

MSO Updates 26/09/27 – Town Hall Oct 6, Div B Regional Updates, and More!

Hello Maryland! Please see below for some important updates:

MSO Town Hall – Tuesday, 10/6 at 7 PM.

We are hosting a Town Hall on Tuesday, October 6th 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)

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 6, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82632388697?pwd=SKM0wuZ5OZyeAVIUodyw7CoCPO7tsH.1>

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/1FAIpQLSeI5pJpAxswosZZIsryje5yrjityPtUiF8JZNjfh0DNWlvA/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)

Email Updates

To make our emails like these available to all, we also offer these publicly available options:

- We post links to PDFs of these messages to Facebook (www.facebook.com/marylandscienceolympiad);
- We have set up a Google form where all broadly-sent messages are aggregated: <https://bit.ly/4yWjZ6t>

