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MSO Update 26/11/24 – Central Div C Regional Scheduled!

Hello Maryland! Short but important update today, please see below for an important schedule update:

Div C Central Regional Scheduled

We are pleased to share that the Div C Regional has been scheduled and will be on:

- **March 6, 2027 @ Eleanor Roosevelt HS (Greenbelt, MD)**

We thank everyone for their patience and all of our organizers for their efforts and diligence in getting this scheduled. More tournament specific details will be provided to competing teams in due time (closer to Jan 2027), but the tournament has the same draft Regional schedule previously posted for all Regionals.

Gobble gobble y'all!

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MSO Update 26/11/15 – UMD Build Clinic 11/21, and Other News

Hello Maryland! Please see below for some updates about clinics and events in the local area:

UMD SO Build Clinic - 11/21

Please see the message below from the UMD Science Olympiad club:

"Science Olympiad at UMD is inviting you to their Second Annual Build workshop of the year! This workshop will cover Boomilever, Wright Stuff, Mission Possible, and **CAD**. For each event, we will go over the rules for the events and tips from previous competitors. Participants will then have the opportunity to build and test their designs on our tournament-ready apparatuses/tracks, with feedback and advice from alumni, event supervisors, and MSO build committee members. More information, including a schedule, can be found in the Google Form below! **Note:** We will mainly be focusing on the rules of Mission Possible, rather than actual prototyping for this event. The remaining time has been re-allocated toward a CAD (Computer Aided Design) workshop. More information on this can be found on the first page of the google form! **If you already signed up when we sent this out in October**, **you don't need to fill out the form again!**

What: A free build workshop hosted by an alumni Science Olympiad club with support from the UMD engineering department, MSO build committee, and previous competitors.
When: November 21st, 9 AM-3 PM (Teams don't have to stay the whole time; a schedule will be sent out soon to registered teams and added to the form)
Where: Kim Engineering Building, University of Maryland College Park
Who: The event is targeted towards teams at any level, providing early exposure to the rules and materials for new teams and expert feedback and advice for more experienced teams.
Registration: https://forms.gle/qBu5XXAb7paeBbD4A
Please feel free to reach out to mso.umd@gmail.com with any questions you have"

UMD Invitational (2/13) Registration Open

Also from the UMD SO club:
“We are proud to announce that registration for our 2027 Invitational on February 13th, 2027 is **officially open!** The registration link can be found here https://forms.gle/U1KUakJGqyfjssWx7. **Note**: This year the invitational will be $50 per team attending. We made this decision to support the growth of our invitational and organization as a whole so that we can improve the tournament for everyone involved. We encourage all schools with new or small teams, and PG county schools to appeal for a fee waiver by emailing us at mso.umd@gmail.com. This information will also be posted to our website shortly. **We will be running all 23 events and are planning to run wet lab events as well this year!!** We look forward to seeing you all at the invitational in February!”

Email Updates

A reminder to Coaches to register an account at https://scilympiad.com/md to stay up to date on the season! (No students please)
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Early note: we will reduce tournament update communications to those registered on Scilympiad starting Jan 2027. Please make sure you and your co-coaches are registered and affiliated with your teams! Let us know if you have any questions about doing this.

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MSO Update 26/11/13 – T-shirt Design Contest Ends this Week!

Hello Maryland! Please see below for some important updates:

T-shirt Design Contest 2026-27

A reminder that our Volunteer T-shirt design contest is happening NOW, more importanty it's ending SOON! **Designs must be submitted by end of November 13 to be considered!**

See below for the link to the full rules for the T-shirt design contest, but a brief summary here:

WHO: Anyone! Coach, student, parent, alumni, or anyone else in or around the broader community!

DUE DATE: November 13, 2026

WHERE: Send submissions to mso.communications2023@gmail.com

REQUESTED THEME: **IN THE LAB**!

Link to full rules:

https://scilympiad.com/data/org/md/public/Maryland%20Science%20Olympiad_%20T-shirt%20Design%20Contest%202026-27%20Rules.pdf

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MSO Update 26/10/25 – Battle of the States Invitational, Test Writing Clinic Today

Hello Maryland! Please see below for some updates about clinics and events in the local area:

Battle of the States Invitational

With thanks to a group of coaches for helping open this up, Michigan SO's Battle of the States Invitational is now available to Maryland teams (Div B and C)!

Info flyer for Invitational linked below, select details here:

"Battle of the States is a virtual and asynchronous set of individual Science Olympiad event competitions open to teams in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin. It will be administered using the Scilympiad platform throughout December 2026, January 2027, and February 2027.

Each event will be open for two weeks so your team can choose the time that best works for you to either take the timed test or make the required submissions."

