



NCOME Newsletter

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Welcome to the NCOME Newsletter!

Thank you for your feedback from the November newsletter. We appreciate the chance to continually make this newsletter more useful to you.

Spontaneous fair registration is now open. Check our website (www.ncome.org) for further details.

Please contact us with any suggestions or feedback you have! ncomeTD@gmail.com

Coaches Webinar

What to do between now and tournament time.

Date:

Saturday December 7
10:00am – 11:30am

Connection Details:

The webinar will include an URL to view the presentation as well as a phone number to call in for audio.

URL:

https://join.freeconferencecall.com/randy_burton1

Dial in number: 712-770-4074 (** There is no 800 dial-in number, so long distance charges may apply if you don't use a cell phone.)

Access code: 115685

Description:

This is a free webinar for coaches and coordinators to help prepare for the upcoming tournament.

- What should we do between now and tournament time?
- Don't forget to practice Spontaneous problems
- Forms. What are forms?
- When should we arrive at our Long Term presentation site?
- How can we avoid Outside Assistance on tournament day?
- Is there anything coaches and parents can help with?
- Q&A

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Regional Tournament Registration is now OPEN!

Early Bird Registration closes on December 22nd

Final Registration deadline is January 25th

Don't forget – you MUST enter a judge and volunteer when registering.

It is considered unsportsmanlike for a team to fail to nominate a judge and/or volunteer, or for those volunteers nominated to fail to fulfill the commitment requirements. These unsportsmanlike actions will result in a penalty for the team.

Clarifications

There are two types of clarifications: General and Team-Specific.

General Clarifications amend or further explain a long term problem's limitations. They take precedence over the limitations listed in the problem and the rules in the Program Guide.

Team-Specific Clarifications allow teams to submit a clarification request that asks if its ideas for a solution are allowed or if they meet the problem's requirements. These clarifications are kept confidential. The deadline for submitting clarification requests is February 15, 2020.

The [Odyssey of the Mind Clarifications Page](https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications) (<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications>) has more details, instructions for submitting clarifications.

Judges and Volunteers

Why we require teams to provide both

Background

All teams are required to provide a judge who can attend both training and the tournament and a separate volunteer for tournament day in order to participate in the regional tournament.

Challenge

We are an all-volunteer organization that cannot make the regional tournament happen without the people power of the required judges and volunteers. They ensure all teams are judged equally and all pieces of the tournament run smoothly. Unfortunately, we've been increasingly let down by teams who ignore the requirement and think it causes no harm.

Solution

This year, the NCOME Regional board has decided to assess a penalty to teams who do not provide their required judge and/or volunteer.

We are here to help!

We understand that this potential new policy is scary, but we are committed as ever to supporting teams. If you are having trouble finding a judge and/or volunteer, please reach out and ask for support, the sooner the better! Tournament Director Lexie Groner is reachable at ncometd@gmail.com. It is never too early to start a conversation and we are never too busy for your questions and concerns!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COACHES WEBINAR – DECEMBER 9TH

ONLINE WEBINAR

10:00AM – 11:30AM

SPONTANEOUS FAIR – JANUARY 25TH

MORRIS GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

([REGISTRATION NOW OPEN](#) - SIGN UP FOR ONE)

FAIR 1 – 8:30AM – 11:15AM

FAIR 2 – 12:30PM – 3:15PM

PRIMARY TOURNAMENT – FEBRUARY 22ND

TBD

TIME TBD

JUDGES TRAINING – FEBRUARY 22ND

TBD

8:30AM – 3:00PM

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT – MARCH 7TH

WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

8:00AM – 6:00PM

Spontaneous Problem

Color It In!

(When the team enters the room, tell them that this will be a verbal problem)

- 1) You will have 1 minute to think and 5 minutes to respond.
- 2) Each of you has 5 cards. After each response, you will place a card in the box. You will respond in sequence. You may give responses until you no longer have any cards or until time ends, whichever occurs first.
- 3) You can ask questions at any time, but time will continue. You may not skip your turn, nor repeat, nor pass. If one member of the team is stuck, the team is stuck.
- 4) Common answers will receive 1 point. Creative answers will receive 3 points. Highly creative or humorous answers will receive 5 points.
- 5) On the table in front of you is a picture that is not colored. Your problem is to use the markers provided to color in the image. When it is your turn, you will color or draw on the image and say something about what you are doing or how it makes the image look. For example, you might color in the star and say "Look, I gave him a gold star!"

For Judges Only

- 1) Provide 35 cards. If you have colored cards or cards that are somehow marked, that works the best.
- 2) Looking for unusual responses and always reward humor.
- 3) Provide a variety of magic markers
- 4) Print out the image below*. If you would rather have another image, use a coloring book, or find another coloring page online.

**Image on page 5 of this newsletter*

Happy Holidays!



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What's the best resource for coaches?

A: The Coach's Information Packet. An updated version will be available soon. The 2018-2019 version is currently available and is still a valuable resource (just don't look at event dates!). You can find it at www.ncome.org.

Q: How do I find a judge and/or volunteer?

A: Anyone over the age of 18 can help! Ask friends, older siblings, church members, community members, neighbors, teachers, coaches - anyone! If the team cannot find two people willing to help, please contact our Tournament Director, Lexie Groner, ncometd@gmail.com.

Q: How much does tournament registration cost?

A: Early Bird cost is \$100. After that it goes up to \$145. Primary team cost is \$25 regardless of registration date.

Q: How do I submit a clarification request?

A: To submit a clarification request, teams must [login at the Members Area](#) (<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/member-area>). The deadline for submitting clarification requests is February 15, 2020.



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