

Final Reminders for Odyssey of the Mind Region V Competition

The following information will help you to prepare for the Region V Tournament to be held at New Lothrop High School on March 6, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Competition Day Packet Pick-Up

Packet Pick-up will take place at the High School beginning at 8:30 a.m. Coaches should pick up their own packet at the Information Desk. The packet will contain:

- A large envelope for your team's paperwork (to be turned in at Long Term Staging)
- Spontaneous ID Card (to be turned in at Spontaneous Registration)
- Team Member Participation Certificates
- Souvenir Programs for each team member.

Please be at your competition site at least 30 minutes ahead of your scheduled time. **Structure teams should report to weigh-in 1 hour ahead of scheduled performance time.**

Competition Viewing

Competitions begin at 9:00 a.m. Supporters should arrive at the competition site at least 5 minutes before your scheduled time. Doorkeepers have been known to close the doors early. Door Keepers are instructed not to let spectators in during a performance. No one is allowed to view Spontaneous performances.

Program Sales

Region V does not sell programs for supporters; a very limited supply of schedules will be available at the Information Desk. We suggest that you bring a copy of the schedule for you parents/supporters or have them print them out from the Michigan Website.

Be a Good Sport

Sportsmanship is extremely important in Odyssey of the Mind. Please discuss thoroughly with your team(s) and parents that they are representing their local school district and positive and/or negative behavior by one member will reflect on all. In keeping with the Spirit of the Program, we need to keep in mind that although only some teams emerge as champions, all participating teams are winners. Enjoy the day by watching and cheering for all teams.

Getting Back Scores

Coaches should pick up their Long Term Raw Scores 30 minutes after the performance. This does not include Style or Spontaneous scores. Please review your Program Guide on procedures regarding Long Term score protests. If you wish to receive your Master Style Form, please bring a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Staging Area when your team turns in their forms for Long Term not the Registration Desk. If you forget a self-addressed stamped envelope, you may purchase one at the Registration Desk for 50 cents.

Spontaneous Hush Zone

Don't forget to be very, very, quiet in and around the spontaneous areas. Only teams going to and from the spontaneous rooms are allowed in these dedicated areas. If a judge does not accompany you into these areas, please do not enter them. Thank You. If a team feels that a serious problem has occurred during their Spontaneous, they are not to talk to the coach about it, but may go to the Registration Desk and ask to see the Spontaneous Problem Captain.

Only one coach may accompany the team to the spontaneous holding area. **Cell phones will not be allowed in the spontaneous area.** Team members must leave their cell phones with their coach or parents.

Scheduling Conflicts

Every effort was made to accommodate teams that had conflicts. Every attempt will be made to keep the tournament on schedule and every effort was made to avoid conflicting times for coaches of more than one team. If there is a spontaneous time conflict, coaches or coordinators may designate a parent to take the team to spontaneous. Only team members and one coach or designated parent may enter the spontaneous holding room.

Primary Teams and Coaches

This year you will be going to spontaneous like all competing teams. One coach will be allowed to accompany the team. ***This is for Primary Teams ONLY.***

Forms you need for Competition

Teams Competing should have the following ready to present to the Staging Area Judges: Please remember to keep an extra set of forms. Copies handed in will not be handed back. Keep an extra set in your vehicle.... Just in case!!!!

- [Style Forms](#) (must have four copies)
- [Material Value Form](#)
- [Outside Assistance Form](#)
- Long Term Problem List (must have four copies)
- [Media Release Forms](#) (It is okay to use the school information as the OMers Information)
- Any problem clarifications that your team sent and received from International
- Copy of Membership Card
- If you wish to receive your style scores, please bring a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Long Term Staging Area when your team performs.

If you have any questions regarding these items or forms, please consult your Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide that came in your membership packet.

Can you hold more than 400 LBS with 15 grams of Balsa Wood?

If a Structure team requires more than 400 lbs. of weights you must inform the Regional Director, before March 1st.

Judges are Volunteers

Judging is a critical phase of our competition. Please remind those in attendance that our judges have all been through a training session and certified to judge the problem to which he/she has been assigned. Many of our judges have judged at previous regional, state and international competitions and all the judges are volunteers. Don't forget to thank them as you see them during the day.

Tournament Day Volunteers

During the day we utilize the help of several volunteers. Please make sure that your team's volunteer shows up for their assigned position. They should have received their assignment.

Take home a Keepsake

Souvenirs will be sold throughout the day in the designated area. Several different imprinted items will be available for purchase. Items range from \$30 or less.

Food is for the Cafeteria

Concession will be available in the HS Cafeteria. **FOOD AND BEVERAGES ARE RESTRICTED TO THE CAFETERIA AREA.** Sack lunches must be eaten in the cafeteria area. Concessions will be open throughout the day. **No food heating appliances may be used.**

Be a responsible Team

Teams should be supervised at all times throughout the day. One of the biggest expenses is the use and clean up of the competition site. Please deposit all trash in proper containers. If you see trash on the floor, please take the time to pick it up and deposit it in the trash containers. **Prop disposal** is not allowed at New Lothrop Schools. **You must take out what you bring in.**

Security is difficult when large numbers of persons are involved. Please encourage your students to leave valuables locked in cars or on buses. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Lost and Found items will be taken to the Information/Registration Area.

Pre-Awards Trading for the OMers

Trading will begin once the HS Main Gymnasium is released by the Judging Team. Team members are encouraged to bring trading items to trade with team members from other schools. These should be of nominal value. Typical trading items include pencils, key chains, posters, Frisbees, note pads, magnets, pom-poms, and other novelty type items. Teams bring their own trading items. Some of the items can be donated by various local businesses or from the schools and parents. *Teams are asked to not leave any trading related trash. Please have the kids pick up after themselves. This has become a concern, if the trend of leaving trash continues we will not be able to allow trading in future years.*

Parade of School Districts

At 3:00 pm teams and coaches will be called into the Hallway by School Districts. Teams and coaches will sit together on the gym floor. Parents, family and friends sit in the bleachers. At the beginning of the Awards Ceremony the teams will parade into the gymnasium and be honored for all their extraordinary achievements.

Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony will take place in the Gym as close to 3:15 p.m. as possible. At the ceremony the OMERs awards, Ranatra Fusca awards, and first six places will be announced with the top three teams entering the stage area for medal presentations. The top TWO TEAMS FROM EACH PROBLEM AND DIVISION WILL ADVANCE ON TO THE STATE FINALS AT Davenport University in Grand Rapids ON APRIL 17, 2010.

Please respect all of our teams and their hard work by not touching any props that don't belong to you that are sitting in the hallways.

We can't wait to see you and we hope that the day will be an enjoyable and educational one for all!

Please Remind Parents, supporters and team members that there is no smoking allowed on school property.

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