Location: Virtual
Cost: $30 per team, $5 for teams in first 2 years of S.O.
Information: https://battleofthestates.miscioly.org
Contact: Ben Brophy at ben@miscioly.org"

Info flyer:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/11244szH-xZ5op0fQb4f0Ps039BArbfl3J-7Pf-pjaBI/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.9y2s21b5relu

***Battle of the States is run by Michigan Science Olympiad...so be careful seeing "MSO" on their sites, that refers to a different state!*

Test Writing Seminar- Oct 25, 6-8pm

A reminder that the Event and Volunteer Committees of MSO are hosting a test writing seminar TODAY Sunday, Oct 25 from 6-8pm. This is targeted at volunteers who either are or who are interested in writing events in the coming season, but the event is open to the community to anyone who wants to see what base ideas go into event and test preparation that ultimately defines the experiences of our students.

MSO Test Writing Seminar

Sunday, October 25, 6-8pm
Zoom link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83719015506?pwd=LJHNgnHtu545lUxBeTM58TrfHVAS1h.1

UMD SO Build Clinic Slides

The UMD SO Club has very graciously shared the slides from their Build Clinic this past weekend, teams can access them below:

UMD SO Build Clinic slides:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16bvdAK9tiszWFGdD4sEoUQFstNozQ7NZ?usp=drive_link

Mid-Atlantic Coaches Clinic - Nov 3-5, 10-12

Please find below info for the Mid-Atlantic Coaches Clinic, hosted by our neighbors in Pennsylvania.

From the clinic hosts:
“The Mid-Atlantic Coaches Clinic (also called the PA Coaches Clinic) will be held virtually over two weeks, Tuesday–Wednesday–Thursday, from 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM on 11/3–11/5 and 11/10–11/12. Pre-recorded videos will be made available in advance, with live Q&A sessions scheduled as shown in the tentative agenda below.

To maintain security, only head coaches of teams and college tournament directors may register. Registered coaches and tournament directors will receive links to the videos and Zoom sessions and are responsible for sharing them only with their team or tournament personnel. Live Q&A sessions via Zoom are only for coaches and college tournament staff and event supervisors. High school and middle school students are not allowed to attend the live Q&A sessions.

Out-of-state participants are welcome at a cost of $50 per school (not per individual), payable via PayPal. This same $50 per-school fee applies to out-of-state university invitational directors and event supervisors. Payment must be received prior to November 2, 2026.

Please reach out to Coaching and Training Advisor Carli Yeager-Hall with any questions at cyeagerhall@pascioly.org."

Registration:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchkvkQksCRDfAWWAL_RVUszdy5GaMnwUqxYWIPkYxqWW5ZLg/viewform

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MSO Update 26/10/18 – UMD Build Clinic, Mid-Atlantic Coach Clinic, Test Writing Seminar

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UMD Build Clinics- Oct 24, Nov 21

UMD SO Club is hosting a set of **free** Build Clinics starting next weekend!

From the UMD SO club:

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Where: Kim Engineering Building, University of Maryland College Park

Who: The event is targeted towards teams at any level, providing early exposure to the rules and materials for new teams and expert feedback and advice for more experienced teams.

Registration: https://forms.gle/qBu5XXAb7paeBbD4A”

November 21 will be clinics for Boomilever, Mission Possible, and Wright Stuff.

Info flyer can be found here:
https://scilympiad.com/data/org/md/public/UMD%20Build%20Clinic%20Ad_2610.png

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MSO Update 26/10/11 – T-shirt Design Contest, Draft Tournament Schedules Posted

Hello Maryland! Please see below for some important updates:

T-shirt Design Contest 2026-27

Spread the news, **we're running the Volunteer T-shirt Design contest a little early this year!**

Every year, hundreds of volunteers earn Volunteer T-shirts for their time helping run Regional and State tournaments across the state. We could be wearing YOUR design this year!

See below for the link to the full rules for the T-shirt design contest, but a brief summary here:
WHO: Anyone! Coach, student, parent, alumni, or anyone else in or around the broader community!
DUE DATE: November 13, 2026
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REQUESTED THEME: **IN THE LAB**!

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Draft Regional and State Schedules PostedTournament Schedule Update
We've posted the draft schedules for Regional and State tournaments this season. Note that these are for informational purposes, particularly expressing event overlaps. Exact timings, trial events, etc. are subject to modification by individual tournaments, but the goal is to maintain the event overlaps shown here through the season.

