

NEW JUDGE/VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION **PROCEDURE!**

The Eastern Regional Tournament is one of the biggest Odyssey of the Mind tournaments in the country. We need over 100 judges and 100 volunteers in order for the tournament to run smoothly and for each team to be fairly judged.

Because of this we require that each team provide one person to serve as a judge and one person to serve as a volunteer. However, for the last few years we have had an issue with teams not fulfilling these requirements, making it difficult for the Board to host a tournament at the expected level.

In order to resolve this, beginning this year, you will be required to enter your tournament judge's and volunteer's names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses WHEN YOU REGISTER YOUR TEAM FOR THE TOURNAMENT! The registration form cannot be submitted until all information is entered.

- Your team's JUDGE must be available all day on February 17th AND March 3rd and will NOT be able to watch their children perform.
- Your team's VOLUNTEER must be available for part of the tournament day on March 3rd, at times which may be scheduled so they CAN watch their children perform.
- Early Bird registration ends on December 23rd (save \$45!)
- Registration closes on January 27th

THIS IS THE TIME TO GET COMMITMENTS FROM TEAM PARENTS TO BE OR FIND JUDGES OR VOLUNTEERS! Judges and volunteers can be parents, co-workers, neighbors, friends, teachers, extended family members or anyone over the age of eighteen who can make the commitment of time and energy to provide an excellent tournament experience for all of our teams! Community organizations such as Rotary Club and retirement communities are also excellent resources. Attached are information sheets for both positions.

As the registration deadline approaches, if your team experiences any hardship, emergency, or unexpected difficulty in locating a judge or volunteer, do not hesitate to contact our Regional Director, Tom Hansen, at Tom.Hansen.OotM@gmail.com or our Tournament Director, Lexie Groner, at ncometournamentdirector@gmail.com for assistance. We are available to help you brainstorm and get started recruiting now!