



The 2027 Official Rube Goldberg Machine Contest[®] Regional Qualifier Event

National Building Museum (Washington DC - United States of America)

Event Date:	*Coming 2027*
Event Address:	401 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
Doors Open for Teams to Begin Setup:	To Be Announced
Doors Open to the Public:	To Be Announced
Regional Contest Start Time:	To Be Announced
Step List Submission Link ALL Teams MUST Submit AT LEAST 24HRS in advance	https://forms.gle/HvFmHBJSBwayD MsK7

Primary Contact Information

Regional Host Coordinator:	Kelly Cole
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Venue Specific Information

Where to enter the building / venue space:	For teams entering to set up before 10am, enter via the loading dock on the 4th street side of the building. After 10am, you can enter through any door (one on each side of the building). The G Street and 4th Street entrances have ramps, other doors have stairs. Teams will need to be accompanied by an adult and all adults will need to sign in at the security desk with a valid form of ID.
Best Place for Team Parking (trailers included):	On site parking is not guaranteed. There may be a few parking passes available to claim for use on site but be prepared to find alternative parking. Adjacent street parking/parking garages available.
Recommended location for audience parking:	Adjacent street parking and parking garages in the vicinity. Judiciary Square metro stop (red line) is directly across from the museum's F Street entrance.
Food / Drink availability during the contest?	Not directly in the museum, but plenty of surrounding businesses within walking distance to get food and beverage
Height / Width Restrictions for any entrance:	Yes, TBD on the dimensions
Water Accessibility (via bathroom, spigot, etc.):	Water fountain available for drinking but water is not permitted to be used in any contest designs.
Are there stairs or elevators required to reach the event space?	No, the site is ADA accessible and ramps available for easy load-in. Two of the four entryways have ramp access (G Street and 4th Street entrances)
Additional information this Regional Host wishes to include about their Event space:	Machines may NOT include the following items: Liquids, flames, helium balloons, sharp objects, feathers, glitter, confetti, party poppers, weapons, drones, butane or propane, live animals, sound over TBD decibels

Cancellation Notice to All Registered Teams

Teams who chose to withdraw from this Regional Event must do so with at **LEAST 1 week** notice to the Regional Host. Teams who give **LESS than 1 week** notice are subject to a **\$100 Cancellation Fee**.

Teams who “**No-Show**” from this Regional Event (i.e.: **did NOT cancel AND did NOT attend**) are subject to a **\$250 No-Show Fee**. Any and all penalty fees **MUST** be paid to participate in any future RGI contests.

Notice Regarding Qualifying to Advance to the 2026 World Championship RGMC_©

ALL teams from **ALL** Divisions who successfully participate in-person at their designated Regional RGMC_© location **ARE permitted** to advance to the 2026 World Championship RGMC_© event, regardless of their final scoring position.

All qualifying teams will be provided access to the 2026 World Championship RGMC_© Registration webpage **AFTER** their Regional RGMC_© event has concluded.

Registered teams who either **do NOT attend**, “**No-Show**”, or become **Disqualified** for this Regional event will **NOT** receive an invitation to compete at the 2026 World Championship RGMC_© event.

Notice Regarding Competing in Multiple Regional RGMC_© Events

Teams **ARE permitted** to enter & compete at multiple Regional RGMC_© events, however that team **MUST** register & pay the registration fee for **EACH** separate Regional event.

However, in the instance where a particular Regional location reaches maximum capacity & creates a standby list: if any team(s) for that event are registered for multiple events, that team will **automatically be removed** from that Regional event to generate room for the standby team(s). A refund will be granted.