



NCOME Newsletter

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Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedule is posted!

Be sure to make note of your team's performance locations and times. More tournament information can be found on the website (<https://ncome.org>) as well as below.

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[Directions to the Tournament](#)

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Primary Tournament

We are sorry that we were unable to provide space for our Primary Tournament on Saturday, Feb 22, as originally planned.

We value the Primary Team performances immensely and have printed programs, participation certificates, and a gift pin for every primary team member!

We can offer several alternatives:

1.) If the team can perform on March 7th between about 2:30 PM and 4 PM, we will find a way to work them in. Let me know so I can make a schedule.

2.) If the team holds a performance event at any other time when a board member can attend, we will try to have someone there to give out programs, participation certificates, pins, and hoorays!

3.) If we can't meet up, we still want to give you the programs, participation certificates and pins!

Please email Diana Lisle White and Tom Hansen to let them know your team's preference.

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Background Checks

This year's State Tournament will be held at NC A&T University in Greensboro. We are excited to be back on their campus!

NC A&T recently informed us a new Protection of Minors policy is in effect at all UNC system universities, including theirs. For outside groups like Odyssey of the Mind that use their campus, a background check from the past five (5) years will be required for officials representing the user organization. We are working with NC A&T to determine exactly what is required from NCOM and individual coaches. This will be communicated to coaches and officials who advance from the Eastern Region tournament to the State tournament.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A background check is NOT needed for the region tournament at Wakefield High School/Middle School on March 7. No action is needed by coaches in advance of the regional tournament!

Good luck to all the teams!



Forms

Hey teams! Don't forget to bring your team forms to the tournament! Section H of each problem describes the forms that are needed. All forms are available online.

Each team needs:

- 4 copies of Team List form
- 4 copies of Style form
- 1 copy of Cost form
- 1 copy of Outside Assistance form

Remember, the TEAM is responsible for creating the forms. Division 1 teams can dictate the forms to a coach to write, but it must be in the team's own words.

Tip: Keep a copy of each form for yourself so you don't have to recreate them for the State and World competitions!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT – MARCH 7TH

WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND WAKEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL
8:00AM – 6:00PM

NCOM STATE FINALS – MARCH 21ST

NC A&T UNIVERSITY
8:00AM – 6:00PM

WORLD FINALS – MAY 27TH-30TH

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
8:00AM – 6:00PM

Scholarships

Did you realize that NC Odyssey of the Mind awards three \$1000 scholarships to Odyssey of the Mind participants who will be attending college? It's true!

Applications are online at www.ncom.org. As a 501C3 non-profit organization we accept tax deductible donations in support of this endeavor. There is also a Creative Opportunities Unlimited (COU) college scholarship for Odyssey of the Mind team members.

This year we are also accepting donations at www.ncome.org for The Andy Moore Memorial Scholarship. Andy was a wonderful coach for many years in the Eastern Region.

Additional NCOME Supporters Needed!

The Eastern Region board is actively recruiting for additional supporters. No prerequisites necessary. All that is needed is a willingness to serve the children of the Eastern Region and the desire to contribute. Many hands make light work. We welcome you to serve on our Volunteer Board or to help in a different way by presenting at one of our fairs or helping on the big tournament day. If interested, please reach out to Tom Hansen for the date, time and location of our next board meeting (regional-director@ncome.org)

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What if there is inclement weather on tournament day?

A: The tournament will take place rain or shine, heat or cold! If the weather makes it unsafe to travel or hold the competition, the board will communicate any changes to coaches and volunteers via email and social media on Friday, March 6.

Q: What if the team is running late and we miss our performance time?

A: When you arrive, check in at registration and then go talk to the Problem Captain. They may be able to reschedule your team's performance for later in the day.

Q: Where can we ask questions on tournament day?

A: There will be a registration/information desk in the High School lobby. It will remain open until approximately 2:30 PM for information, communication, and lost and found.

Got Questions? Bring them on! Feel free to reach out on social media or by emailing one of the people listed at the top of this page. We are happy to help.