

# FLORIDA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

## **Standing Rules 2009-2010**

### **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.

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>REGISTRATION CUTOFF</b>	<b>(Postmarked by...)</b>
January 31, 2010		National Odyssey of the Mind registration
January 22, 2010		State Odyssey of the Mind registration Team tournament registration
December 15, 2009		Regional Odyssey of the Mind registration Team tournament registration

### **REGIONS: TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATIONS**

<b>Buccaneer Bay Region</b> Laurie Filardo, Director	Strawberry Crest High School, Dover February 20, 2010
<b>Emerald Coast Region</b> Shannon Flynn, CO-Director Carol Hansford, Co-Director	Pryor Middle School, Ft. Walton Beach February 27, 2010
<b>Gulf Coast Region</b> Freda Abercrombie, Director	River Ridge Middle School, New Port Richey February 27, 2010
<b>Island Region</b> Dan Powers, Director	Coral Shores High School, Tavernier March 6, 2010
<b>Magic Center Region</b> Joe Donoughe, Co-Director Anna Long, Co-Director	Lake Highland Preparatory School, Orlando February 13, 2010
<b>Manatee Region</b> Mary Pat Callihan, Co-Director Tami Chacon, Co-Director	Fleming Island High School, Orange Park February 27, 2010
<b>Palms Region</b> Jennifer Manikas, Director	Suncoast Community H S, Riviera Beach February 27, 2010
<b>Space Coast Region</b> Laird Parsons, Co-Director Sharmaine Schenck, Co-Director	Bayside High School, Palm Bay March 6, 2010
<b>Sun Region</b> Debbie Stichter, Director	Island Coast High School, Cape Coral March 6, 2010
<b>Tropical Region</b> Erik Veiga, Director	Miami Coral Park Senior High School, Miami February 20, 2010

## STATE AND WORLD: TOURNAMENTS DATES AND LOCATIONS

**Florida State Tournament** University of Central Florida, Orlando  
Kathy Wilhelm, Director April 10, 2010

**World Finals** Michigan State University, East Lansing,  
MI  
May 26 – May 29, 2010

### 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 8 – 9, 2009  
Sebring

January 9, 2010  
Melbourne

May 15, 2010  
Orlando

State Problem Captains' Training January 9, 2010  
Melbourne

Pre-Tournament Coaches' Meeting April 9, 2010 7:00 pm  
For Long Term Problems UCF, Orlando

Pre-Tournament Board Meeting April 9, 2010  
UCF, Orlando

Closing Board Meeting May 15, 2010  
Orlando

## **TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES**

### **Membership/Coach Responsibilities**

- a. All team member participation shall be in accordance with the General Rules as set forth in the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*.
- b. All teams must be registered and all fees paid on or before the cut-off date for each level of tournament as stated in the current FLOMA Standing Rules.
- c. Each team must provide officials and/or workers for tournament as follows (unless otherwise notified by the appropriate Director). Said official volunteers must agree to attend the judges' training workshop and be available on the day of tournament. If the appropriate number of volunteers from a membership are currently serving as members of the Board, Problem Captains or Regional Scoring Captain, then this requirement *may* be waived at the discretion of the appropriate Director.
- d. If a team does not provide officials and/or workers by the deadline established by each Regional Director and/or the State Problem Captains, that team will be assessed a financial and/or Spirit of the Problem penalty by the responsible Tournament Director. This obligation must be met prior to the awards ceremony. The appropriate Director will advise the appropriate Problem Captain that the Spirit of the Problem penalty has been assessed.
- e. Memberships are not required to provide officials or workers for the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Tournament.
- f. To be eligible to enter the State Tournament, a team must:
  1. compete at a Regional Tournament; (Division IV teams are exempt)
  2. meet any other requirements set forth in the current FLOMA Standing Rules.

### **Problem Captains**

- a. Each Regional Director shall appoint Problem Captains for his/her own region.
- b. Each Problem Captain shall:
  1. meet all requirements as set forth in the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*;
  2. attend state-wide FLOMA Problem Captain training;
  3. be responsible for assuring proper site set-up and acquiring all designated materials before each tournament;
  4. oversee problem sites and judging teams during the tournament;
  5. attempt to resolve any dispute between the coach and judging team in accordance with the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*, FLOMA Bylaws, FLOMA Standing Rules and FLOMA Rules for Tournament;
  6. participate in Tribunals in accordance with FLOMA Bylaws; and
  7. abide by the tournament rules and guidelines set forth by Creative Competitions, Inc. in its current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide* and FLOMA in its current Bylaws, Standing Rules and Rules for tournament.
- c. Regional Problem Captains shall train all regional officials and make assignments in conjunction with the appropriate Director.

