

FLORIDA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Standing Rules 2007-2008

FEES:

TEAM REGISTRATION FEE: Each team planning to participate in any sanctioned tournament (regional and/or state) will be assessed a \$75.00 per team fee. All registrations postmarked after the *Regional* due date will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee. Teams registering after the National deadline may not be invited to State. Primary fees shall be \$20.00 per team.

STATE REGISTRATION FEE: Each competitive team advancing to State Finals will be assessed a \$50.00 per team fee. This fee will be due at the meeting following the Regional Award Ceremony. Primary teams will not be assessed a State Registration fee.

FINES/PENALTIES:

Any team not providing a judge/worker by the designated deadline may be assessed a \$100.00 fine to be paid prior to the award ceremony. If a team's designated worker/judge does not report for duty at the designated time and place on the day of the tournament, that team may receive a 25 point spirit of the problem penalty. The Problem Captain will notify the director or their appointee that the spirit of the problem penalty has been assessed.

QUESTIONS REGARDING SCORING:

Refer to Program Handbook for specifics on protesting a long-term non-subjective score. Subjective scores and spontaneous scores are **NOT** open to protest under any circumstance.

DATE:	REGISTRATION CUTOFF	(Postmarked by...)
January 4, 2008		National Odyssey of the Mind registration
January 4, 2008		State Odyssey of the Mind registration
		Team tournament registration
		Regional Odyssey of the Mind registration
		Team tournament registration

REGIONS: TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATIONS

Buccaneer Bay Region Laurie Filardo, Director	Armwood High School, Seffner February 2, 2008
Emerald Coast Region Carol Hansford, Director	Okaloosa Walton College, Niceville March 1, 2008
Gulf Coast Region Freda Abercrombie, Director	River Ridge Middle High Sch, New Port Richey March 1, 2008
Island Region Dan Powers, Director	Coral Shores High School, Tavernier February 23, 2008
Magic Center Region Joe Donoughe, Director	Markham Woods Middle School, Lake Mary February 9, 2008
Manatee Region Mary Pat Callihan, Co-Director Tami Chacon, Co-Director	Fleming Island High School, Orange Park February 23, 2008
Palms Region Jennifer Manikas, Director	TBA March 1, 2008
Space Coast Region Laird Parsons, Co-Director Sharmaine Schenck, Co-Director	Brevard Community College, Melbourne February 16, 2008
Sun Region Debbie Stichter, Director	Cypress Lake High School, Ft. Myers March 1, 2008
Tropical Region Juan Salinas, Director	Robert Morgan Educational Center, Miami February 16, 2008

STATE AND WORLD: TOURNAMENTS DATES AND LOCATIONS

Florida State Tournament Kathy Wilhelm, Director	University of Central Florida, Orlando April 5, 2008
World Finals	University of Maryland, College Park May 31 – June 3, 2008

MEETINGS:

Regional information may be obtained from your regional director.

Coaches' Meeting: Any region may have a mandatory coach's meeting at which either the coach or their designee must be in attendance.

State Board Meetings	August 18 – 19, 2007 Sebring
	January 5, 2008 Orlando
	May 17, 2008 Lake Mary
State Problem Captains' Training	January 5, 2008 Orlando
Pre-Tournament Coaches' Meeting For Long Term Problems	April 4, 2008 7:00 pm UCF, Orlando
Pre-Tournament Board Meeting	April 4, 2008 UCF, Orlando
Closing Board Meeting	May 17, 2008 Orlando

STATE TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY:

FORMULA TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF TEAMS INVITED TO STATE:

- 1 Determine the total # of teams for each problem/division in the state.
- 2 Determine the total # of teams invited to State for each problem/division based on a maximum number of 18 teams per problem/division.
- 3 Divide the # of teams, (step 1), into the number of teams per region.
- 4 Using the numbers determined in step 3, multiply these numbers by the total number of teams invited to State.
- 5 This will equal the number of teams from each region invited to State Tournament. All First Place teams from each region will be invited to State. (For each of the long-term problems, the number of teams invited to State is based on the number of teams participating in that problem and division.)
- 6 **In addition to the teams invited to State based on score placement, teams (NOT individuals) receiving a Ranatra Fusca Award in either the long-term problem or spontaneous will be invited to the State Tournament.**

Teams who fail to meet the Spirit of the Problem will NOT be invited to State Tournament.

JUDGING TEAMS:

All teams in a Long Term Problem and Division will be judged by one complete judging team UNLESS a Region registers more than 20 teams in any one problem and division. If this happens, the Region has the option to have this problem/division ONLY divided into two groups, to be judged by two complete judging teams. The determination of which teams will compete in which group will be done in a public drawing. The formula for teams advancing to State Tournament applies to the total number of teams, with an equal number of winners from each group advancing to the State Tournament.

