



The 2026 Official Rube Goldberg Machine Contest_®

Regional Qualifier Event

Da Vinci Science Center at the PPL Pavilion (Pennsylvania - United States of America)

Event Date: Saturday, January 31st, 2026 **Event Address:** 815 Hamilton Blvd, Allentown PA 18101 **Doors Open for Teams to Begin Setup:** To Be Announced **Doors Open to the Public:** To Be Announced **Regional Contest Start Time:** 10:00am Step List Submission Link https://forms.gle/HvFmHBJSBwayD **ALL Teams MUST Submit AT LEAST** MsK7 24HRS in advance

Primary Contact Information	
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Venue Specific Information	
Where to enter the building / venue space:	Enter via the Hamilton Street Entrance at 815 Hamilton Street.
Best Place for Team Parking (trailers included):	 The Center is a City location. Parking is available but for a fee. There is a limited unloading area on Court Street. Please do not leave cars unattended.
Recommended location for audience parking:	The Center is a City location. Parking is available but for a fee.
Food / Drink availability during the contest?	No outside food or beverage is permitted in the building.
Height / Width Restrictions for any entrance:	
Water Accessibility (via bathroom, spigot, etc.):	
Are there stairs or elevators required to reach the event space?	
Additional information this Regional Host wishes to include about their Event space:	 Teams should plan on bringing their own carts to move their equipment into the Center. More information about parking, foodservice and visiting the Center can be found on our Website: https://www.davincisciencecenter.org/visitor-info/

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, <u>regardless</u> 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.