### **Officials**

- a. All officials shall meet all requirements as set forth in the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*.
- b. All officials must be certified by attending an official FLOMA training session prior to tournament.

- c. The following guidelines are suggested for the ages of officials:
  - 1. Officials 18 – 21 years of age may serve in scoring positions for Division I and Division II teams.
  - 2. Officials 16 – 18 years of age may serve as officials in non-scoring positions for Division I and Division II.
- c. Only FLOMA certified officials will officiate at each tournament.
- d. Final assignments will be made by the appropriate Problem Captain under the direction of the State Problem Director and/or the appropriate Regional Director.
- e. All efforts will be made to avoid conflicts of interest in judging assignments.

### **Head Judges**

- a. Head judges (one at each tournament site) shall:
  - 1. meet all requirements as set forth in the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*;
  - 2. coordinate each judging team and assign responsibilities;
  - 3. be responsible for the final tally of score sheets;
  - 4. judge and score if necessary;
  - 5. present a written copy of the long-term raw score to the coach (or Division III team captain); and
  - 6. in the event of a dispute, discuss the issue with the coach (or Division III team captain) and the Problem Captain to determine the course of action.

### **Tribunals**

Tribunals will be held as set forth below and in accordance with the current policies of Creative Competitions, Inc., as described in the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*.

- a. A Tribunal will be convened:
  - 1. ONLY for questions regarding rule interpretation;
  - 2. if a coach's concerns are not satisfied after discussion with the appropriate Head Judge and/or Problem Captain;
  - 3. after the appropriate Head Judge or Problem Captain has received a written statement from the coach (or Division III or IV team captain);
  - 4. as soon as possible on the day of tournament, and all decisions by the tribunal will be made prior the award ceremony.
- b. The Tribunal at the state tournament shall consist of:
  - 1. the State Association Director or Assistant Association Director;
  - 2. the State Problem Director. If the State Problem Director is not available, or has a conflict of interest, the Tournament Director shall appoint a qualified alternate;
  - 3. an appropriate Regional Problem Captain, not affiliated with the disputed region, but appointed by the State Problem Captain; and
  - 4. the appropriate State Problem Captain and coach for input and information.
- c. The Tribunal at regional tournaments shall consist of:
  - 1. the Regional Director;
  - 2. the appropriate Regional Problem Captain; and
  - 3. a member of the Regional Board of Directors. (A member of the State Board of Directors, State Problem Captain, or International Problem Captain may be added to the Tribunal if present at the Tournament.)

If any conflict of interest arises, another Regional Problem Captain or a second member of the Regional Board of Directors may fill one of the positions.

- d. Tribunal decisions are final and may not be appealed unless further information comes to light.
- e. A coach (or Division III or IV team captain) may question ONLY a ruling made concerning his/her own team. A coach may not question judges regarding another team's solution, and doing so may result in the assessment of an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty to that coach's team.

## **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, and must have no more than seven (7) members on the team.
- 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 teams 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.

**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:**

Regional and State Board members and Regional and State Problem Captains who are coaching and/or serving as a school contact person shall inform the Association Director and the specific State and Regional Problem Captains **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.

Division IV team members who serve as officials at Regional and/or State tournaments may not compete at World Finals in the problem in which they served as an official.

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

**Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association, Inc.  
2009 – 2010 Board Members**

Association Director	Kathy Wilhelm
Assistant Assoc. Dir./Business Admin.	Keith Karlberg
Treasurer	Ann Bell
State Problem Director	Mike Bledsoe
Parliamentarian	Dan Semenza
Score Room Director	Stephen Shoe
Buccaneer Bay Regional Director	Laurie Filardo
Emerald Coast Regional Director	Carol Hansford Shannon Flynn
Gulf Coast Regional Director	Freda Abercrombie
Island Regional Director	Dan Powers
Magic Center Regional Directors	Joe Donoughe Anna Long
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	Erik Viega
Spontaneous Problem Captain	Aimee Jean
#1 Problem Captain	Sam O'Briant
#2 Problem Captain	Bob & Dianne Lawrence
#3 Problem Captain	Debra Barton
#4 Problem Captain	E. Walter Barletta
#5 Problem Captain	Barb Gilbo
Primary Problem Captain	Megan Field
Site Liaison / Communications Trustee	Lou Weber
Educational Conference Support Trustee	Jan Weber
Meeting Planner	Carol Cazessus
Sales & T-shirt Trustee	Marilyn Wolpert
Secretary	Pam Huminski
Alumni Trustee	John Stephens
Webmaster	Richard Garand