team. They can only participate in events for the A team. Also last year, there was an instance of 2 teams from the same school working together. Teams are not allowed to do this. Make sure your students understand the rules. Students and teams who do not follow the rules will be disqualified from those events.

Every student is given a wristband at the beginning of the day. Make sure they understand that the only people they can work with at any time for any reason are people wearing the same color wristband or they will be disqualified.

Thanks for all you do for science olympiad. Please get volunteers.

Feb 6 – Update 3

Schedule

I've attached the schedule for the regional tournament. Just a reminder we will be at East Lansing High School on March 15. The schedule is still tentative, but I don't expect any changes. Also attached is the schools' information including team number and homerooms.

Events

East Lansing High School does not have a great place to fly helicopters, so we will be flying in a classroom. The classroom has about an 8 ft ceiling. I will get more precise measurements.

The Bungee Drop event supervisor asked that Bungee impound end at 8:00, which is earlier than the other events. Please let your students know. I've marked it on the schedule.

Event Supervisors and Tests

We are still in need of some event supervisors and some tests. If you have someone with experience in the following events who would be willing to be event supervisor for the regional tournament, please let me know. We need an event supervisor and a test for Fossils C and CrimeBusters B; an Event Supervisor for Robot Tour C; an event supervisor where we'll have the test for Anatomy B and C; and a test for Chem Lab C.

Kits

Be aware there are different rules for kits. Your student may use a flight kit to build their helicopter. However, an event like Scrambler, has written in the rules that the student must design the vehicle. Also there's an FAQ for Electric Vehicle that students may not use the code that comes in the kit, altered or not. There's been some questions about these at other tournaments. Make sure your students read the rules.

Volunteers

We are again asking that each team provide 2 volunteers. We cannot make this tournament run without volunteers. Volunteers can select the event and time that works best for them. Here is the volunteer sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AFAE23A3F8C16-54218885-science>

Self Scheduling

Self Scheduling will open Mon March 3 at 5 pm and will close Thursday March 13 at 10 pm. If you wish to make any changes after that, your students will have to talk to the event supervisor the morning of the tournament. Here is the link to look at the times. (Your coach has the link.)

State Bids

Based on the number of teams we have in region 11, we'll receive 4 Div B state bids and 6 Div C state bids. Additionally, the state will again offer Gold bids to any pair of students who place first at their regional tournament and whose team does not qualify for the state tournament. Those students can earn medals at the state tournament.

Doors

A map of East Lansing High School is attached. The activities entrance accesses the lower level. All of the building events except Mission and Helicopters are on the lower level. You should enter the activities entrance to impound devices. When you go in the academic entrance, you are first met with about a dozen stairs. There is an elevator in the building, but with 39 teams, you'll want to use it sparingly.

Coaches' meeting

We will have a short coaches meeting at 7:15, where you can pick up your wristbands. If there are any announcements for the day, those will happen then.

Seniors

Please let me know if your team has any 7-year seniors, preferably about a week before the tournament. If your Div C team has none, please let me know that as well.

Also, the state is offering medals for seniors for graduation at a reduced rate. I will get you the link.

Paperwork

I've attached the roster, the media release and please fill out the aggregate as a cover sheet. This year I'm asking that coaches scan in the forms and email them to me by Thursday March 13 at 9pm. This will cut down on the bottleneck on the morning of the tournament. Please don't wait until the last day to get the paperwork signed.

Website

If you missed the previous updates, they are on the website.

<https://www.region11miso.org/tournament-info/> I will add this update to those.

Google Drive

To make all the documentation easier to find, I will also put all of the attachments into a Google Drive folder.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LCZIREQBt0Opsied479DP8cMYhzRrj_G?usp=sharing

Dec 1, 2024 – Update 2

Workshop

There will be an in-person student/coaches workshop at MSU on Dec. 14. It will cover the build events and the new events. If the students have supplies or devices in the build events they should bring them. Students will get instructions and recommendations for new builds and critiquing of already built ones. It's a very hands-on workshop. I'm going to have students make a concrete puck in Materials Science and a chromatography practice in Potions & Poisons, in addition to a powerpoint about the elements of the events; they don't need supplies. I highly recommend the workshop.