Div. B:
https://scilympiad.com/data/org/md/public/MSO%20Regional%20Draft%20Schedule_Div%20B_v261011.pdf
Div. C:
https://scilympiad.com/data/org/md/public/MSO%20Regional%20Draft%20Schedule_Div%20C_v261011.pdf

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MSO Update 26/10/06 – Town Hall Reminder Oct 7, Updated Regional Schedule

Hello Maryland! Please see below for some important updates:

MSO Town Hall – Wednesday, 10/7 at 7 PM

A reminder of our community Town Hall **tomorrow evening**, Wednesday, October 7th from 7 to 9 PM on Zoom. (Don't believe past lies I inadvertently spread, the Town Hall is Wednesday! I swear!)

The meeting link is below. We hope to see you as we discuss the upcoming MSO season!

Topic: MSO Town Hall- October 2026
Time: Oct 7, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82632388697?pwd=SKM0wuZ5OZyeAVlUodyw7CoCPO7ts.1

Tournament Schedule Update

We can share that the Div C Western Regional date and location has been finalized:

- **February 20, 2027 @ Universities at Shady Grove**

The Div C Eastern Regional date is formally considered tentative (pending a final confirmation), but is leaning toward:

- **February 27, 2027 @ Western HS**
    - **Site address: 6900 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215**

Please note that Western HS has relocated due to construction in their building on Falls Rd. The tournament will physically be held at the Park Heights Ave address above.

The current tournament schedule for all Regionals is as follows:

- Division B East/West: February 27, 2027 @ MC-Germantown
- Division B Baltimore: March 6, 2027 @ Morgan State University

- Division C Western: February 20, 2027 @ Universities at Shady Grove
- Division C Eastern: February 27, 2027 @ Western HS (Park Heights Ave) ***
- Division C Central: TBD

****date formally considered tentative as of this message*

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MSO Update 26/09/27 – Town Hall Oct 7, Div B Regional Updates, and More!

Hello Maryland! Please see below for some important updates:

MSO Town Hall – Wednesday, 10/7 at 7 PM.

We are hosting a Town Hall on Wednesday, October 7 from 7 to 9 PM on Zoom. This is open to the full community, though will be most focused from our presented content on coaches and participating teams.

We will give some general details and logistics relevant to teams ahead of the season, but there will be plenty of time for Q&A, so please bring any questions you may have on more or less any topic! (Though no, we won't give answers on the meaning of life or quantum computation or the like)

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Time: Oct 7, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Tournament Update - Div. B East/West

We can share that the Div B East/West Regional date and location has been finalized:

- **MC-Germantown, February 27, 2026**

Both Div. B Regionals are now scheduled, we are finalizing dates for all three Div. C Regionals and will disseminate those as soon as we have them.

Note on Advancement: Wildcard Advancement Removed for 2026-27

The MSO Board approved an end to Wildcard Advancement for Regional tournaments. Advancement from Regionals to States will be based solely on performance between schools at their respective Regionals. We will provide more details on advancement in general closer to tournament season.

Gold Bids will continue for Div. B and Div. C. This will continue to provide an opportunity for students who place 1st overall in their Regional event, but whose school does not advance to States, to compete in the MD State Tournament.

UMBC Invitational

The University of Maryland Baltimore County are excited to announce their 2027 Invitational Tournament will be on Saturday, January 16th, 2027!

This fee-free invitational is a competitive tournament for **Division C.** It will be a great opportunity for teams to get their first tournaments in and compete with teams across multiple states. The official invite link is attached here.

Registration runs from 9/21-11/2/26, more information can be found below: https://sciolympiad.umbc.edu

Volunteers Needed!

We are **looking for volunteers** for the season! We are especially looking for test-writers and event supervisors now, though members who are looking to volunteer for tournament day events (Feb-Apr) should indicate their interest so we have you on our mailing list. Please register below!

Volunteer Signup:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeI5pJpAxswosZZlsryjej5yrjjtyPtUiF8JZNgJfh0DNWIvA/viewform

Region Tournament Maps:

The regions and tournament allocations will remain the same as last season. The region map is now linked below.

Division B:
https://scilympiad.com/data/org/md/public/MSO_DivB%20Region%20Map_231106.jpg

Division C:

https://scilympiad.com/data/org/md/public/MSO%20Regional%20Split%20Map_Div%20C_250903.jpg

Registration

Registration remains open for the 2026-2027 season at https://scilympiad.com/md. Coaches/co-coaches should register an account at Scilympiad and affiliate with their team to ensure they are added to the season's mailing list!

(Reminder: individual students should NOT register accounts at Scilympiad, we will remove these accounts. Teams are welcome to register a generic email [e.g. TeamSO@gmail.com, or the like] to be added to mailing list)

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MSO Update 26/09/15 – Registration Note: Possible Scilympiad Quirk

Good evening,

With apologies, some of the updates on the back end may have led to a registration quirk.

