

Eastern Region OM Tournament Competition Rules

1. Teams and coaches must use the Odyssey of the Mind™ Program Guide. Any rule in a Long-Term problem takes precedence over the Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide. Clarifications take precedence over Long-Term problem rules. All policies of the Wake County Public School System must be followed, including those regarding weapons, percussives, and explosives.
2. Problem Clarifications: We will judge using clarifications through March 1, 2003. Clarifications after March 1, 2003 will not be in effect in the Eastern Region Tournament. If your team has a specific clarification, it must be presented to the judges before the competition begins or it will not be considered when scoring your team. It is the coach's responsibility to request clarifications that are published by National using the procedures outlined in the Program Guide.
3. At the conclusion of a team's long term performance, the head judge will notify the coach when he/she may return to receive the team's long term score. Style and spontaneous scores will not be released until after the tournament. The judge will explain any score deductions the team received and note the time the score sheet is given to the coach. After receiving the team's score, the coach has 30 minutes to question or protest the score. **ONLY COACHES OR DIVISION III TEAM CAPTAINS MAY DISCUSS RULINGS WITH THE HEAD JUDGE. NO PARENTS, DIVISION I OR II TEAM MEMBERS, OR SPECTATORS ARE TO CONFRONT ANY OFFICIAL.**
4. If the coach does not return at the appointed time to receive the score, the head judge will hold the score no more than 30 minutes. At that time the score will go to the score room and become official. In that case, the long term score will only be available to the coach after the tournament award ceremony.
5. A coach may question a scoring element on the team's score sheet and discuss it with the Head Judge and, if necessary, the Problem Captain. If the question involves an interpretation of the rules, and, if the coach is not satisfied with the explanation given, the coach may ask for a Tribunal to be convened after completing necessary paperwork. PLEASE NOTE: subjective decisions of judges cannot be challenged. A Tribunal will consist of three persons who have a thorough knowledge of the rules. The Tribunal will review the rule in question and, if necessary, talk with the coach, team members and/or judges involved. Once the Tribunal makes a decision, its decision is final.
6. Sportsmanship: Students, coaches, and guests are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship. Compliment and encourage all teams and volunteers. Celebrate and rejoice in everyone's efforts. No coach, team member, parent, or spectator may complain about another team. Doing so may result in an Unsportsmanlike Conduct score deduction. Officials may assess a score deduction for unsportsmanlike conduct at any time during the tournament.
7. The Score Room, Judges' Administrative Areas, and Spontaneous Judging Areas are restricted to tournament officials **ONLY**. Our tournament officials and judges volunteer their time and spend hours of hard work in order to have tournaments. Our judges have been through a day long training session and many have experience judging regional, state, and world competitions. Please remember to treat them with respect and THANK them.
8. Spontaneous: **KEEP IT A SECRET**. Team members may NOT talk about their problem to anyone after they leave the cool-down room until after the awards ceremony. After that they may talk to their coach and family at home, but they should not talk about it publicly, especially not over the internet. The same problems may be used all over the world as much as a month later.

9. All rankings will remain confidential until the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony. Results will be posted after the ceremony. Please have only one coach get the results for your team. Officials will be on hand to help coaches with any questions.
10. Team members **MUST BE WITH A COACH OR ADULT CHAPERONE** who is responsible for the students at all times.
11. When the team arrives on campus the head coach, or Div III team captain, must check in at the registration desk in the main lobby of Wakefield High School. **CHECK-IN MUST BE NO LATER THAN 10:30 AM.**
12. **TEAMS MAY BRING PROPS TO THE PROP STORAGE AREA, IF ONE IS SO DESIGNATED, 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR SCHEDULED PERFORMANCE TIME.**
13. Teams must report to the staging area for their long term, and to the spontaneous check in desk for spontaneous, 15 minutes before you are scheduled to compete. If your long term site is running behind schedule and causes you to be late for spontaneous, please do not panic. Complete the long term and report to spontaneous as soon as possible and you will be worked into the schedule.
14. When teams report to spontaneous only one coach may accompany the team to the holding room. The coach will need to stay in the holding room until the team is done with competition and cool-down. Coaches will not be permitted in cool-down.
15. Doors at competition sites will be closed during the performance. No one will be admitted once a team has begun to perform.
16. Video cameras may be used during the long term competition only with the permission of the Head Judge and the team. If permitted, they must be used without extra lights, without disturbing in any way the competition, and always outside the competition boundaries. Video tapes **WILL NOT** be used to make judging decisions. Flash cameras may not be used during performances.
17. After a performance, the judging team will want to talk with all team members. The judges may wish to examine your problem solutions and props. This would be a good time to thank the judges.
18. Food and drinks are allowed only in designated areas.
19. Teams may not use walls, curtains, furnishings etc. at the competition sites in their problem solutions.
21. Teams should be prepared to perform on any floor surface. Floors must not be damaged. Judges will stop any activity they believe will cause damage to the floor. Score deductions ranging from -15 to -200 points will be assessed depending on the severity of the damage. Memberships may be fined.
22. Wakefield High School must be left in the condition we found it. Furniture must be returned to its original position. Writing surfaces must be cleaned. Trash must be in the intended receptacles, and **ALL PROPS, COSTUMES, AND PROBLEM SOLUTIONS MUST BE TAKEN HOME.** Wakefield does not have the resources to dispose of materials no longer wanted by the teams.