It's \$10 per person or \$100 if you have a whole team going. (If you have 15 students who want to go from your varsity and JV teams together, that still counts as one team.) If parents are helping with the event, they're asked to pay the registration fee. If they're only there as chauffeur, then they don't need to. Teachers can earn SCECHs for attendance. If you/your students can't make it that weekend, there are other workshops on the east and west side of the state in January. Workshop schedule and registration info at <https://misciolly.org/workshops>

Register

Many teams have not registered yet. If you have not registered, you need to have registered and Michigan Science Olympiad received your money by Dec 13 or you will be asked to pay a late fee. The late fee is an additional \$125 per primary team and \$50 per alternate fee, Team registration info at <https://misciolly.org/registration>

Logo Contest

We announced a logo contest for Region 11 in October. The prize will be that we will use the logo, the student will be recognized at the award ceremony, and the student will receive one of the gifts we give to the 7 year seniors. The logo might incorporate images or icons of the sciences or science olympiad, of Michigan, of the 8 counties making up region 11, the number 11, or really anything. Students may submit as many entries as they wish. The logo must be digitally ready, so that it can be enlarged and not pixelated. Entries are due by Dec 17th.

Battle of the States Invitational

I encourage you to attend invitationals if you are able. They are great practice for the students. I would like to especially point out an online tournament the state is putting on. It's called the Battle of the States, and students compete as a team for the state of Michigan against other great lakes area states. The cost is \$9

per team and that is not a typo. The events are spread out over Jan and Feb. The testing platform is Scilympiad. More information is on their website. <https://scilympiad.com/battleofthestates>

College Mentor for your Team

The state has a program that they started last year that matches college student mentors with teams that would like their help. This is a free program. If you're interested, there is more information on the state website. <https://misciolly.org/mentor-outreach-program>

2026 Location

We are considering holding the tournament at another location in 2026 so that East Lansing doesn't always have home field advantage. If you think your school could host the regional tournament in 2026, would you ask your administration if the building would be available and how much it would cost for the day? Make sure they understand we would need all the gyms all day. The date in March is still flexible.

Volunteers

We are again asking that each team provide 2 volunteers for the regional tournament. Please start asking your parents now. We are working hard to find event supervisors for all the events so that coaches don't have to run events. Volunteers representing Div B teams may only help on Div C events and vice versa. Volunteers will get lunch and a light breakfast.

Tournament info

Not much new news. The tournament will be March 15 at East Lansing HS. We don't have a schedule yet, because we're still working to find event supervisors, but it will follow the national schedule. If you missed the first update, it's on the website on the Tournament Info page. <https://www.region11miso.org/tournament-info/>

Oct 13, 2024 – Update 1

Welcome to another year of Science Olympiad! The **rules** were released in September. <https://www.soinc.org/rules-2025>. Region 11 will again be using Avogadro for both the State/National **registration** and the regional registration. <https://misciolly.org/registration> We have a **new website**: <https://www.region11miso.org/> If there's anything you think the website is missing, please let me know.

Because the Michigan Science Teachers Assn Conference is March 7-8, 2025, our regional tournament next year will be **March 15, 2025**. It will again be held at East Lansing High School.

The virtual **Coaches' Clinic** will be Nov. 2. It's free and put on by the state and online. Information coming soon here: <https://misciolly.org/workshops> Also this year, there will be a **student and coaches in person workshop** at MSU on Dec. 14. It's really great for the building events, students should bring supplies or a device and will be given personalized instruction. There is a price for this workshop; I think it's \$5 or \$10 per student with a reduced price if you bring the whole team. If the date is inconvenient, there are more workshops on the East and West sides of the state in January. <https://misciolly.org/workshops>,

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We are trying to keep registration costs down. But without LCC underwriting us, that involves a fair amount of fundraising. If you know of someone or a company that would be willing to support our region, I've attached one of our **sponsorship flyers** to this email. Thank you for your help.