



February 2023

# NCOME NEWSLETTER

Creativity in the Eastern Region since 1982

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## Welcome!

Hooray! Tournament time is nearly here!

Don't forget - clarification submission deadline is February 14.

Also, see inside for tournament details and scholarship info.

[NCOME.ORG](http://NCOME.ORG)



# TOURNAMENT PREP

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## **Zoom Webinar**

Saturday, February 11

10-11:30am



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Join our Regional Director, Randy Burton, and our State Tournament Director, Tom Bojanski as they share their wealth of tournament preparation strategies and answer your questions.

Zoom link at [NCOME.org](https://www.ncome.org)

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# EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT

**March 4, 2023**

Wakefield High School

2200 Wakefield Pines Drive

Raleigh, NC 27614



Lexie Groener, Regional Tournament Director, will be sending a detailed email this week. Some key points:

- Main doors open at 7:00 am
- Prop drop-off 30-40 minutes before your long-term performance
- Long-term performance - arrive 20 minutes ahead of your scheduled time
- Spontaneous - check-in 10 minutes before your start time

- Problem 4 Weigh-in - arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled time
- Award Ceremony starts at 5:00 pm
- Scores - Long-term scores will be available 30-60 minutes after the team performs
- Find your schedule at [NCOME.org](https://www.ncome.org)

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## More Tournament Day Info

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### Food:

Sadly, there are no food trucks this year so bring lunch and snacks.



Please eat outside (if the weather cooperates).

### Health Protocols:



Masks are optional this year but highly encouraged.

If you, your team members or parents have any symptoms of anything - please stay home.

Questions or concerns?

Contact Lexie at [ncometd@gmail.com](mailto:ncometd@gmail.com)

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### **Merch:**

Check out the sales table for cool shirts, souvenirs, and PINS!



### **Awards:**

#### ***OMER Awards:***

Nominations forms can be found at the front desk and anyone can make a nomination.

#### ***Problem Awards:***

This year, 1st-3rd place teams will go to the State Tournament.

#### ***Ranatra Fusca:***

Judging teams give out this reward for exceptional creativity.

# HELPFUL HINTS

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Reread the entire problem



Reread the program guide



Check the clarifications

Deadline for submitting clarifications is **February 15th**, but keep checking those clarifications until the tournament



Make sure your forms are filled in correctly



Make time to practice spontaneous problems



Have fun!

# NCOM SCHOLARSHIPS

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North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind is pleased to announce up to three college scholarships available to current and/or former Odyssey of the Mind participants. (One of the three - the Susan Lawson Scholarship - is open to team members, coaches, and other Odyssey of the Mind volunteers who are pursuing higher degrees in the education field).

Each scholarship is a one-time scholarship of \$1,000. Recipients must demonstrate creative problem-solving skills as well as outstanding sportsmanship, perseverance, and teamwork skills.

To be eligible for an NCOM scholarship, you must:

- Have participated for a minimum of one year in Odyssey of the Mind, from team creation through competition.
- Be a high school senior with plans to attend college, university or a vocational school in the Fall of 2023 OR be a full-time student currently enrolled in a college, university or a vocational school.
- Not be a previous Odyssey of the Mind scholarship recipient.

[Click here to find the NCOM Scholarship information](#)

Deadline for 2023 NCOM Scholarship applications is  
**February 28, 2023.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**February 8:** Eastern Region Board Meeting

**February 11:** Tournament Prep Webinar

**February 15:** Deadline for Clarification submissions (but keep checking those clarifications up until the tournament!)

**February 18:** Judges' Training - Virtual

**February 28:** Deadline for NCOM scholarship applications

**March 1:** Eastern Region Board Meeting

**March 4:** Eastern Region Tournament

**March 22:** Eastern Region Board Meeting

**March 25:** State Tournament - Wakefield High School and Middle School



# NCOME BOARD MEMBERS

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## Tournament Directors

Regional Director: Randy Burton  
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Tournament Director: Lexie Groner  
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Assistant Director: Anna Ladd

Score Room Captain: Steven Downhower  
Ass't Score Room Captain: Vineet

Spontaneous Problem Capitan: Ann Ross  
Ass't Problem Captain: Zoe Hansen Burnet

Problem 1 Captain: Randy Burton  
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Assistant Problem Captain: Tom Bojanski

Problem 2 Captain: Barry Groner  
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Assistant Problem Captain: Alison Blake

Problem 3 Captain: Marj Moe  
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Assistant Problem Captain: Diana White

Problem 4 Captain: Rita Welsh  
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Problem 4 Co-Captain: Marc Blake

Problem 5 Captain: Suzanne Ladd  
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Assistant Problem Captain: Sean Stickel

Primary Captain: Allie Newman  
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## Your 2022-2023 Board!

### **Regional Director:**

Randy Burton

### **Vice Regional Director:**

Zoe Hansen Burnet

### **Tournament Director:**

Lexie Groner

### **Secretary:**

Gail Hemedinger

### **Treasurer:**

Bob Pecaut

### **Webmaster:**

Andy Cordes

### **Web Assistant:**

Dawn Imershein

### **Tournament Sales:**

Andy Cordes

### **Communications:**

Lexie Groner

### **Pin Design:**

Mark Blake

### **T-Shirt Design:**

Marj Moe

