

# Judges Information Sheet

## North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind Eastern Regional Tournament March 2, 2019

**WHY** should I be a judge?

What would a competition be without judges? Every judging team requires 8-10 judges and we typically need 10 or more judging teams. To ensure that we have enough help, and to be fair, we ask each team to provide a judge. If a team does not provide a judge, they will not be able to register for the tournament.

**WHAT** do judges do?

There are several different judging positions. Problem judges focus on the entire solution while style judges look at specific aspects marked to be judged in the style area. All judging teams also need a time keeper and a score checker. In addition, some problems require judges for problem specific areas.

**HOW** much time is involved?

Judges are needed for the entire competition day and for Judges Training on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Judges Training typically runs from 8:00am to 2:00-3:00pm. On competition day (March 2<sup>rd</sup> 2019) times vary slight by judging team, but typically judges can expect to be on site at 7:00-7:30am until 3:00-4:00pm. On both days coffee and bagels/pastries are provided in the morning, as is a boxed lunch.

**BUT** I don't know anything about judging!

That is absolutely ok! We will teach you everything you need to know at judges training. Every year at least 50% of our judges are first time judges who have never experienced an OM competition. In addition, every judging team has an experienced Head Judge to help out with the competition day. There is also a Problem Captain for each problem who supports all judging teams within that problem and trains them at judging training.

**CAN** I see my team perform?

Unfortunately we cannot allow judges to leave to see their team perform as the tournament runs on a tight schedule.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact us at [ncomeTD@gmail.com](mailto:ncomeTD@gmail.com)