



November 2023

# NCOME Newsletter

Creativity in the Eastern Region since 1982

## Preparing your team to succeed!

We have so many resources for you and your team to use as they prepare their long-term solution and practice spontaneous problems. Read on to learn more!

[NCOME.ORG](https://www.ncome.org)



# Coaches Webinar

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December 2, 2023

10:00 - 11:30 am

Virtual Meeting

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Questions about tournament logistics?  
Want to get insight into coaching best practices?  
Need some guidance or assistance with any issues related  
to OotM?

**We are here to help!**

Join our very own Eastern Region Director, Randy Burton, and other NCOME Board members for a Q&A tailored specifically to your needs. This virtual meeting is open to any Eastern Region coach and all questions are welcome. No outside assistance will be given, of course, but you will be pointed to resources that can help you and your team.

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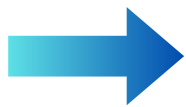
[Zoom link coming soon at NCOME.org](https://www.ncome.org)

# Eastern Region Tournament Registration is Now Open!

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March 2, 2023  
Wakefield High School  
2200 Wakefield Pines Dr  
Raleigh, NC

Early-Bird Registration \$115 per team before 12/24/23  
Regular Registration \$160 per team  
Primary Teams can register for \$25  
**Final Deadline for Registration is January 15, 2024**



## To register for the Tournament:

- Go to the Odyssey of the Mind website
  - <https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/member-resources/>
- Scroll down to “Member Area and Team Portal Login”
- Sign in with your membership number and zip code
- Click on the “Tournament Registration” link and follow the instructions



## To pay for your registration:

- Following registration, return to the “Tournament Registration” page
- Use the “Pay Now” button to pay for the registration using a credit card
- or contact Randy Burton at [ncomepc1@gmail.com](mailto:ncomepc1@gmail.com) if you need to pay by check

You will **not** receive an automatic email confirmation of your registration as in previous years. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Randy Burton at [ncomepc1@gmail.com](mailto:ncomepc1@gmail.com).

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# Judge & Volunteer Registration

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Our tournament is an all-volunteer event and we need your help! Each team must supply a volunteer and a judge for the day of the tournament.

## Volunteers

March 2, 2024

While volunteer times are only 2-3 hours we ask you keep your full day available until the sign up goes out 2-3 weeks before the tournament when you can select your time and position.

As a volunteer we do promise you'll be able to see your team perform!

## Judges

February 17, 2024

8am -3pm for online training

March 2, 2024

all day for tournament

Judging is an extremely valuable volunteer position. Those who choose to judge must be available for both days and times above and will not be able to see their team perform.



**PLEASE NOTE: A penalty will be assessed for teams who do not provide both positions!**

[Click here to register as a judge](#)

[Click here to register as a volunteer](#)

Please email [Lexie Groner](#) with any questions.



# Coaches Training



NCOME.org has a wealth of information for coaches and teams!

We have recordings available for some of the Coaches Training Sessions that were held on October 21.

If you are looking for problem specific information, please reach out to the Problem Captain directly.

[Click here to go to NCOME.org](https://www.ncome.org)



And our Wiki page is filled with amazing resources to help your team succeed!



# General Clarification Alert



**General Clarification Alert!**

**October 27, 2023**  
**New General Clarifications have been posted for Problem 3 and Problem 5.**



The graphic features a blue background with a repeating 'OM' pattern. At the top, there is a decorative orange and yellow border. Below this, a black banner with a yellow border contains the text 'General Clarification Alert!' in white and yellow. The date 'October 27, 2023' and the announcement 'New General Clarifications have been posted for Problem 3 and Problem 5.' are centered in bold black text. Below the text are two problem cards. The left card is gold and titled 'ODYSSEY OF THE MIND' at the top. It features a cartoon cat in a tuxedo on a red carpet, with a sign that says 'OPENING NIGHT ANTICS' and 'Problem 3: Antics'. The bottom of the card says '2023-2024' and 'DECHEM 3'. The right card is blue and titled 'ODYSSEY OF THE MIND' at the top. It features a globe with a pencil and a camera, with the text 'ROCKING WORLD DETOUR' and 'Problem 5: Detour'. The bottom of the card says '2023-2024' and 'DECHEM 5'.

Remember to check the General Clarifications often as you work on your long-term problem. Team Specific Clarifications are a good way to clear up any questions your team may have about their particular solution or the problem. Responses to General Clarifications are able to be viewed by all OMers but Team Specific Clarifications are just for your team.

[Click here to go to the Odyssey of the Mind Clarification Page](#)

# The Odyssey Passport



What do you call a document that keeps track of your Odyssey goals, meetings, gives you tips and general direction, and is the one place that holds all of your team's information? "The Odyssey Passport"!

The Odyssey Passport was designed to help both novice and seasoned coaches guide their teams through an Odyssey of the Mind season from the first meeting to competition. This detailed passport is an interactive, structured guide that will support you in keeping track of your team meetings, goals, objectives, deadlines, and more. Log into [Members Area](#) to get your copy of this wonderful new resource!

Please note that this Passport does not replace the [Program Guide](#) and it is not the ONLY way to solve a Long-Term Problem. No matter how closely you follow it, it is your Odyssey!

# Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these great events!

- Coaches Webinar: Saturday, December 2nd (Virtual)
- Spontaneous Fair: Saturday, January 20th (location TBD)
- Judges Training: Saturday, February 17th (Virtual)
- NCOME Regional Tournament: Saturday, March 2nd Wakefield High School
- NCOM State Tournament: Saturday, March 23rd (location TBD)
- World Finals: **DATE CHANGE!** May 21-24th, Iowa State University





# NCOME Board Members

## Tournament Directors

**Regional Director: Randy Burton**  
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## Your 2023-2024 Board!

**Regional Director:** Randy Burton

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**Tournament Sales:** Andy Cordes

**Newsletter:** Gail Hemedinger

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**T-Shirt Design:** Marj Moe & Jackie Burton

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Michael Bojanski

**Coaches Training Coordinator:**  
Bob Pecaut

**Skills Fair Coordinator:**  
Gail Hemedinger

**Spontaneous Fair Coordinator:**  
Marj Moe

**Judges Training Coordinator:**  
Lexie Groner