PRIMARY TEAMS INVITED TO STATE TOURNAMENT:

- 1 Primary teams that are interested in performing at the State Tournament will be given the opportunity to place their names in a lottery at the Regional Tournament.
- 2 In order to be eligible to place their names in the lottery, Primary teams must participate in the Spontaneous portion, as well as the long-term portion of the Regional Tournament.
- 3 At the Regional Award Ceremony, teams will be chosen randomly from the teams who placed their names in the lottery, using the same formula used for competitive teams.
- 4 These team will advance to the State Tournament, where they will perform their long-term solutions and participate in Spontaneous. These teams will not be scored as such, but will receive feed-back forms from the judging team.

REGIONAL AND STATE COMPETITION AWARDS:

(No separate awards are given to individual coaches except specifically designed certificates or coach pin.)

Regional:

1st place	individual gold medal
2nd place	individual silver medal
3rd place	individual bronze medal
4th place	individual ribbon
5th place	individual ribbon
Primary teams	individual ribbon

State

1st place	individual gold medal, school trophy, and coach pin
2nd place	individual silver medal, school trophy, and coach pin
3rd place	individual bronze medal and school trophy
4th place	individual ribbon and school ribbon
5th place	individual ribbon and school ribbon
Individual participation pins to all team members	

World:

Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association, Inc. will provide each world finalist team with a limited number of trading pins to be shared among the team and coach. Additional pins will be available for sale to the teams advancing to World Finals. Florida State Board members serving as Officials will also receive trading pins.

SPECIAL AWARDS:**Ranatra Fusca Creativity Awards:**

The Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award is determined by judging teams at various levels of competition. It is Odyssey of the Mind's highest award and is given for exceptional creativity. This award may be given to individuals or teams in either long term or spontaneous. Judges may not issue more than one award per problem, per division.

Regional Ranatra Fusca awards are certificates.

State Ranatra Fusca awards are medals.

OMER's Award:

This award may be presented to individuals, teams, parents, officials, etc. OMER's Award is designed to recognize the true Spirit of Odyssey of the Mind. Nominations can be made to the tournament director at each level of competition.

Regional and state OMER's Awards are certificates.

Scholarships:

All Florida students receiving National Odyssey of the Mind scholarships will be acknowledged at the State Competition. Applications for scholarships are included in the National Membership packets.

UNIFORMS FOR OFFICIALS:**Regional:**

All trained officials will be given proper identification.

State:

Shirts will be provided for board members, judges, and other officials.

An ID badge will be given to the following workers: information, registration, door monitors, zone monitors, and problem assistants.

BOARD MEMBERS:

All members of the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association, Inc. are listed on a separate document that is included in this packet.

SITE LIAISON NON-VOTING BOARD ADVISORY POSITION

This position shall serve as a communication link between the host site and the State Board.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

All board members who are coaching and/or serving as a school contact person shall inform the Association Director and the specific State Problem Captain **IN WRITING** that they are coaching and/or serving as contact persons.

Score Room Directors and workers should not be coaches in their own region.

Problem Captains are not allowed to coach a team in their own problem. Spontaneous Problem Captains are not allowed to coach any team. This applies to both State and Regional Problem Captains.

Florida Odyssey of the Mind By-Laws are available upon request.

Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association, Inc.
2007 – 2008 Board Members

Association Director	Kathy Wilhelm
Assistant Assoc. Dir./Business Admin.	Keith Karlberg
Treasurer	Ann Bell
State Problem Director	Lou Weber
Parliamentarian	Dan Semenza
Score Room Director	Stephen Shoe
Buccaneer Bay Regional Director	Laurie Filardo
Emerald Coast Regional Director	Carol Hansford
Gulf Coast Regional Director	Freda Abercrombie
Island Regional Directors	Dan Powers
Magic Center Regional Director	Joe Donoughe
Manatee Regional Directors	Mary Pat Callihan Tami Chacon
Palms Regional Director	Jennifer Manikas
Space Coast Regional Directors	Laird Parsons Sharmaine Schenck
Sun Regional Director	Debbie Stichter
Tropical Regional Director	Juan Salinas
Spontaneous Problem Captain	Margaret Fink
#1 Problem Captain	Sam O'Briant
#2 Problem Captain	Mike Bledsoe
#3 Problem Captain	Donnajo Smith
#4 Problem Captain	E. Walter Barletta
#5 Problem Captain	Barb Gilbo
Primary Problem Captain	Megan Field
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