



# NCOME NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!



## Tournament Time!

The day for which your team has long prepared is nearly here!

See inside for up-to-date tournament information.

Take a deep breath, relax and have fun on tournament day!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT—MAR. 5**

**NCOM STATE BOARD MEETING— APRIL 1**

**NCOM STATE FINALS— APRIL 2**

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

**WORLD FINALS— MAY 25-28**

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# Odyssey of the Mind®

# NCOM EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT



**March 5, 2022**

**All Divisions**

Wakefield High School

**(1,2,3 and Primary)**

2200 Wakefield Pines Dr.

Main Doors open at

Raleigh, NC 27614

**8:30am**

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR SCHEDULES, DIRECTIONS AND SITE MAP

**\*\*\*SCHEDULE UPDATE\*\*\***

**SPONTANEOUS TIMES FOR PROBLEM 2 & PROBLEM 4**

A graphic for the NC Eastern Region Tournament. At the top, it says 'NC Eastern Region Tournament' in yellow. Below that, there are six colored ovals, each containing a problem name and number. Problem No. 1: 'Escape vroom' (pink oval). Problem No. 4: 'Matryoshka Structure' (green oval). Problem No. 3: 'The Musical Production: (Name Here):' (yellow oval). Primary Problem: 'Tri-Cycle Transport' (blue oval). Problem No. 5: 'Life is a Circus!' (light blue oval). Problem No. 2: 'Odyssey reOMvention' (purple oval). In the center, it says 'March 5, 2022 Wakefield High School' in yellow. There is also a small location pin icon next to Problem No. 5.

# TOURNAMENT DAY INFORMATION



**Main Doors Open: 8:30 am**—Stop by the registration table to pick up your packet.

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**Spontaneous:** Get to check-in 10 minutes before your start time.

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**Problem 4 Weigh-In:** Get there 10 minutes before your scheduled time.

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**Prop Drop-Off:** preferably not more than 30-40 minutes before your long-term time. There is NO prop storage.

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**Long-Term Performance:** Be at the venue 20 minutes before performance time. NO EARLIER—for both Covid protocols and tight spaces.

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**Scores:** Long-term problem raw scores will be available 30-60 minutes after team performs. Coaches will be asked for their phone number at staging area and will get a text when they are ready.

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**Food:** No Food Trucks this year so please plan accordingly.

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**Award Ceremony:** There will be no parade this year, so come to the gym at 3:15 for a 3:30 pm start.

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**Sales Table:** Check out the new pins, t-shirts, and other cool gear!

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## COVID PROTOCOLS FOR TOURNAMENT DAY



- The NCOME Board has decided to **keep** our previously published Covid-protocols in place for the tournament.
- The wearing of face masks will apply to **all** individuals ages 2 and older inside the building. Masks will be worn over mouth and nose.
- We encourage all individuals attending, who are eligible, to be vaccinated for the COVID virus.
- If you are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 (or any infectious disease), do not participate or attend tournaments/events until you are symptom-free for 48 hours.

## COVID PROTOCOLS FOR TOURNAMENT DAY

- Participants will social distance whenever possible. Try not to congregate in the hallways and tight spaces when possible.
- No eating or drinking are allowed in the venues.
- No performance will start if any masks are off or worn improperly. Repeated offenses may result in a spirit of the problem penalty or removal from the venue/premises.
- The number of spectators may be limited and adjusted based on room capacity and social distancing efforts. Priority seating will be given to immediate family members, school administration and friends.



# AWARDS!

## OMER NOMINATIONS:

Every year we give out awards to people/teams who have shown true Omer spirit before or during the tournament. Nomination forms can be found at the registration desk and should be turned in by 3:00pm. Anyone can nominate anyone.

## PROBLEM AWARDS:

This year we are allowing teams placing first through fourth to go to State. You may have noticed (if you looked at the schedule) that there are no problem/divisions that have more than four teams. **HOWEVER**, teams must make an honest attempt at both a long-term solution and in spontaneous to be eligible.

***KEEP YOUR PROPS!***

## RANATRA FUSCA AWARDS:

If a judging team feels that a team or individual has demonstrated exceptional creativity that absolutely blows their mind (in either long-term or spontaneous) they can nominate them for a **Ranatra Fusca** award. This is an extra special award because it isn't always given out and (in normal years) any team who gets one goes to State, regardless of placement.

# NCOM EASTERN REGION VIRTUAL SPONTANEOUS FAIR PROBLEMS AVAILABLE!

If you or your team were unable to join us for our re-scheduled Spontaneous Fair, or if your team would like to try their hands at the problems once more, we are here for you!

VISIT [NCOME.ORG](https://www.ncome.org) TO  
DOWNLOAD THE 2022  
SPONTANEOUS FAIR  
PROBLEMS FOR YOUR  
TEAM!



## DID YOU KNOW?

NCOM Eastern Region has a [Wiki page](#) just for you! The [Spontaneous page](#) is a wealth of helpful information and there are several video demonstrations of teams solving different types of problems. Keep in mind that the procedures are different for this year! All team members (up to 7) are encouraged to participate and a token system will be in place for answers.

## CONTACT INFORMATION AND BOARD MEMBERS

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

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LEXIE GRONER

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MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7PM ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH VIA ZOOM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! CONTACT RANDY BURTON AT [ncomePC1@gmail.com](mailto:ncomePC1@gmail.com) FOR THE LINK TO JOIN.