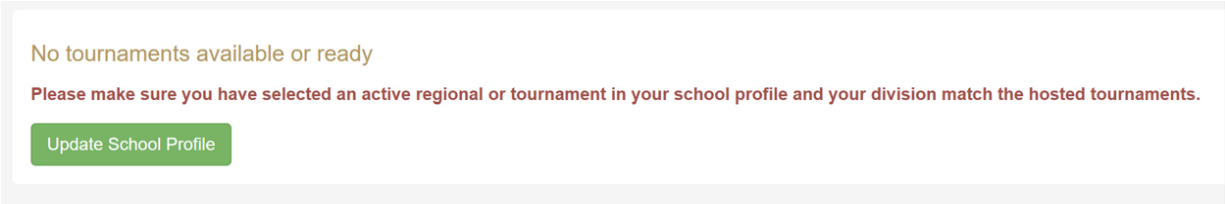
Returning teams normally have previously selected a Regional, in updating the Regional names on our end it removed that selection, but in a way that seems like something is wrong.

If you go to register and see a message that says "No tournament available or ready", all you need to do is go into the "Update School Profile" button provided and re-select a Regional.

Not entirely sure why it displays the message this way, and apologies for it. Couple of screenshots below to hopefully highlight this, if you have any issues please don't hesitate to reach out.

Summary:

If receive error message:



Hit "Update School Profile" and select a Region in the "Your SO Regional" as shown below. (If you don't know your Region, you can select "I am Unsure" and it will work.

Update School Profile

Please fill out all required entries and don't type all in capped letters.

Please review carefully and update if necessary.

School Name	Worcester Tech HS
SO Division	C (Grades 9-12)
Your SO Regional	Select a regional
School District	
School County	
Mailing Address	6270 Worcester Highway
City	Newark
State	Maryland
Zip Code	21841

Select a regional
MSO Regional Div C-03 Eastern Region (Avail. Teams: 96)
MSO Regional Div C-01 Western Region (Avail. Teams: 93)
MSO Regional Div C-02 Central Region (Avail. Teams: 96)
_I am Unsure, Div. C (MD Directors will Assign) (Avail. Teams: 99)

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MSO Update 26/09/10 – Registration for 2026-27 Season Open!

Hello again Maryland!

We are beginning our kickoff process for the new season, which most importantly includes the most important fact of the moment: registration is open for 2026-27 season at https://scilympiad.com/md! We hope you and your students will join us for another exciting Science Olympiad season!

This email will not be 100% exhaustive with every piece of info for the season, we will prioritize most relevant info here, and have follow-ups in the near future especially as other details become finalized.

Scilympiad Site Under Construction

The MD Scilympiad site (https://scilympiad.com/md) where registration occurs is generally the hub for up to date tournament info. For a couple of reasons, the content on the page is under construction. Team registration and individual account generation is operational, we will get the page set up to be a hub as info is updated shortly, but we will also send update messages with critical updates.

Registration Fees and Counts

Registration fees remain the same as last year, $375 for a school's first team, and $265 for 2nd and 3rd teams (cap for Regionals at 3 teams). An option exists for schools wishing to registering "Invitational Only Teams" beyond this, please reach out to the State Office to inquire.

Regional Tournament Maps

Regional Tournament maps and therefore, tournament allocations, remain the same as last season. There will be 2 Division B Regions (Baltimore and East/West) and 3 Division C Regions (East, Central, West).

At time of writing, the links on Scilympiad do not appear to be working, we will get these fixed and they will be accessible at https://scilympiad.com/md.

Tournament Dates

At present, a number of Regional Tournament dates are pending. The dates that are finalized are listed below, we will update as soon as other dates have been finalized:

Morgan State (Div B Baltimore): March 6, 2027

State Tournament @ UMBC (B & C): April 17, 2027

Please note, both Div B and Div C State Tournaments will be happening at UMBC this season on 4/17/27.

Tournament Overlap Schedules

Detailed tournament schedules are under development. For event overlap purposes, MD Regional/State schedules will follow the National Tournament schedule. Please refer to this schedule for event overlap purposes, and we anticipate posting a more detailed schedule for Regional and State events in a few weeks.

As said, more to come. To ensure you are on the mailing list for the season, please be sure to register an account at https://scilympiad.com/md, and you'll be added to future emails. Or, we will post these messages to the MD Facebook page, and copies of these messages will be available at https://scilympiad.com/md/Docs/UsefulDocs.

(Note: students are NOT allowed to register individual accounts at Scilympiad. Teams may register a generic email account [such as: TeamNameSO@gmail.com] to be on mailing lists, provided no personal information is given during account setup.)

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing the achievements from of our amazing students' efforts in the upcoming season!