

Update 1 – 9/15/26

Welcome to another year of Science Olympiad! I hope everyone had a great summer!

Tournament

The regional tournament this year will be on March 13th at East Lansing HS. I think I told some of you the tournament would be on March 20th, but ELHS said they would prefer it on March 13th. You'll receive general Science Olympiad info from me, but specific tournament info from Heather as we get closer to the tournament.

We will again be asking all teams to provide 2 volunteers for the tournament. Volunteers representing Div B teams may only help on Div C events and vice versa. Volunteers will get lunch and a light breakfast.

Fees

We are hoping to again receive a grant to cover the regional tournament expenses, so the regional fee will be \$0. We continue to plan year to year and can't make promises about future years. We would suggest you encourage your parents to donate to hopefully allow us to not charge again next year. <https://www.region11miso.org/donate/>

For 2027, the early bird registration fee for the state is \$300 for a primary team and \$135 for an alternate. If you wish to receive the early bird price, you must register and the state has to receive your money by Dec. 18, 2026. The regular rate for registrations after Dec. 18th is \$400 for a primary team and \$235 for an alternate team. I had hoped the state registration page would be active by now. It shouldn't be too much longer. <https://misciol.org/registration>

Rules, Conflicts

The rules were released the day after Labor Day. <https://www.soinc.org/rules-2027> Be sure to look at the conflicts. If you look at the national tournament schedule on the second to last page of the rules, you'll see, for example, that in Division B, Circuit Lab, Dynamic Planet, and Food Science are held at the same time for the same teams. The conflicts you see on the national schedule are the same conflicts you'll see at all your tournaments this year.

Clinic, Workshops

There will be a free online coaches clinic Saturday, Nov 7th. I encourage it. See the state website for more information. <https://misciol.org/workshops>

There will be a student and coach in-person workshop at MSU in early December. If students have supplies or partially built devices, they should bring them for some personalized help. If students don't have a start, they should still attend to get some ideas. I think it's going to be \$10 per person. If the date is inconvenient, there are more workshops on the East and West sides of the state in January. <https://misciolly.org/workshops>

Invitationals

East Lansing is hosting a Div C invitational in late January and Holt is hosting a Div B invitational in late Feb. I highly encourage teams to participate in invitationals. They are a great preparation for the regional tournament. Register for East Lansing at <https://msuso.org/invitational> and contact Heather <heather@region11miso.org> about the Holt invite.

Michigan Science Olympiad hosts an online tournament for the great lakes states called Battle of the States. It's inexpensive and they do 3 sets of events each over a 2 week period to prevent students' conflicts. <https://scilympiad.com/battleofthestates>

Website

Check the website for updates. Also I'll collect the emails there as well. <https://www.region11miso.org/>